



# IELTS Listening

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### **IELTS Listening Practice**

A listening lesson about the future of libraries. This is an interesting topic that can appear in IELTS speaking, listening, reading and writing task 2. So, it's well worth using this lesson to gain ideas and vocabulary. The questions are sentence completion which are common question types in IELTS listening.



## Listening Practice: Future Libraries

Always read the questions carefully to spot keywords before listening.

Questions 1-5: No more than two words and/or a number.

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1. Libraries provide creative spaces and learning .....
2. Libraries can help to improve technological ..... in society.
3. .... to any given book becomes possible using Library Bookmark.
4. Patrons would be able to receive books at home using.....
5. Fingerlink allows the user to combine ..... with a printed book.

## Transcript(1/2)

Today, libraries are not only about lending books. They are creative spaces, not only for individuals, but also teams. They are economic incubators and learning hubs. Most of all, the libraries are the entry points to the digital world. They are the way to embrace technology and avoid digital exclusion. Therefore, to improve technological literacy of local communities, libraries should be equipped with relevant technologies.

Here are some suggestions for future improvements of technology in libraries:

## Transcript(2/2)

1. Library Bookmark: First of all, the device would be a perfect companion when navigating through the library, by giving turn-by-turn directions to the book the patron wants. The device could also keep track of all borrowed books, as well as remind the user of the return dates.

2. Delivery Drones: To get the book from a library, you can either go and find it, or you can let it find you. The future belongs to the unmanned flying machines, and just like Amazon drones can deliver the goods to customers, libraries could deliver the books to patrons.

3. FingerLink : It is a project currently developed by Fujitsu that will let you use digital tools to work with a printed book. It's a stand you can put on a library desk. It includes two elements: a camera to read the information from the real world, and the projector to display digital information in the real world.

## IELTS Listening Diagrams Practice & Tips

Useful practice and tips for IELTS Listening Diagram Labelling Questions. IELTS listening diagrams can come in any section of the IELTS listening test. You will be presented with a visual diagram requiring you to either label parts of the diagram or complete notes in the diagram. It is important that you prepare for this type of IELTS listening question. Please note that the lessons below are not tests, they are practice lessons for IELTS listening diagrams.

## Tips for IELTS Listening Diagram Labelling

1. In your IELTS listening test, you can listen only once. There is no pause button.
2. Different question types will have different instructions - pay attention to this! Word count!
3. Read the questions carefully before listening. You will need to develop speedreading for this.
4. Pay attention to keywords given in the diagram- they will help you find the answers.
5. The information in the diagram will be presented in a logical order. Follow the order.
6. Locate the question numbers on the diagram.
7. The numbers will come in order in the listening test.
8. Be ready for words to be paraphrased from the diagram.
9. Note what kind of answer you are listening for: noun, verb, adj, number etc.
10. When you check your answers for these lessons, always listen to the recording and read the transcript again for more practice.

## IELTS Listening Practice: Mars Insight Probe

Read questions and review diagram before listening.

