The IELTS listening test is designed to assess your ability to understand spoken English. The listening test is the same regardless of whether you are taking the IELTS academic or general training module.

You will only hear each passage once. It is vital you follow the instructions.

At the end of the listening you have 10 minutes to transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Look for key words in the question - underline or circle them.

Try to predict as much as you can before you listen.

Synonyms are important - there is often a word in a question and a different word with similar meaning in the listening audio.

You need to make these connections to answer questions.

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