

IELTS

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Listening Lecture-1

IELTS Listening Comprehension Test Overview

The Listening module is the **first test** you sit for on the test day. The tape is only **played once**. You are given a question paper and an answer sheet. While you listen, you write your answers on the **question paper**. When the tape stops, you are given **10 minutes** to **transfer** your answers to the **answer sheet**. The test takes about **40 minutes, along with the time for transferring the answers**. Make no mistake on this- you are expected to **listen and answer simultaneously**.

✓ **Sections of the exams:**

	Style	Speaker	Language	Context	Questions	Time	Difficulty	Parts
Section 1	Conversation	2	Informal	Social/Survival <i>e.g. booking a hotel</i>	10	4 - 5.5 mins.	Low	2
<p>The conversation may be between two friends. In this case the speakers may use fillers, phrasal verbs and colloquial expressions and may leave sentences unfinished or interrupt one another. If the conversation is between two people who do not know one another well (e.g. a conversation between a shopkeeper and customer), the language is likely to be more formal with phrases typical of this type of interaction (e.g. 'What I was hoping is that you could give me some sort of a refund.')</p>								
Section 2	Monologue	1	Informal	General <i>e.g. radio talk</i>	10	4 - 5.5 mins.	Moderate	2
<p>The speaker may be addressing the listeners directly – e.g. a speech by a tour guide. In this case, the language may be quite informal. Alternatively, this section may present information in the form of a recorded message or a radio broadcast directed at an unseen audience. In this case, the language may be more formal and with longer sentences and more complex syntax.</p>								
Section 3	Conversation	2-4	Semi-formal	Academic <i>e.g. tutorial discussion</i>	10	4 - 5.5 mins.	High	2
<p>The conversation may display similar features of speech to those in Section 1, depending on the relationship between the speakers, but the lexis and structures are likely to reflect those more often heard in an academic context. The range of vocabulary is likely to be wider than that of Section 1 conversations, and there is likely to be more negotiation of meaning.</p>								
Section 4	Monologue	1	Formal	Course – related <i>e.g. university lecture</i>	10	4 - 5.5 min	High	1
<p>A monologue in an academic context is likely to have been carefully prepared and the speaker may be referring to notes as he/she gives the talk or lecture. This section is likely to be the closest to written language, with dense information and complex sentences with subordinate clauses. However, the speaker will also usually use signposting language to help the listener follow the argument.</p>								

✓ **Question Patterns:**

Type	Answering process	Key points
Picking from a list	Pick the correct answers from a list of options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write only the correct letters A, B, C etc. • Answers may be worth one mark or more. • Answers can be written in any order.
Form filling	Complete the gaps in the form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • Check for spelling errors.
Labeling a map or plan	Identify places on the map or plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • If there is a box of answers to choose from, write the correct letter A, B, C etc.
Sentence/summary completion	Fill in the gaps in the sentences or summary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • Check for spelling errors. • Check for grammar (sentence construction) errors.
Table completion	Complete the empty cells in the table.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • Check for spelling errors.
Short answer questions	Write in your answer within the word limit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • Answers may be worth 1 mark or more. • Check for spelling errors.
Multiple choice	Choose the correct letter A, B or C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write only the correct letters A, B, or C.
Matching	Match the items together, e.g. places and people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write only the correct letters A, B, or C etc. • Options may be used more than once.
Labeling a diagram	Label the parts on a diagram.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • If there is a box of answers to choose from, write only the correct letter A, B, or C etc.
Note completion	Fill in the blanks in a note on the topic of conversation or lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number.
Flow chart completion	Fill in the blanks in a flow chart.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up to 3 words and/or a number. • If there is a box of answers to choose from, write only the correct letter A, B, or C etc.
Classification	Decide which category some words belong to.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write only the correct letters A, B, or C etc.

MCO Type

There are three types of multiple choice questions in the IELTS Listening exam.

1. Where there is one possible answer. (These are sometimes "picture" multiple choice.)
2. Where there are multiple answers for only one mark.
3. Where there are multiple answers and one mark for each.

For these questions you may be given the start of a sentence which you have to complete with one out of four or more choices. Or you may be presented with a question and asked to find two, three or four items in a list of answers.

