



Which part of FCE (Cambridge First Certificate) Listening?

What do you know or what can you remember about all four parts of the FCE Listening test? Write descriptions below.

FCE Listening Part One	FCE Listening Part Two
FCE Listening Part Three	FCE Listening Part Four

Look at an FCE Listening paper (perhaps with the transcript and/ or transcript) and add more descriptions to the table above.

Label the statements below with “1”, “2”, “3” or “4” if they match that part of the listening test. Some of the statements don’t match any part of the test, i.e. are not true about the exam, so should be left blank. Some others are true about more than one part of the exam, or even every part.

- You can listen twice
- You can only listen once
- It is just one long recording
- It is made up of short extracts
- It includes a monologue or monologues (= only one speaker)
- It includes dialogues (= more than one speaker, e.g. an interview or conversation)
- It’s multiple choice (= choose the right option from A, B and C)
- It’s a matching task
- You have to write words which should go in the gaps
- You don’t know for sure what kind of task might be in this part
- The questions are in the same order as the recording.
- You can get half a mark for an answer which is almost correct
- There are many trick answers (= things which sound like the right answer but should be ignored or crossed off)
- The thing which you are listening for will always be the same words as in the recording, but the words before and after it will often be in different words
- The thing which you are listening for will often be in different words in the recording
- You hear one example question and answer before the real task starts
- The questions are read out before the recordings start
- You have time to read through the questions before the recording starts
- You should underline important words in the questions
- It’s worth thinking about what synonyms etc for what is written on the answer sheet you might hear
- You can guess something about what the answer might be before you start listening
- You should write your answers on the answer sheet as you go along
- You should write your answers on the answer sheet after the whole test finishes
- You can lose marks with spelling mistakes
- You can lose marks with punctuation mistakes
- You can lose marks with grammar mistakes (“-s” with an uncountable noun etc)
- You can lose marks by writing too much information
- You can lose marks by writing too little information
- You can lose marks by making mistakes with capital letters
- You have to write the answers in all capital letters on the answer sheet
- You just shade in a box to answer the question on the answer sheet
- You should use pen to write your answers on the answer sheet
- You should use pencil to write your answers on the answer sheet
- You can lose marks for guessing incorrectly, so it’s sometimes better just to leave a gap
- If you don’t know, guess
- You should write something as you are listening to help you guess later

Check your answers as a class, then work in groups to write FCE Listening tasks that match the right criteria above to test other groups with.