

IELTS Writing Task 2 on IELTS on computer Listening

Discuss your opinions on the topics below with one or two other students. Don't think about how you would write an answer yet, but do try to stick closely to answering the questions that are there. Your teacher will tell you if you can use sample tests etc to help with your discussion (or if you should just use what you know and remember about the test).

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people recommend reading as far ahead as you can in the Listening paper when the test instructions have finished and you are allowed to turn to Part One (before the Part One recording starts).

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Although all IELTS Listening now happens on a computer, most of the best IELTS Listening materials are paper based.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

How can candidates make those paper-based materials more useful practice for the computer-based test?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people lose marks in IELTS Listening tests due to not following the instructions.

What reasons could there be for this?

What solutions can you suggest?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

When candidates want to make notes about which options are wrong, doubts they have about the answers, etc, they can do so either on a piece of paper or via the note function on the computer screen.

Look at the main advantages and disadvantages of each way of making notes, then say which you would recommend to most candidates.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

It is common for candidates to not catch the answer in IELTS Listening even when it is a word that they already know.

Why do such candidates miss those answers?

What tips would you give them about self-study and/ or exam tactics?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people using the highlighting function to highlight all of the important instructions and key words in the questions on the screen, while others rarely or never use the highlighting function.

How much do you think most candidates should use this function?

What other methods could candidates use to make sure they don't miss important words in the instructions and questions?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Compare doing two of the following kinds of listening as a way of improving your ability to cope with IELTS Listening:

- listening to the news (radio news, news podcasts, etc)
- listening to other non-fiction radio or podcasts (documentaries, etc)
- listening to or watching university lectures
- listening to or watching PowerPoint presentations such as those from TED.com
- doing lots of IELTS Listening tests
- doing tasks where you listen carefully for every word like dictation or shadowing

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand, couldn't answer or would like to hear other people's opinions on. Then plan some of the writing above.

Choose one of the tasks that you made a plan for and write the introduction (including describing that plan in the final sentence of the introduction). Then compare your plan and introduction with another group, giving feedback on their plan and introduction.

Extra task for (timed) writing practice

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people lose marks in IELTS Listening tests because they misspell words on their answer sheet.

What are the main reasons why this happens? What could those candidates do to make sure that such mistakes happen less often?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.