Look at the examples below.

Type 1

Question 1 *Circle correct letters, A-C.*

3. *When did John finish the book?*
- a. *on the way to Japan*
 - b. *in Japan*
 - c. *on his way back from Japan*

Type 2

Question 2 *Choose 2 letters, A-E.*

2. *John likes to read novels.....*
- a. *on his way to work.*
 - b. *during his lunch break.*
 - c. *on his way home from work.*
 - d. *after dinner.*
 - e. *when he goes to bed.*

Type 3

Question 3 *Circle 3 letters, A-E.*

3. *What types of books does John like to read?*
- a. *Science Fiction*
 - b. *Thrillers*
 - c. *Adventure*
 - d. *Romance*
 - e. *War*
 - f. *Biographies*

Also note that you may be asked to circle **ONE, TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** letters.

How to do the multiple choice questions

- **Read the instructions carefully** and check how many letters you need to circle.
- **Skim the questions and the answer choices quickly** before the recording starts and during the 30 seconds given. As you do this,

Type 2

Questions 4-6 Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

List **THREE** things that the museum has recently bought.

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

How to do short answer questions

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Skim the questions quickly before the recording starts and during the 30 seconds given. As you do this,
 - underline the key words.
 - try to work out what you are going to hear.
 - decide what you need to listen out for.
 - look out for question words like 'where' and 'who' which indicate you should listen for specific things like places and people.
- Listen to the introduction given carefully.
- Answer the questions as you listen. The answers will be given in the same order as the questions although they may be expressed differently.
- You may use your own words.
- Make notes beside the question if you are not sure of the answer.

Exercise 1A

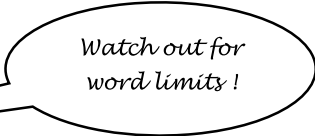
In a moment you are going to hear a conversation between Claudia and Toshio, who are two overseas students in Australia. They are discussing plans to take a holiday after their study's finish.

Toshio: Well Claudia, our first semester at the university is almost over. I can't wait for the holidays.

Claudia: Me too Toshio.
Why don't we go somewhere far away and forget about lectures and essays and all that hard work.

Toshio: Sounds good to me.
Now how long will we have before we have to be back here on campus for the next semester?

Claudia: We've got about _____ I think.



Use no more than 3 words and/or a number.

1. How long do they have before they have to be back on campus? _____

Toshio: How about we go to the coast. It would be great to do some _____ and surfing.

Claudia: The coast would be good. But let's look at our other options.
There's the mountains- they're nice and cool at this time of year. And we can do some _____ . There's also the desert, which I really enjoyed last year.

Toshio: What about going to Sydney? I've never been there, and they say it's a great city to visit. Lots of things to do there I've heard.

Claudia: I agree. Sydney would be good. But there are too many _____ there at this time of year. And I'd rather get away from buildings and _____. There're enough of those around here. I vote for the _____.

Toshio: All right then, let's do that.
Now we have to decide where we're going to stay and how we're going to get there. Any suggestions?

Use no more than 2 words or select the correct choice:

2. What can they do in the coast?	_____
3. What can they do in the mountains?	_____
4. Claudia doesn't like Sydney because there are too many ...	
a. tourists only	c. buildings only
b. tourists mainly	d. buildings and cars only.
5. Claudia and Toshio finally decide to go to ...	
a. the coast	c. the desert
b. Sydney	d. the mountains.

Claudia: Well, for places to stay, there are the usual places, motels, hotels, youth hostels, we could go camping too.

Toshio: I'm afraid I'm not a very good camper Claudia.
I tend to feel a bit frightened _____. And the hassle of building fires and all the insects and

Claudia: Alright alright! We'll forget about camping. Although I must admit, it would've been my first choice. So what should we do?

Select the correct choice.

6. Toshio doesn't like	
a. setting up tents	c. sleeping outdoors
b. campfires	d. cooking outdoors

Toshio: Well, since neither of us has a lot of money, I don't think a hotel or motel would be possible. How about a _____ ?

Claudia: I'd rather not go to a youth hostel Toshio. There're certainly cheap, but you never get be alone in those places. There's always a stranger in the next bed. And I hate sharing kitchens with people I don't know.

