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Listening Tutorial

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How to complete the IELTS Online Practice Test Free Sample: Listening

This is the Listening Test tutorial for the IELTS Online Practice Test Free Sample. The Listening Test is the same in both IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training. The following instructions will show you how to complete the free sample test.

Mode Screen

You can sit this test in either Test Mode or Learner Mode. To sit the test under exam conditions, click YES next to the Test Mode option. To sit the test in Learner mode, click NO next to the Test Mode option.

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Mode Menu
You can take this free sample test without help (Test Mode) or choose from the list of learner options (Learner Mode) such as using a dictionary, checking answers etc.

Test Mode
TEST MODE - This will allow you to take the test in exam conditions.

Learner Mode Options

HELP - You can ask for help to answer the questions during the test.

DICTIONARY - You can look up any words in the test using the dictionary.

CHECK ANSWERS - You can check if your answers are correct or incorrect.

CLOCK - A clock will count down the test time. It will also tell you when the test time has finished.

AUDIO CONTROLS - You can play, stop and pause the sound during the test.

TRANSCRIPT - You can see a copy of the recorded text.

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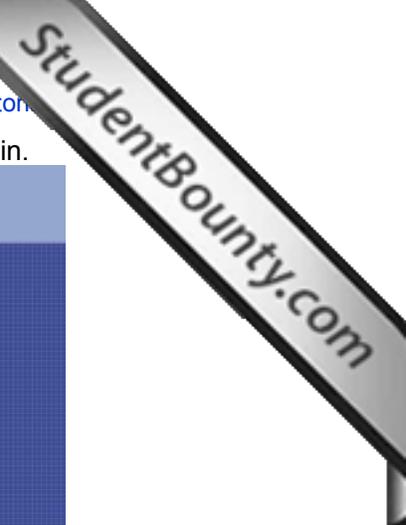
Within the Learner Mode, there are six options:

- **Help:** This option allows you to ask for help to answer the questions during the test.
- **Dictionary:** This option allows you to look up any words in the test.
- **Check Answers:** This option allows you to check if your answers are correct or incorrect during the test.
- **Clock:** This option allows you to see a clock that will count down the test time.
- **Audio Controls:** This option allows you to play, stop and pause the sound during the test.
- **Transcript:** This option allows you to see a copy of the recorded text.

If you do not want all of these options, you can select which ones you want by clicking the YES and NO buttons on the screen.

When you are ready to take the Online Practice Test, click START TEST to begin.

In this free sample you can only answer some of the questions, but in the real Online Practice Test you can answer all of the questions.



This screen gives you more information about the test. Click START TEST to begin.

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Listening Test: Instructions and information

TIME
Approximately 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
Answer **all** the questions.
You can change your answers at any time during the test.
Scores will be given at the end of the test.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES
There are 9 questions in this free sample test.
Each question carries one mark.
In test mode, you will hear each part once only.
For each sample task in the test there will be time for you to look through the questions and time for you to check your answers.

START TEST

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At the bottom of the screen you will see the number of sample tasks and questions in the test. You can answer the questions in any order by using the navigation. You can go to any sample task at any time by clicking on the question number you want to attempt. You can return to an earlier question at any time.

The instructions for each sample task are in the box at the top left of the screen. Listen carefully for the sample task number and question numbers to make sure you are looking at the right screen. You will have some time after each sample task to check your answers. You can change the volume by clicking on the plus or minus buttons at the bottom of the screen at any time during the test.

Sample Task 1 (Questions 1-3)
For questions 1-3, complete the notes.
Type **one word and/or a number** in each space.

