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Introduction

Who is this book for?

Listening for IELTS will prepare you for the IELTS Listening test whether you are taking the test for the first time, or re-sitting the test. It has been written for learners with band score 5-5.5 who are trying to achieve band score 6 or higher.

The structured approach, comprehensive answer key and model answers have been designed so that you can use the materials to study on your own. However, the book can also be used as a supplementary listening skills course for IELTS preparation classes. The book provides enough material for approximately 50 hours of classroom activity.

Content

Listening for IELTS is divided into 12 units. Each unit focuses on a topic area that you are likely to meet in the IELTS exam. This helps you to build up a bank of vocabulary and ideas related to a variety of the topics.

Units 1-11 cover the key types of questions that you find in the IELTS Listening test. Every exercise is relevant to the test. The aims listed at the start of each unit specify the key skills, techniques and language covered in the unit. You work towards Unit 12, which provides a final practice IELTS Listening test.

Additionally, the book provides examination strategies telling you what to expect and how best to succeed in the test. Exam information is presented in clear, easy-to-read chunks. 'Exam tips' in each unit highlight essential exam techniques and can be rapidly reviewed at a glance.

Unit structure

Each of the first 11 units is divided into 3 parts.

Part 1 introduces vocabulary related to the topic. A range of exercises gives you the opportunity to use the vocabulary – clearly and effectively – in a variety of contexts. These exercises also build awareness of the patterns in words and language items. The vocabulary is presented using Collins COBUILD dictionary definitions.

Part 2 provides step-by-step exercises and guidance on specific question types that appear in the test. Each unit covers one section from the test and focuses on three question types. There are explanations and examples that show you how to approach each question type. Useful tips are highlighted to help you develop successful test-taking strategies.

Part 3 provides exam practice questions for the same section of the test that you did exercises for in Part 2, using the same question types. The format follows the actual exam. You can use this as a way of assessing your readiness for the actual exam.

Answer key

A comprehensive answer key is provided for all sections of the book including notes on why certain answers are correct or incorrect. You will also find full audio scripts of all listening exercises at the back of the book. The answers are underlined in the audio scripts so you can see where the correct answers come in the audio.