No. I think we should find a small holiday house to rent. And if we get a few more friends to join us, it will be really cheap!

Write no more than 2 words or select the correct choice.

7. What does Toshio offer as a cheap option? _____
8. Claudia doesn't like youth hostels because ...
- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a. she dislikes meeting people | c. there's no privacy |
| b. the beds are uncomfortable | d. the kitchens are unfamiliar |

Watch out for colloquial expressions!

Toshio: I think your idea is _____. But who should we ask along? How about Peter? Do you think he'd want to join us?

Claudia: I was just talking to him this morning, and he said he was flying home to Hong Kong for a visit.

Select the correct choice.

9. What does Toshio think about renting a holiday house?
- | | |
|---|--|
| a. He's not too sure about it | c. He thinks it's not such a good idea |
| b. He thinks holiday houses are spotted and dirty | d. He thinks it's the best choice |

Toshio: Oh. Well what about Maria and her boy friend Gyorg? Oh, and David Wong might be interested. And his brother Walter- who's studying here too. We can ask him!

Claudia: Hang on, not so fast please. I'm writing a list of people to ring. Let me think. We could ask Jennifer too. I don't think she has any plans. And Michael Sullivan perhaps too. I think I'll just ring them all now!

Answer a question on the other page.

10. Who are the people that Claudia will ring?

- a. David, Walter, Jennifer and Mr. Sullivan
- b. Jennifer, David, Miachael, Jennifer, Gyorg and Walter
- c. Jennifer, Maria, Gyorg, Michael, David, and Walter
- d. Mr. Sullivan, Jennifer, Maria, Michael, David and Walter

After ringing their friends, Claudia returns to speak to Toshio.

Claudia: Well, I've talked to everyone we thought of. A few of them are quite keen actually.

Toshio: Tell me what do they say?

Claudia: Well, Jennifer can't make it. She's already booked a flight to _____. She says she's going to meet her boyfriend up there.
I also talked to David Wong. He says he'll come. He says he's really looking forward to getting off campus too.

11. Where is Jennifer going? _____

Toshio: What about his brother, Walter?

Claudia: His brother's going overseas. In fact he's not even coming back next term. It seems he's transferred to a university in Canada.
Uh ... I then called Maria's house, her boyfriend Gyorg answered. I told him our plans and he asked Maria. They _____ want to join us.

12. Who are joining Claudia and Toshio for the holiday?

- a. Maria and Walter
- b. Gyorg and Maria
- c. Gyorg and Walter
- d. Maria and Peter

Toshio: Good they'll be fun to be with.
Now what about Michael Sullivan? Did you talk to him?

Claudia: Yes. But he said he'd rather spend his holiday at home. He's not interested in going anywhere.
Can you imagine!

Write no more than 2 words.

13. What will Michael Sullivan do during the holiday? _____

Later Toshio and Claudia are talking while Toshio fills out a holiday house rental form.

Toshio: The form asks for home address. I've got mine, 52 Miller Street. But let me see if I've got yours right.
It's 614 Valentine Street, isn't it?

Claudia: You've got the street number right, but not the street name. It's 6 hundred and _____
_____ Street. That's _____.

<p>14. What is Claudia's home address (street number and name)? _____</p>

Toshio: OK. We're paying by credit card. Is that alright?

Claudia: That's fine.

Toshio: Have you got a visa card or a master card? And I need to know the number of course.

Claudia: Sure. It's _____.
But it's not a visa or MasterCard, it's an _____ Card.

Toshio: So let me just repeat that. It's _____, _____. Right?

Claudia: That's right.

<p>15. What is the credit card number? _____</p>
<p>16. What kind of credit card is it? _____</p>

Toshio: One more thing we have to right down, that's deposit we're paying, to reserve the holiday house.
It says it should be at least _____ % of the rental cost.

Claudia: Let's just figure that out now. Umm... We're paying \$ _____ a week right?

Toshio: Right. And we're planning to stay there for 5 weeks.
So the deposit's ... what ... shall we say \$225?

Claudia: No! That can't be right! I'd say it's less than that. In fact about \$50 less than that.
It should be \$ _____.