TRANSCRIPT
CHECK ANSWERS
DICTIONARY
HELP
time left: 10 mins

Mountainview Guest House: booking

Date(s):

Amount to pay: £

Name: *Caroline*

Navigation

LISTENING

Sample Task 1: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Sample Task 2: 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Sample Task 3: 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Volume control

Volume:

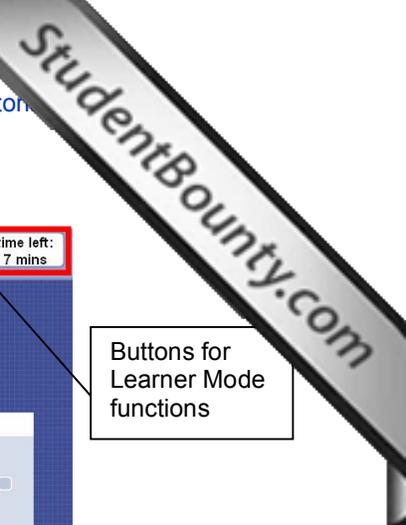
Answering the questions in the test

For some questions, you need to type your answers in the spaces.

The screenshot displays a listening test interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'TRANSCRIPT', 'CHECK ANSWERS', 'DICTIONARY', and 'HELP', along with a 'time left: 8 mins' indicator. Below this is a box for 'Sample Task 1 (Questions 1-3)' with instructions: 'For questions 1-3, complete the notes. Type one word and/or a number in each space.' A 'next' button is highlighted in red. The main content area is titled 'Mountainview Guest House: booking' and contains three input fields: 'Date(s): answer', 'Amount to pay: £ 2', and 'Name: Caroline 3'. A callout box labeled 'Space' points to the input field for 'Date(s)'. At the bottom, a navigation bar shows 'LISTENING' and three task sections: 'Sample Task 1' (questions 1-10), 'Sample Task 2' (questions 11-20), and 'Sample Task 3' (questions 21-30). The number '1' in the 'Sample Task 1' section is highlighted in red, with a callout box labeled 'Questions you have answered' pointing to it. There are also 'END' and 'MENU' buttons and a volume control slider at the bottom right.

The navigation shows which questions you have answered. A line appears under the question number if you have answered the question.

You can click on the NEXT button to move from one question to the next question. The NEXT button appears every time you have answered a question.

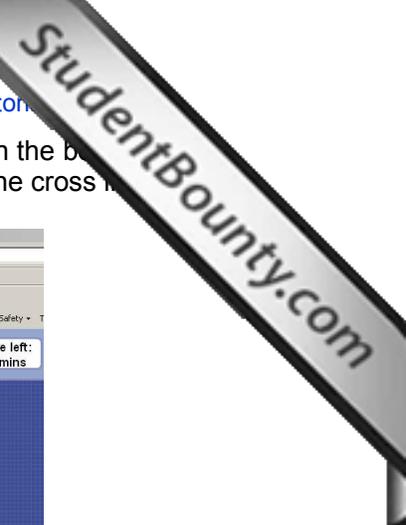


Learner Mode Functions

Buttons for Learner Mode functions

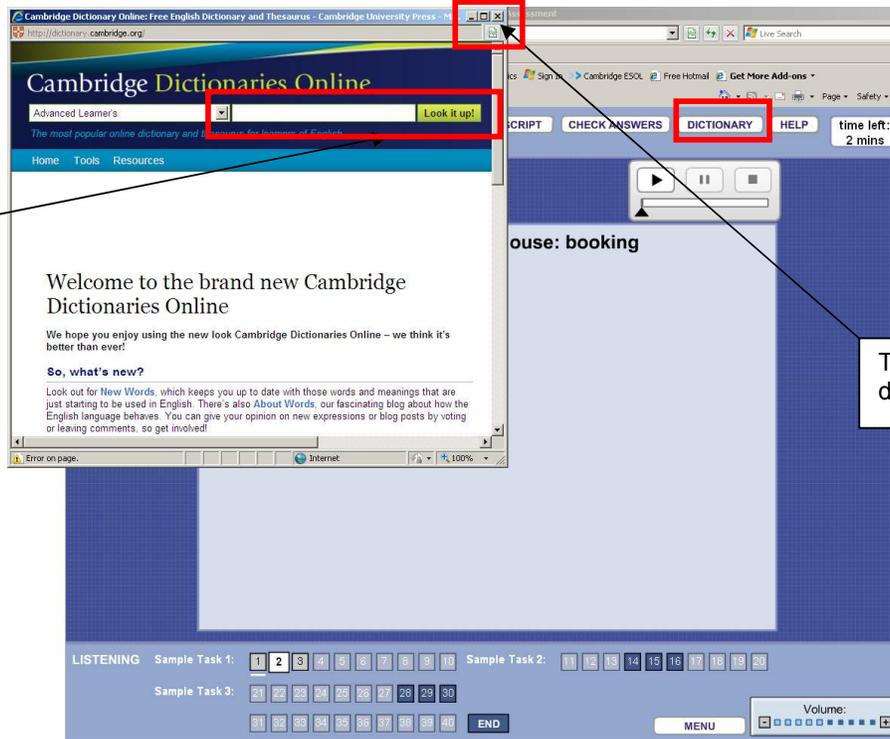
If you want to check your answers during the test, click on the CHECK ANSWERS button.

