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IELTS Listening Starter Sheet

Name the trap behind every miss in 20 minutes: Lesson 1 of the Listening Profiler Pack. A reading partner reads each script once.

Lesson 1 | 20 minutes | IELTS Listening | Practice only

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Your 20 minutes

IELTS Listening is taught here through speaking: a reading partner reads each short script **once**, you answer **aloud**, and then you name the trap behind every miss. This sheet is a shortened Lesson 1 of the IELTS Listening Profiler Pack.

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You need: a reading partner (a friend, family member or tutor), a timer and a pencil. **No recording is included.** If you are alone, read page 5 into your phone, wait a few minutes until you have forgotten the details, and play it back once.

> ***Practice material, not an official IELTS test.*** *It gives no band and promises none. You count your hit rate and name your traps.*

The six traps

Every wrong answer has a cause. Name it:

Code	Trap
DETAIL	A number, spelling, plural or date heard wrongly.
BAIT	You wrote the first-mentioned detail.
PIVOT	You missed the reversal after *but*, *actually*, *on second thought*.
SYNONYM	You waited for the same word; the answer was paraphrased.
TONE	You took polite words as agreement.
SPEAKER	You credited the wrong speaker, or a back-channel.

The routine for every item

1. The reader reads the script **once**.
2. You answer **aloud** within 10 seconds: the answer, the words that decided it, and the trap it could have been.
3. Only then write it down.

Worked example

The reader reads: Caller: *Last term I paid twenty-five dollars.* Receptionist: *This term the fee is thirty-eight.* [stress THIS]

You say: "Thirty-eight dollars. The receptionist said 'this term the fee is thirty-eight'. Twenty-five is the bait: it was last term's fee, and the caller said it."

Trap: BAIT.

Six items: answer aloud first

Your reading partner reads the matching script from page 5, once each, in order. Do not look at page 5.

1. Say how many cars the car park holds, then say the number it could be confused with and what that number belongs to.
2. Spell the street name aloud, then say how many tickets the caller wants.
3. Say which gate you need, then name the bait.
4. Say the final day for handing work in, then name the pivot words.
5. Options: **A** The pool is closed for two weeks. **B** The filters are closed. **C** The pool will be replaced. Say the right option and the two paraphrases that prove it.
6. Has Student B agreed? Say yes or no, and the words that show it.

My answers (write after you have said them aloud):

1 _____ · 2 _____ · 3 _____

4 _____ · 5 _____ · 6 _____

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	Hits
Said aloud, then right? ✓ / ✗							
Trap							

For the reading partner

Read each item once. Delivery notes in [brackets] are for your voice: pitch, pauses and stress carry the trap. Read at a natural pace. Do not repeat anything. Read only the speech, not the notes.

1. Guide: The car park holds sixty cars. The minibus carries sixteen. [stress SIX-ty, then six-TEEN]

2. Caller: I live on Wexley Row, that is W-E-X-L-E-Y, and I would like three tickets.

3. Guide: Most visitors use the north gate, but it is closed for repairs today, so you need the east gate.

4. Tutor: Hand it in on Friday. Actually, no, the system is down that day, so make it Monday.

5. Guide: The pool will stay shut for a fortnight while the filters are replaced.

6. Student A: Shall we put the survey results on the first slide?

Student B: [flat] Mm. Right. Okay.

Student A: Great, so that is decided.

Key and count

Say your answer aloud first, then read the key. Name the trap behind every miss.

1 · Sixty cars. Sixteen belongs to the minibus. *Trap:* DETAIL.

2 · W-E-X-L-E-Y; three tickets. *Trap:* DETAIL.

3 · The east gate. The north gate is the bait: it is mentioned first, but it is closed. *Trap:* BAIT.

4 · Monday. The pivot is "Actually, no". *Trap:* PIVOT.

5 · A. "Stay shut" means closed and "a fortnight" means two weeks. B and C only reuse the script's words "filters" and "replaced". *Trap:* SYNONYM.

6 · No, not agreed. "Mm", "Right" and "Okay" are back-channel only (BC): they give no opinion. *Trap:* TONE.

Count it yourself

Trap	My misses
DETAIL	
BAIT	
PIVOT	
SYNONYM	
TONE	
SPEAKER	

My hit rate: _____ / 6. My most common trap: _____

What to work on next

My most common trap: _____ → the lesson that fixes it, in the full IELTS Listening Profiler Pack:

If your most common trap is	Go to
DETAIL or BAIT (everyday conversations)	Lesson 2
PIVOT	Lesson 3
SYNONYM	Lesson 4
TONE or SPEAKER	Lesson 5
Long talks and lectures	Lesson 6

Homework: three minutes a day: take a news headline and say it again without its key words. Once a week, take one test from official practice material you own, shadow its transcript aloud first, then test, then name the trap behind every miss.

The full IELTS Listening Profiler Pack

Seven lessons, every script and key written by Jurassic English, and a reading-partner format so you can practise at home. No recordings are included. This sheet is a shortened Lesson 1 (6 of its 10 items). Find the full pack at **jurassicenglish.com/products**.

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