

## **Brainstorming Language for IELTS Listening**

*Brainstorm phrases that you might hear in the IELTS Listening test or might need to write that fits each category.*

### **Identifying the correct information**

Showing that the last answer wasn't correct

Showing that the next thing that will be said won't be the correct answer

Showing that the last thing was the right answer

Showing that the next thing is the right answer

Expressions to show the speaker is changing topic

### **Spelling and punctuation**

Things that need to be written with capital letters

Letters whose names sound similar to each other when spelling

Letters whose names sound similar to words

Compound nouns written as one word

Compound nouns written with a hyphen

Compound nouns written as two words

### **Numbers**

Times that can be said more than one way

Dates that can be said different ways

Telephone numbers that can be said different ways

Large numbers that can be said different ways

Small numbers that can be said different ways

Prices that can be said different ways

Currencies that can be written as words and symbols

Numbers which sound like different numbers

Numbers which sound like different words

*Compare your answers with those on the next page.*

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### Identifying the correct information

#### Showing that the last answer wasn't correct

(but) in fact	(but) in reality...
(but) actually,...	I meant to say...
I was mistaken.	Sorry, I mean...
My mistake.	Whoops.
Silly me!	However,...

I can see why you might think so.

#### Showing that the next thing that will be said won't be the correct answer

It is commonly thought that...	It used to be...
We were planning to...	Unfortunately...
I'm afraid...	At first...
I thought...	Although...
It is supposed to be...	He claims that it is...
You might think that...	To start with I thought ...
My initial impression was...	Rather than
Due to the weather,...	Instead of ...

#### Showing that the last thing was the right answer

and that is the case	which is correct
Let me check. Yes, that's right.	which is indeed so.
and I agree.	which is also my view.
and it still...	and it continues to...
and that remains the case.	and we settled on that.

#### Showing that the next thing is the right answer

Despite the doubts about...	It is well known that...
There was a consensus on	As usual,...
As most people think,...	As expected,...
There's absolutely no doubt that...	
Someone asked me the same question yesterday and...	

#### Expressions to show the speaker is changing topic

Moving on to...	Turning to...
Let's now talk about...	If we've finished that topic,...

## Spelling and punctuation

### Things that need to be written with capital letters

Days of the week and months  
Addresses – Street names, building names, area names  
Official job titles  
Countries  
Languages  
Nationalities  
Names of works of art – The Water Lilies, The Thinker

### Letters whose names sound similar to each other when spelling

B/V	G/Z
WM/ MM (= double M)	

### Letters whose names sound similar to words

Q/ coo/ coup	C/ She
O/ or	W/ double

**Compound nouns written as one word**

petrochemical	billboard
cyberspace	

**Compound nouns written with a hyphen**

passer-by	mother-in-law
do-it-yourself	X-ray

**Compound nouns written as two words**

online retailer	status quo
carbon dioxide	food chain
side effects	sales representative
civil servant	military service
social welfare	

**Numbers****Times that can be said more than one way**

16:00	02:15
00:00	12:00
17:45	9-5

**Dates that can be said different ways**

2010	22/2
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**Telephone numbers that can be said different ways**

090	9944
2223	

**Large numbers that can be said different ways**

100	1600
1,100,000	1,000,000,000

**Small numbers that can be said different ways**

1/4	4/3
17/24	0.5

**Prices that can be said different ways**

\$2.25 (two dollars twenty five and two dollars twenty five cents)  
\$1 (one dollar and a dollar)

**Measurements that can be said different ways**

125cm	1.34kg
115km/h	

**Currencies that can be written as words and symbols**

dollars	Australian dollars
pounds	Euros
yen	

**Numbers which sound like different numbers**

16 and 60	2 1/3 and 2/3
100 and 1/100	6 and 6 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> and 1/6	13 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>

**Numbers which sound like different words**

first and fast	fourth and force
quarter and quota	four and foe
nought and note	