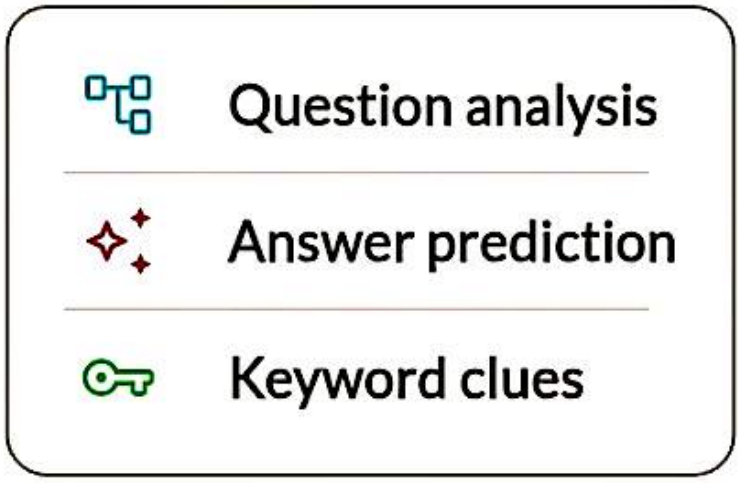
Lesson
Answering Strategies

In this lesson we will learn 3 important IELTS Listening strategies. Here they are:



Taking the time to learn and practice them will make answering Listening questions a lot easier and undoubtedly increase your score.

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Question analysis

🎯 The listening test contains 4 recordings. Before listening to each of them you will be given time around 20-35 seconds to read the questions they relate to.

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Use this time well. It might not sound very long but it is long enough to do the important *preparation work* that will enable you to complete the questions successfully.

When analysing the questions, there are 3 key things to note:

1. Which section of the test are they in?
2. What type of questions are they?
3. What sort of information do you need to listen for?

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These all will give you valuable clues to understanding the audio recording and identifying the correct answers.

1. **Test parts**

   There are 4 parts or sections to the IELTS Listening test:

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Part 1:

A conversation between two people set in an everyday social context *(e.g. booking tickets to the theatre)*.

Part 2:

A monologue set in an everyday social context *(e.g. a welcome talk for new college students)*.

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Part 3:

A conversation between up to four people set in an educational or training context *(e.g. a group of students discussing a university assignment)*.

Part 4:

A monologue on an academic subject *(e.g. a lecture on wildlife)*.

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