Toshio: Hmm... I guess you right. Ok, that's what I'll put down.

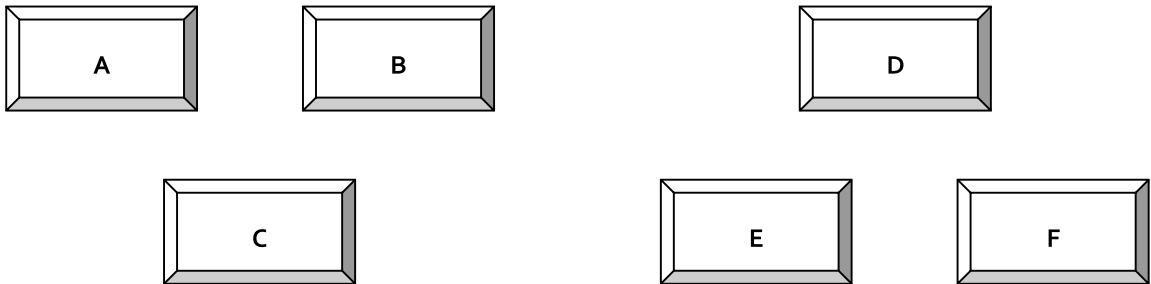
Sometimes you may have to calculate, e.g. $275 - 50 = 225$

17.	What percentage of the rental cost must they deposit?	_____
18.	How much are they paying per week for the holiday house?	\$ _____
19.	How much is the deposit amount?	\$ _____

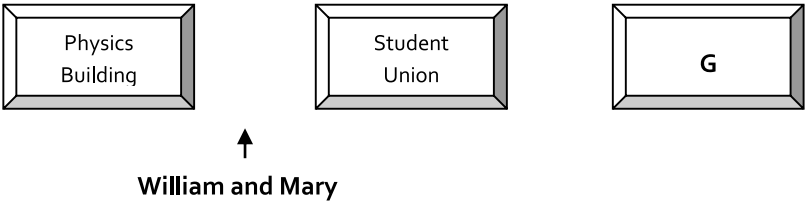
Exercise 1B

- Mary is nervous about the ...
 - size of the campus
 - scenery around the campus
 - classes she has
- What is the subject of this morning's lecture? _____
- What time does the lecture begin?

a. 8:45	c. 8:15
b. 9	d. 9:15
- Where is the Bradley Building?



“Right” and “Left” are relative directions, and change with the position of the traveler.



5. Which floor is Lecture Theater H on?
- Fourth
 - Sixth
 - Eighth
 - Tenth
6. How do William and Mary go to Lecture Theater H?
- Escalator, then lift
 - Lift, then stairs
 - Stairs only
 - Stairs, then lift
7. Around what time did William and Mary make it to the lecture theater?
- 8:55
 - 9
 - 8:15
 - 9:15
8. What does the sign say?



a.

Lecture postponed until 10:00 am today.

c.

Dr. Jones sick – lecture cancelled today

b.

Lecture change – Professor Smith to present today's lecture

d.

Lecture to be held in Theater C today

Exercise 1C

Complete the form below. Use no more than **THREE WORDS** and/or **A NUMBER** for each answer.

Identification and security check:	<i>Platinum Card Service</i>
Card Number:	6992 (1) 11478921
Name:	<i>Carlos da Silva</i>
Postcode:	(2)
Address:	(3) Vauxhall Close, London

Date of Birth:	13 July, (4)
Mother's Maiden Name:	(5)

6. The caller has paid

- A. less than the computer shows C. £ 500 twice
- B. more than the computer shows

7. The caller is also worried about

- A. a bill that is too high C. a payment that he does not recognize
- B. an overpayment to restaurant

8. The interest

- A. went up in April C. has gone down
- B. has not changed

9. The caller's number is

- A. 020 7997 9909 C. 020 8979 7182
- B. 020 7989 7182

*Colloquial
expression*

10. The operator will ring the caller

- A. tomorrow C. very soon
- B. in two hours

Exercise 1D

For questions 1 – 10, circle the correct letter, A – D.

