



IELTS Preparation Mini-Course

Lecture 3

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Mastering the IELTS Listening Test



Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

1. Understand the structure of the Listening test (4 parts).
2. Identify common question types (forms, tables, maps, MCQs, matching).
3. Use effective listening strategies: predicting, scanning, and listening for distractors.
4. Practice answering questions under timed conditions.
5. Improve score by recognizing accents, paraphrasing, and signal words.

Lead-in

What difficulties do you face in listening?

Which accents are hardest for you?

speed, unfamiliar vocabulary, distractors.

Part 1 Practice — Notes Completion

PART 1 Questions 1–10

Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.



Transport survey

Name: Sadie Jones
Year of birth: 1991
Postcode: 1

Travelling by bus
Date of bus journey: 2
Reason for trip: shopping and visit to the 3
Travelled by bus because cost of 4 too high
Got on bus at 5 Street
Complaints about bus service:
- bus today was 6
- frequency of buses in the 7

Travelling by car
Goes to the 8 by car

Travelling by bicycle
Dislikes travelling by bike in the city centre because of the 9
Doesn't own a bike because of a lack of 10

Part 1, Questions 1–10

- 1 DW30 7YZ
- 2 24(th) April
- 3 dentist
- 4 parking
- 5 Claxby
- 6 late
- 7 evening
- 8 supermarket
- 9 pollution
- 10 storage

Test Structure

Section	Context	Focus	Questions
Part 1	Social conversation	Everyday info	Forms, tables, notes
Part 2	Monologue	Local info, tours, announcements	Maps, diagrams
Part 3	Academic discussion	Students & tutor	Matching, MCQs
Part 4	Academic lecture	Formal/complex	Sentence completion

Types of questions:

A- Multiple choices



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B- Matching



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C- Plan, map, diagram labelling



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D- Form, note, table, flow-chart, summary completion.



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Types of questions:

E- sentence completion.



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F- Short answers



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Time: 30 minutes + 10 minutes transfer (paper test).

Audio is played ONCE.

- **Understanding Different English Accents**

British (UK)

Australian

American (US)

Example

UK: “Can you pass me the water?”

US: “Can you pass me the water?”

AUS: “Can you pass me the water?”

Identify common differences:

- *schedule* → /'ʃedju:l/ (UK) vs /'skedʒu:l/ (US)
- *route* → /ru:t/ (UK) vs /raʊt/ (US)

- **Read the Instructions carefully:**
- **Word Limits matter**
- **True/False/Not Given**
- **Spelling: Zero Tolerance**

Band score for listening

Band 5.5 = 18-22

Band 6 = 23-25

Band 6.5 = 26-29

Band 7 = 30-31

Band 7.5 = 32-34

Band 8 = 35-36

Band 8.5 = 37-38

Band 9 = 39-40

Key Listening Strategies

★ 1. Predict the topic

Look at keywords → guess the situation.

Example: *booking a hotel, museum tour, university seminar.*

★ 2. Predict missing words

Check grammar: noun? verb? number? adjective?

★ 3. Listen for paraphrasing

“Cheap” → “affordable”

“Starts at 5 p.m.” → “it begins in the early evening”

★ 4. Distractors

Trick phrases:

- “I thought about going on Friday, but actually I booked Saturday.”

