IELTS Listening

About the IELTS Listening test

* You will listen to 4 different recordings and answer 40 questions.
* The test takes approximately 30 minutes. You will have an additional ten minutes to transfer your answers to an answer sheet
* You only hear the audio once.
* A variety of voices and native-speaker accents are used.
* You will hear conversations and monologues, with topics ranging from the everyday social to the academic.
* A variety of question types are used, including multiple choice, form completion, note completion, summary completion, sentence completion, and short-answer questions.
* Candidates for IELTS Academic and IELTS General both do the same listening test

Listening Tips

* Read the instructions and questions carefully before you listen.
* Try to get an idea of the situation. Who are the speakers? Where are they? Why are they speaking?
* Remember, you will only hear the audio once. You will need to read, write and listen all at the same time.
* Listen for '**signpost words**' such as *however*, *although* and *finally*. They help you to anticipate what the speaker will say.

The IELTS Listening test consists of 4 sections with 10 questions per section.

The test lasts for 30 minutes, you will listen and answer simultaneously. You are allowed to write or circle your answer and draft in the question booklet. you then have 10 more minutes to transfer all of your answers into the answer sheet.