

UNIT / 01: THE MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENT

LISTENING

IN THIS UNIT YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO

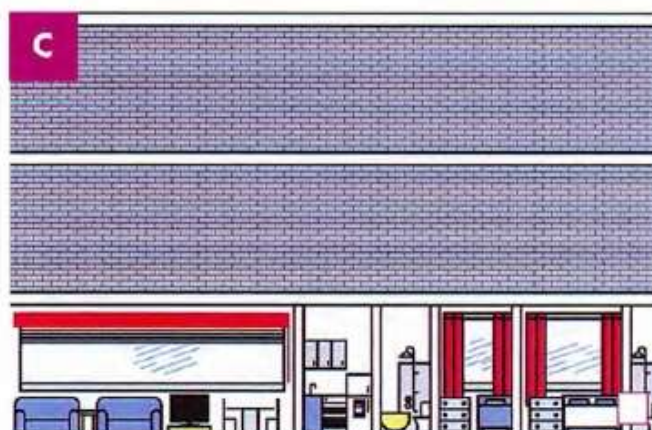
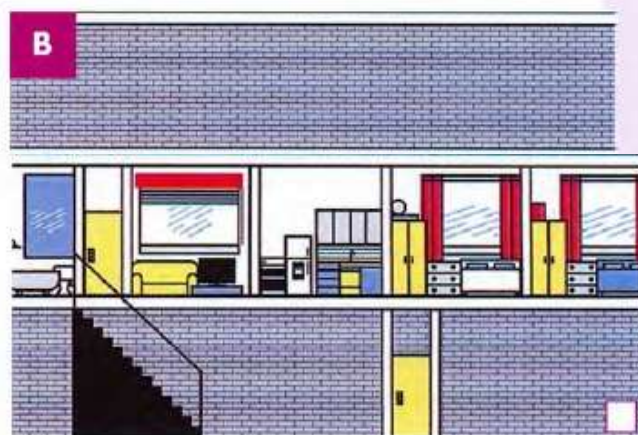
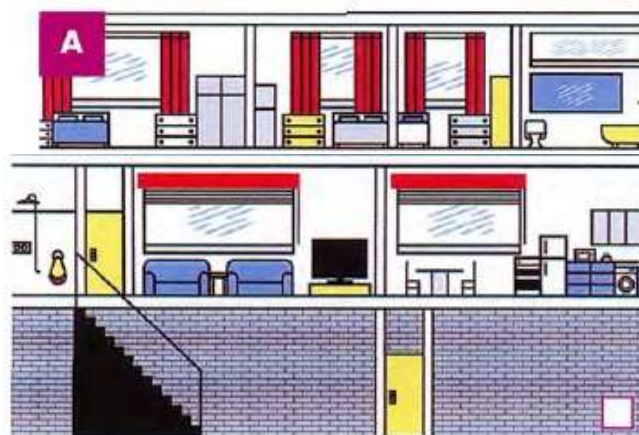
- predict the type of information required for short-answer questions
- listen for specific information (e.g. complex numbers, difficult spellings) and write it down correctly
- listen to understand context
- answer multiple-choice questions correctly by eliminating distractors.



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01 Listen to an estate agent describing the three properties in the pictures and write the correct number in each box.

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02 Listen again and note down the words which helped you find the answers.

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LISTENING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

03 Look at these notes and think about the kind of information that you will need for each gap, e.g. an address or telephone number. Then listen to the recording and complete the notes with **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER**.

TIP

03

In the Listening test, you will be given the context of the listening and you will have some time to look at the questions before you listen.

Address of property 1 _____

Number of bedrooms 2 _____

Number of lounges 3 _____

Access to the 4 _____ through sun-room door

Kitchen: fully-fitted, includes 5 _____
and 6 _____

Appointment time: 7 _____

Estate agent's name: Peter 8 _____

Estate agent's number: 9 _____



04 In the Listening test you may be asked to write down numbers, such as prices and phone numbers. Listen to these short conversations and write down the numbers in each.

1 £ _____

2 _____ km

3 _____

4 _____ m x _____ m

5 _____

05 In this exercise, you will hear some complex numbers, including a price and measurements. Listen to the estate agent and client and complete the information sheet.

Property for sale	
Price	1 £ _____
Room sizes	Kitchen: 3.10 x 2.25 m
	Lounge 1: 2 _____ m
	Lounge 2: 6.50 x 4.25 m
	Front garden: 10 x 8 m
	Rear garden: 3 _____ m, patio, lawn and flower beds
	Bedroom 1: 4 _____ m
	Bedroom 2: 5 _____ m
	Bedroom 3: 3.25 x 2.5 m

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Listen to the final conversation between the estate agent and client and answer these questions.

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- 1 What information does the estate agent need?
- 2 How will the client get the money to pay for the house?
- 3 How long does the estate agent think it will take to sell the house?
- 4 The most important thing for the client is

- A to stay a little longer where she is living now.
B to help her husband travel to work more easily.
C to move in before the end of the school holiday.

DEALING WITH DISTRACTORS

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Look at this example and listen to part of the recording again.

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The en-suite bathroom will be useful because

- A it has a shower unit.
B it has a big bath.
C it helps everyone in the mornings.

Answer C is correct. A is true, but it is not the reason why it will be useful for the woman and her family. B is not true, because the other bathroom has a bath. C is correct because the speaker says that it will be useful when they all get up to get ready for school or work – and that happens in the morning.



In multiple-choice questions in the Listening test, there is one correct answer and two wrong answers. The wrong answers are called 'distractors'. They are designed to seem correct. For example, they use the same words as the recording, but with a different meaning. You have to make sure that the correct answer has the same meaning as the recording.

EXAM SKILLS

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Listen to the final conversation again and choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

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- 1 At the moment, Caroline lives in
 - A Prendergast Road.
 - B Lanchester Road.
 - C Riverside Road.
- 2 Caroline wants to make a first offer of
 - A £300,000.
 - B £350,000.
 - C £340,000.
- 3 Caroline and her family
 - A have sold their house.
 - B are selling their house now.
 - C will sell their house in two months' time.
- 4 It may take longer to sell the house if
 - A the bank does not check the house quickly.
 - B there are plans to do some building near the house.
 - C her husband has problems at work.
- 5 If the sellers do not accept her first offer, Caroline will need to
 - A increase her offer.
 - B come to an agreement in a week.
 - C contact her bank and ask for more money.

TIP 08

Remember that you need to focus on the meaning of the distractors.

TIP 08

To arrive at the correct answer, listen for **synonyms** and **similar expressions**, or for the same ideas expressed in a different way to the recording.