1. What is Vincent's friend studying?
 - a. Biology
 - b. Biochemistry
 - c. Life Science
 - d. Sociology

2. What is the problem with the campus?
 - a. Distance from town
 - b. Strict students' rules
 - c. The food is bad
 - d. Few places to eat

3. Sareena doesn't like the Student Union Cafeteria because of ...
 - a. the lunchtime menu.
 - b. the price of the food
 - c. the music played there
 - d. the quality of the food.

4. Sareena doesn't want to go to the Aztec Grill because ...
 - a. she doesn't like Mexican food
 - b. she prefers spicy food
 - c. the food is too spicy
 - d. she doesn't like spicy food

5. Where is the Luxor Café?
 - a. To the North West of the Horticulture Annex
 - b. Near the Football field
 - c. Behind the car parking area
 - d. Near the Law Library

6. Which salad is Sareena having?
 - a. Green
 - b. Greek
 - c. Seafood
 - d. Caesar

7. Which salad is Vincent having?
 - a. Green
 - b. Greek
 - c. Seafood
 - d. Caesar

8. Which sandwich is Sareena having?
 - a. Chicken
 - b. Roast beef
 - c. Horse
 - d. Tomato

9. Which soup is Vincent having?

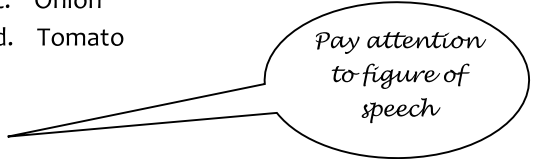
- a. Chicken
- b. Lemon

- c. Onion
- d. Tomato

10. Which sandwich is Vincent having?

- a. Chicken
- b. Roast beef

- c. Horse
- d. Tomato



*Pay attention
to figure of
speech*

For questions 11 – 12, circle the correct option, A – E.

11. On which day will Sareena and Vincent meet next week?

- a. Monday
- b. Tuesday
- c. Wednesday
- d. Thursday
- e. Friday

12. What time do they agree to meet?

- a. 12:15
- b. 12:30
- c. 12:45
- d. 1:00
- e. 1:15

Home Work Exercise 1A

1. The respondent is ...
 - a. 20 – 33 years old.
 - b. 24 – 53 years old
 - c. Over 54 years old

2. The respondent works in ...
 - a. the professions.
 - b. business.
 - c. other.

3. The respondent has a salary of ...
 - a. 0 – 15,000 pounds a year.
 - b. 15,000 – 35,000 pounds a year.
 - c. over 35,000 pounds a year.

4. The respondent watches TV for ...
 - a. relaxation.
 - b. entertainment.
 - c. information.

5. Every day the respondent watches TV for ...
 - a. 30 minutes – 1 hour.
 - b. 1 hour – 2 hours.
 - c. more than 2 hours.

Choose 2 letters, A – E, for questions 6 – 8.

6. The respondent mainly watches TV ...
 - a. in the early morning.
 - b. around midday.
 - c. in the afternoon.
 - d. in the early evening.
 - e. at night.

7. On the new channel, the respondent would like to see more ...
 - a. children's programmes
 - b. documentaries.
 - c. local service programmes
 - d. travel programmes.
 - e. health programmes.

8. The respondent would advise the new channel to ...
- a. spend more money on drama.
 - b. train their broadcasters to higher standards.
 - c. improve sound quality.
 - d. broadcast interviews with famous people.
 - e. talk more to customers.

For questions 9 – 11, circle the correct letter A – C.

9. The respondent feels that adverts should occur every ...
- a. 10 minutes
 - b. 15 minutes
 - c. 20 minutes
10. The respondent would like to attend special promotions if ...
- a. expenses are paid.
 - b. he is invited specially.
 - c. they are held locally.
11. The respondent would like to receive ...
- a. no mail.
 - b. requested mail.
 - c. all mail.