An orange cross will appear next to an incorrect answer. A green tick will appear next to a correct answer. Click on the TEST button to return to the test.



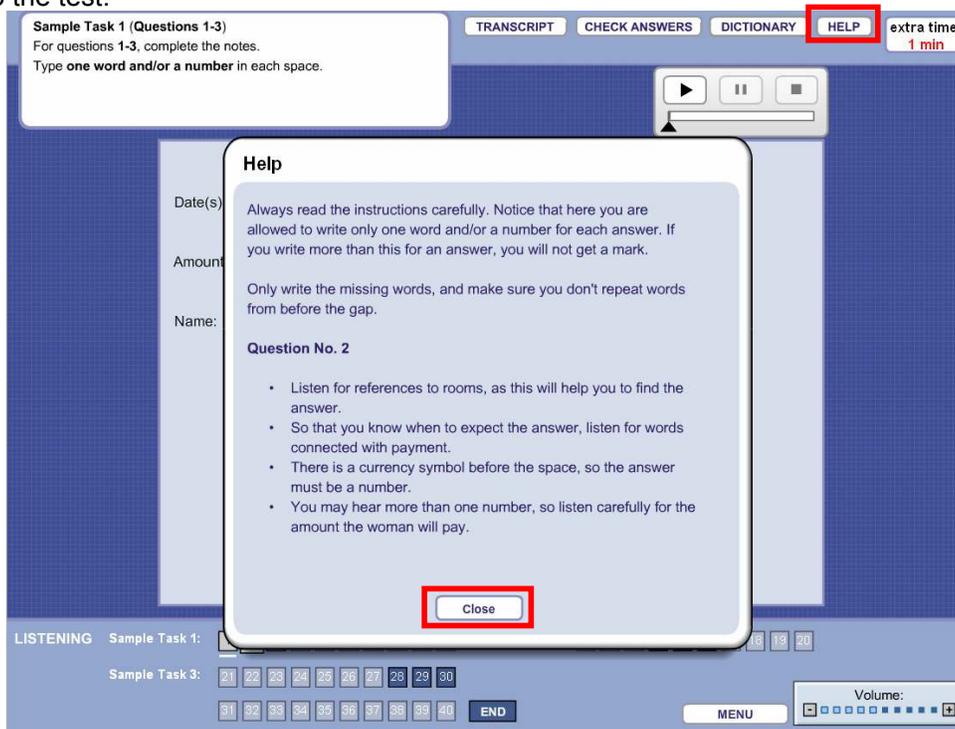
If you want to look up a word, click on the **DICTIONARY** button. Type your word in the box on the dictionary screen and click on **LOOK IT UP**. To close the dictionary, click on the cross in the top right corner.

