



PINES ACADEMY
INTERNATIONAL



IELTS

GUARANTEE

LISTENING

5.5

Listening General Tips

These Tips will help you improve your listening score.

1. Learn and understand the directions now. You will want to use your time during the test to study the questions, not the directions.
2. Study the different types of questions. Be prepared for what question might ask you to do. Be prepared to complete a sentence, check a box, or choose a letter.
3. You should take notes in your question booklet as you listen. You can circle possible answers and change your mind later when you transfer your answers to the answer sheet.
4. If you don't know an answer, you can guess. However, there is a penalty for wrong answers. Make sure you think you are right. If you guess wrong, you will lose a point.
5. Anytime you have a chance, study the next set of questions. Make assumption about what you think you will hear.
6. When you make assumptions, ask yourself: *Who? What? When? Where? and How?*
7. The correct answer is often repeated, but the words will not be written exactly as they are heard. The test will use paraphrases and synonyms.
8. There is a lot of information given in the dialogues and lectures that is not tested. Try to listen only for answers to the questions.
9. Don't get stuck on a question. If you didn't hear the answer, go on.
10. The answers are given in order. For example, if you hear the answer to Question 10, but you didn't hear the answer for Question 9, you missed Question 9. You will not hear the answer later. Guess the answer to Question 9 and move on.
11. Be sure to read the instructions you receive from the test center. Some supply pencils; some ask you to bring your own. If you are given an IELTS pencil at the start of the exam, you will probably not be allowed to bring your own pen or pencil into the examining room. You could bring a number 2 pencil, a soft lead pencil, to make sure you have something to write with. You may have to leave it outside the test center, but it's better to have a pencil than not.
12. When you write a word in a blank, you must spell the word correctly. It doesn't matter if you use British or American spelling. It must be spelled correctly. You will get a lower score if you did not spell correctly.

CHAPTER 2: LISTENING SKILLS

Target 1 – Making Assumptions

In order to understand a conversation, you should focus on two things: the speakers and the topic. To score well on the IELTS, you should determine what you know and what you need to know.

You want to know *who, what, when, where, why, and how*.

To help you make these assumptions, you should scan the questions in your Listening test booklet quickly and ask yourself: *Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?* By looking for the answers to these general questions, you will discover what you know and what you need to know.

You will have 20 seconds to look over these questions. Use that time to make assumptions about the listening passage. Read the question first. Then read the exercise on "Assumptions" on the following page. Do the exercises. Finally, listen to the conversation and test your assumptions.

Section 1: Questions 1 – 10

Questions 1 -5

Complete the form below. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Woodside Apartments Tenant Application Form	
EXAMPLE:	
Type of apartment requested: <u>one bedroom</u>	
Last name: 1 _____	First name: <u>James</u>
Address 1705 2 _____	Street, Apt. 3 _____
Phone: Home <u>721-0584</u>	Work: 4 _____
Date of birth: 5 _____ 12, 1978	

Questions 6-8

Choose three letters, A-G

What features will James get with his apartment?

- A study
- B balcony
- C garage parking space
- D storage space
- E exercise
- F fireplace
- G washing machine

Questions 9-10

Complete the sentences. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

9. The apartment will be ready next _____.
10. James will have to pay _____ of the first month's rent as a deposit.

Section 2: Questions 11-20

Questions 11- 13

Complete the information about the museum. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Jamestown Museum of Art
Information for Visitors

Entrance Fees: Adults \$ 11 _____
Children \$ 12 _____
Entrance is free for senior citizens on 13 _____

Hours:
Tues – Thurs 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Fri 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Sat - Sun 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
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