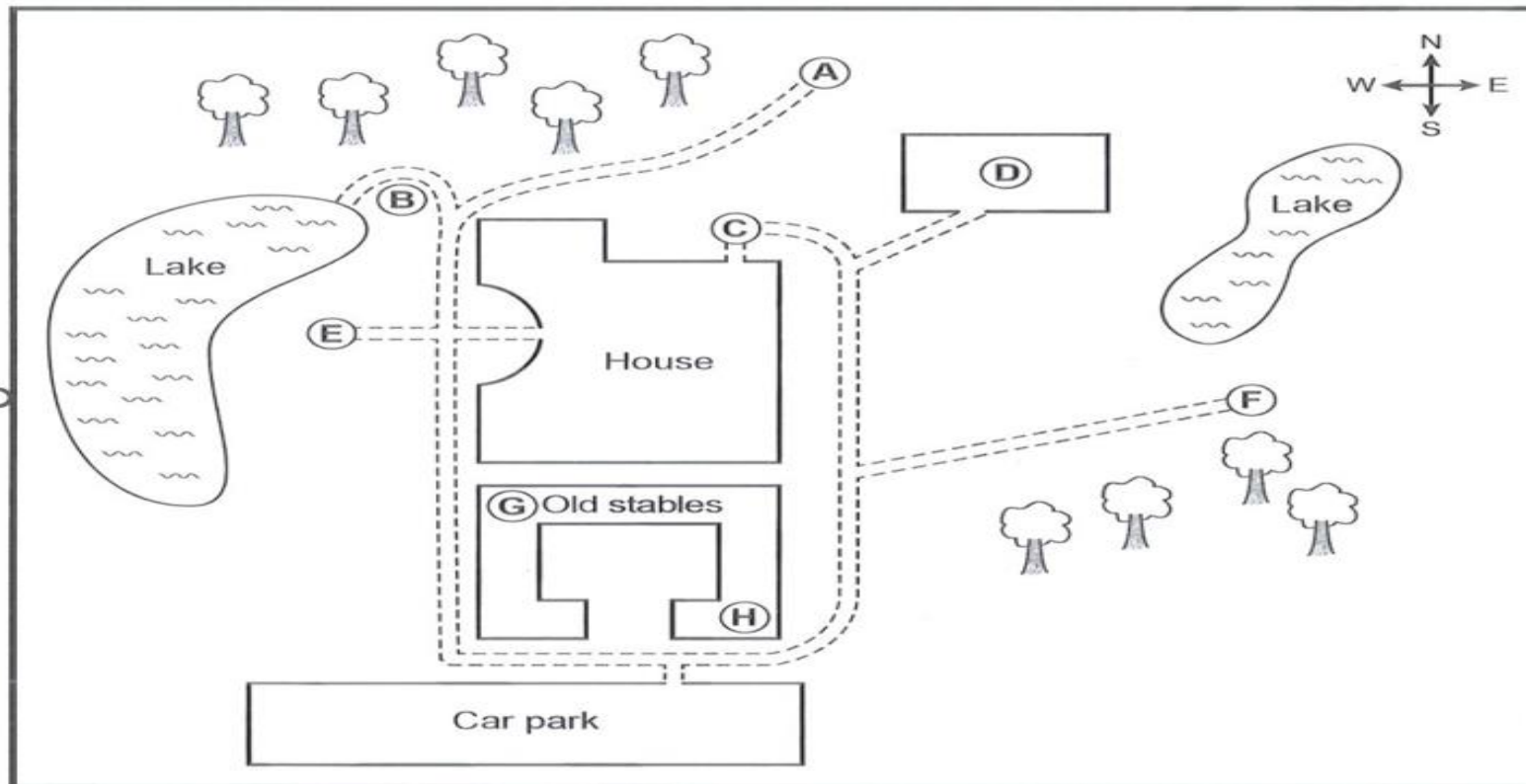
★ 5. Signal words

Firstly, however, but, although, next, finally, on the other hand.

Part 2 Practice — Maps / Diagrams

Write the correct letter, A–H, next to Questions 16–20.

Farley House



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|----|------------------------------|-------|
| 16 | Farm shop | |
| 17 | Disabled entry | |
| 18 | Adventure playground | |
| 19 | Kitchen gardens | |
| 20 | The Temple of the Four Winds | |

Answers

16	G
17	C
18	B
19	D
20	A

Assignment

Complete one Part 4 task before next class.

Websites

<https://www.ieltsolve.com/>

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Thank You