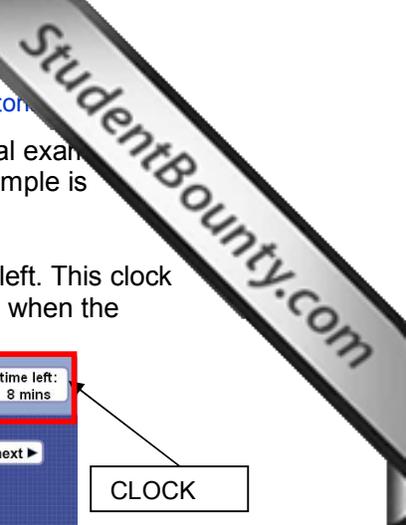
'Look it up' button



To close the dictionary

If you want help answering any of the questions in the test, click on the **HELP** button. You can use the cursor to move the help screen if you want to. Click on the **CLOSE** button to return to the test.





You will have half a minute to check your answers at the end of the test. In the real exam you will have approximately 30 minutes to complete the IELTS Listening test. This free sample is shorter.

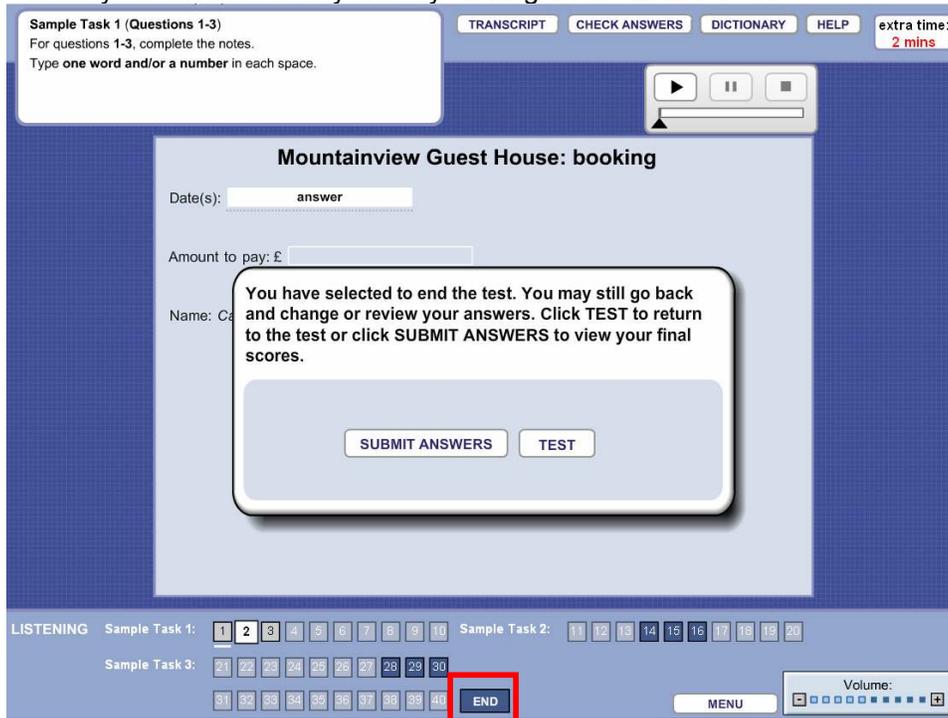
There is a clock at the top of the screen which tells you how much time you have left. This clock will flash when you have 10 minutes and 5 minutes left. The test clock will tell you when the time is finished.

The screenshot shows the IELTS listening interface. At the top left, there is a box for 'Sample Task 1 (Questions 1-3)' with instructions: 'For questions 1-3, complete the notes. Type one word and/or a number in each space.' To the right of this box are buttons for 'TRANSCRIPT', 'CHECK ANSWERS', 'DICTIONARY', and 'HELP'. Further right is a 'time left: 8 mins' indicator, which is highlighted with a red box and labeled 'CLOCK' with an arrow. Below these elements is a media player with play, pause, and stop buttons, and a 'next' button. The main content area is titled 'Mountainview Guest House: booking' and contains three questions: 'Date(s): answer', 'Amount to pay: £ 2', and 'Name: Caroline 3'. At the bottom, there is a 'LISTENING' section with numbered buttons for 'Sample Task 1' (1-10), 'Sample Task 2' (11-20), and 'Sample Task 3' (21-40). There are also 'END' and 'MENU' buttons, and a volume control slider.