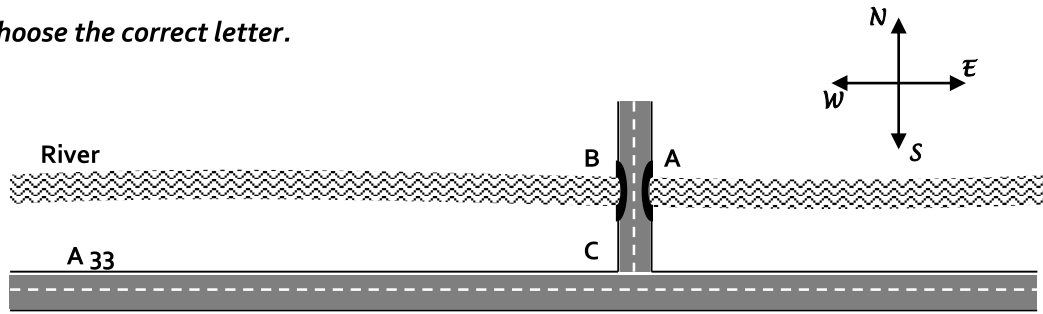
Home Work Exercise 1B

For questions 1 – 6, write no more than TWO WORDS.

1. How long has Caroline been waiting? _____
2. What does Matt suggest they do? _____
3. In which month is the party going to take place? _____
4. Where is Nikki? _____
5. How long is Matt going to be away for? _____
6. What day of the week is the party going to be held? _____

7. Where is the location of Nikki's house on the map? _____

Choose the correct letter.



8. The house has
- a bridge over the river
 - a large swimming pool.
 - gardens leading down to the river.
9. The address is ...
- 93 Western Road.
 - 39 West Road.
 - 93 West Road.
10. The telephone number is ...
- 477113
 - 447130
 - 477130
11. Each person has to give ...
- ten pounds.
 - refreshments.
 - a barbecue.

Home Work Exercise 1C

1. Astrid says she is ...
- unhappy with Dr. Adams.
 - happy with Dr. Adams.
 - in the same tutorial group as Boris.
 - in a different seminar group to Boris.
2. In the last lecture, Astrid took ...
- fewer notes than she thought she had.
 - more notes than she thought she had.
 - too many notes.
 - not many notes.

3. Henry wants to copy Astrid's notes because ...
 - a. Astrid's are neater than his.
 - b. he missed the lecture.
 - c. he was listening rather than writing.
 - d. he didn't understand the lecture.

4. Astrid says Henry cannot copy her notes because ...
 - a. her handwriting is difficult to read.
 - b. they are too long.
 - c. the photocopier is broken.
 - d. he should have taken his own notes.

For questions 5 – 9, write no more than FOUR WORDS.

5. What is Astrid good at? _____

6. What is Adams' book about? _____

7. What do some intelligent people find it difficult to do? _____

8. Henry is hopeless at what? _____

9. But he is brilliant at writing what? _____

Home Work Exercise 1D

For questions 1 – 6, circle the correct letter.

1. In a previous lecture, Dr North talked about
 - A. with sailing
 - B. humankind's the Marine Habitat Research Unit
 - C. humankind's relationship with the sea
 - D. the cost of fishing

2. The focus of today's talk will be on
 - A. problems the fishing industry faces worldwide
 - B. marine fish recipes
 - C. rare fish
 - D. European fishing problems

3. A book list and relevant articles can be
 - A. found only in the lecture room
 - B. found on the Marine Habitat Research Unit website
 - C. found in the lecture room and on the department website
 - D. taken by students for a small fee

4. During the last century
 - A. stocks of rare species have fallen dramatically
 - B. the world population has grown very fast
 - C. fishing has become less efficient but heavier
 - D. more people have decided to eat fish

5. As well as over fishing, which of the following is a reason for fishing stocks being on the point of collapse in the Pacific?
 - A. Ocean ecology has changed
 - B. Fishing has spread to international waters
 - C. Fish has become cheaper
 - D. Oceans are more polluted

6. In the UK
 - A. fish used to be seen as a luxury
 - B. fish is not cheaper than meat
 - C. fish used to be seen as a cheap meal
 - D. food scares have driven people away from eating fish

For questions 7 – 9, write no more than TWO WORDS for each answer.

7. What causes death to many fish?
8. What provides a partial solution to the problem?
9. What disappeared from Newfoundland?

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*There can often be more than **ONE** correct answer. Use any one.*