

Information on changes to IELTS paper-based Listening tests January 2020

From 4 January 2020, some small changes are being introduced to the instructions and layout of the paper-based Listening test:

- Change of the word 'Sections' to Parts' – the paper-based test will now be divided into **Parts** 1, 2, 3, 4.
- Removal of Part 1 example.
- Removal of the page number references – test takers will be instructed to look at questions 1 – 4.

Before the Listening test audio starts, the invigilator will say the following: *"For those candidates who have taken the test before, please note there is no longer an example at the start of the test."*

A table showing the changes with examples is below:

Change	Before January 2020	After January 2020
'Sections' changes to 'Parts'	The paper is divided into Section 1, 2, 3, 4	The paper will be divided into Part 1, 2, 3, 4
No Section 1 example	Section 1 includes an example	Part 1 will not include an example
No page number references	Candidates are instructed to look at, e.g. questions 1 – 4 on page 3	Candidates will be instructed to look at, e.g. questions 1 – 4

These changes are being introduced to ensure that paper-based and computer-delivered versions are synchronised.