

Tomorrow's Leaders Program

University Preparation Course Advanced Academic & Study Skills

5. Listening Skills







iBT Listening Test Structure:

Listening Section Format

Listening Material	Number of Questions	Timing
4–6 lectures, each 3–5 minutes long, about 500–750 words	6 questions per lecture	60–90 minutes
2–3 conversations, each about 3 minutes long, about 12–25 exchanges	5 questions per conversation	

Listening passage types:

1. Conversations

2. Lectures



Listening Topics:

- 1. Arts.
- 2. Life science (biology, medicine,...etc.)
- 3. Physical science (Physics, Technology, Chemistry, Computer science...etc.)
- 4. Social science (Anthropology, Mass Communication, History, Education, Business...etc.)

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Listening Question Types:

- 1. MCQ with 1 correct answer.
- 2. MCQ with 2 or 3 correct answers.
- 3. Order events or steps.
- 4. Match items to each other.



Listening Skills:

- 1. Listening for the gist: main ideas, major points,
- 2. Listening for important details.
- 3. Recognize speaker's attitude. (Pragmatic understanding)
- 4. Recognize speaker's degree of certainty. (Pragmatic understanding)
- 5. Recognize the function or purpose of a statement. (Pragmatic understanding)
- 6. Recognize organization of information
- 7. Understanding the relations between ideas (compare/contrast, cause/effect, steps of a process.)
- 8. Inference & drawing conclusions from implied ideas & info.
- 9. Make connections among pieces of info.
- 10.Recognize topic changes: digression, aside comments.



Assignments: Listening Practice set 1: P. 139 – 140 Listening Practice set 2: P. 144 – 145 Listening Practice set 3: P. 149 - 150 Listening Practice set 4: P. 154 - 157 Listening Practice set 5: P. 160 - 161



Thank you! Good Luck