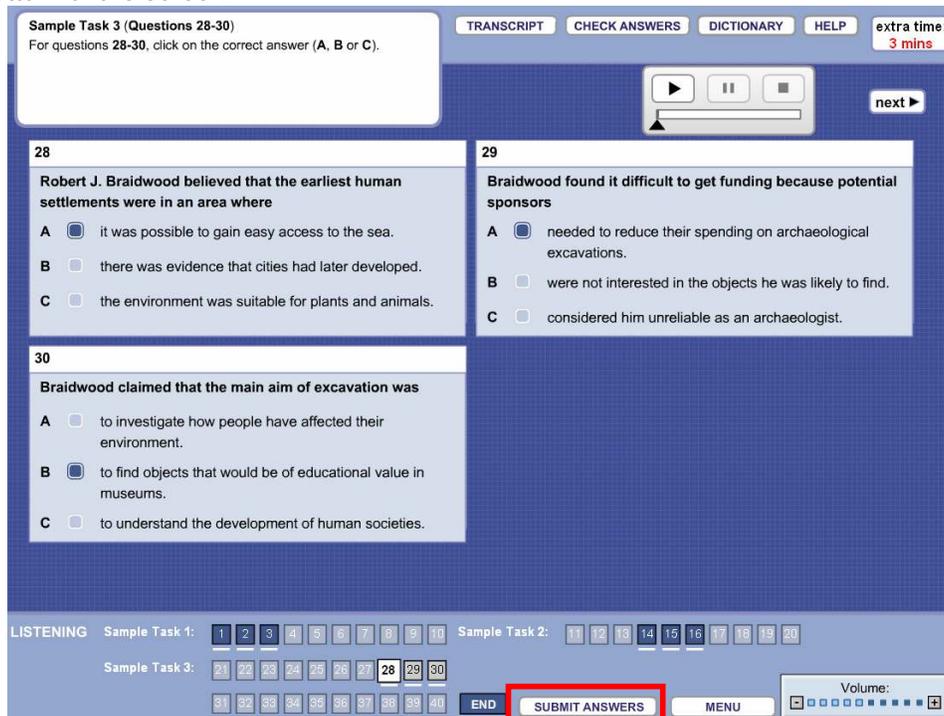


You can take this free sample as many times as you like, but please remember that in the Online Practice Test, you can only submit your answers once.

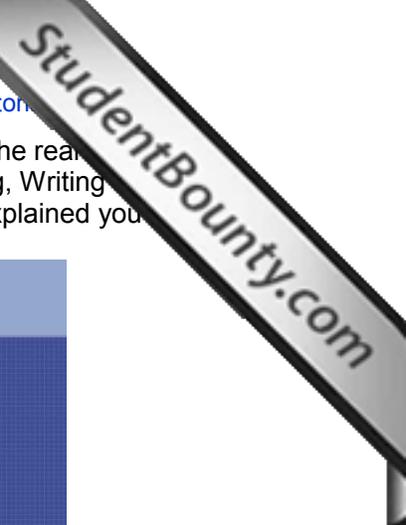
You can submit your answers at any time by clicking on the END button.



When you have answered all of the sample tasks, the SUBMIT ANSWERS button will appear at the bottom of the screen.



When you submit your answers, the Scores Screen will appear.



In the real Online Practice Test, the PRINT SCORES button will appear here. In the real Online Practice Test, you can print a score report when you have completed the Reading, Writing and Listening tests. Also, in the real Online Practice Test, if you want your answers explained you can click on the ANSWER FEEDBACK button at the bottom of the screen.

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Scores

LISTENING

Sample Task 1	0/3
Sample Task 2	0/3
Sample Task 3	0/3
TOTAL	0/9

Please note that in the real Online Practice Test:

- you can print your scores by clicking on the PRINT SCORES button.
- you can view and print answer feedback by clicking on the ANSWER FEEDBACK button.

To exit the test, click on the EXIT button.

Thank you for reading the Free Sample IELTS Listening Test tutorial. Good luck with the IELTS Free Sample Online Practice Test for Listening.