### **Questions 1-3**

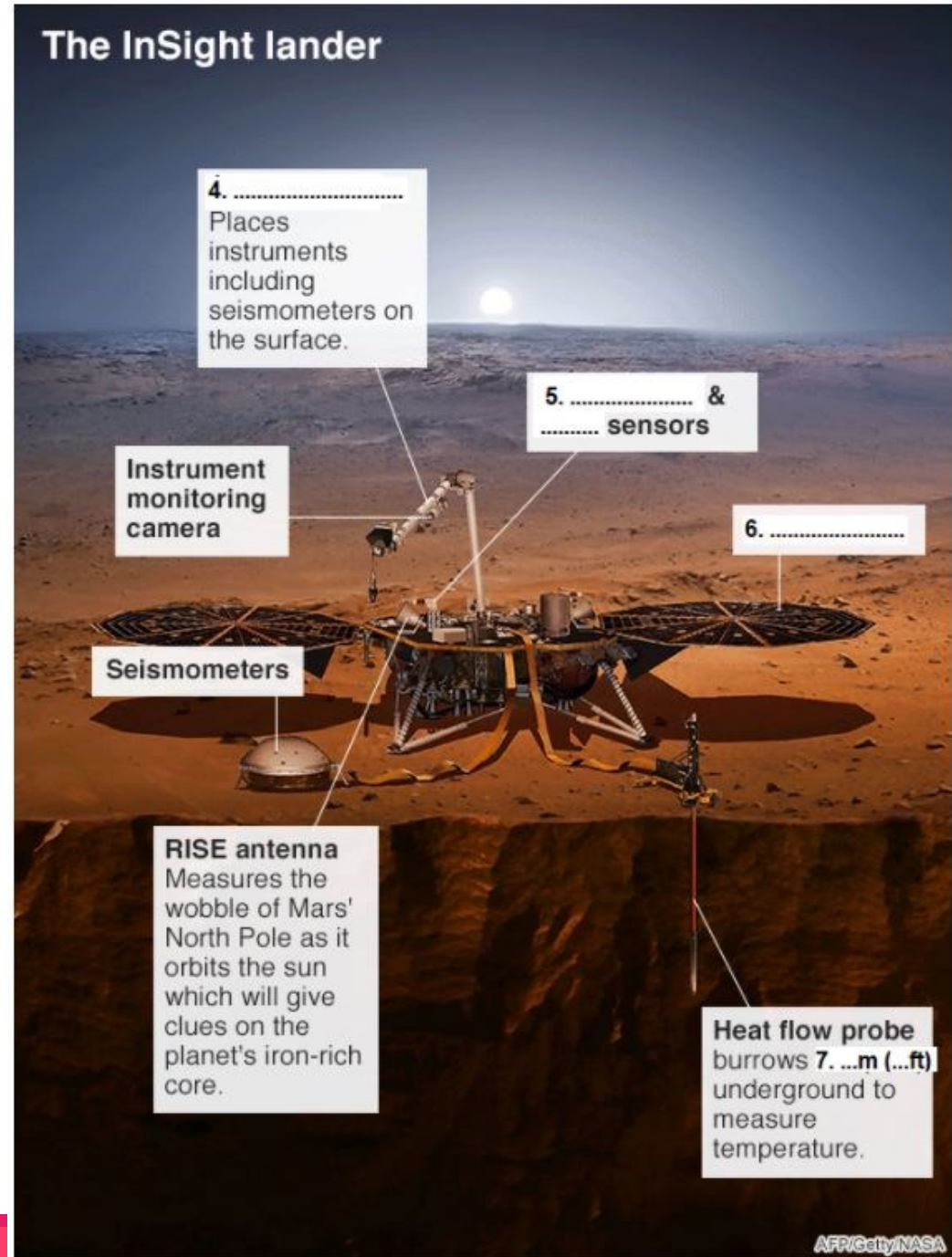
Complete the sentences using no more than one word and/or a number.

1. The Insight probe will investigate Mars' .....
2. The probe is currently situated near Mars' .....
3. Scientists aim to learn about Mars' composition from its core to its .....

## Questions 4-7

Complete the diagram below using no more than two words and/or numbers.

Diagram : Insight Lander >



## **Transcript(1/2)**

Use the transcript below to check your answers, make a note of useful tips and paraphrases and also improve your pronunciation by listening to the recording and reading the transcript at the same time.

The US space agency Nasa has landed a new robot on Mars, otherwise known as the Red Planet, after a dramatic seven-minute plunge to the surface., The Insight probe aims to study the world's deep interior, and make it the only planet - apart from Earth – that has been examined in this way. Insight is now sitting on a vast, flat plain, close to the Red Planet's equator. This will be the first probe to dedicate its investigations to understanding Mars' interior. Scientists want to know how the world is constructed - from its core to its crust.

## Transcript(2/2)

Looking at the functions of the Insight probe shown on the diagram, we can see that at the top there is a robotic arm which places instruments such as the seismometer on the planet's surface. Attached to the arm is an instrument monitoring camera. On the main body of the probe there are sensors for both temperature and wind as well as a rise antenna. This measures the movement of Mars' North Pole as it orbits the sun giving pointers about the iron-rich centre of the planet and hopefully more information about the composition and size of the planet's core. On either side of the main body of the probe are two large circular solar panels which were deployed immediately on landing to operate its systems and warm equipment in the sub-zero temperatures on the planet. To delve deep into the ground and measure the planet's temperature, there is a heat flow probe that will penetrate to a depth of 5m or 16ft.

## IELTS Multiple Choice Listening Practice Lesson

A multiple choice listening practice lesson for IELTS about a volunteer conservation program.

Conservation and wildlife topics are typical in not only IELTS listening but also reading, writing and speaking. Read the multiple choice tips before tackling the listening questions.



Read the questions first and then play the recording. In the real IELTS test, you can listen only once.

The recording audio is given below the questions.

**Multiple Choice Questions: 1-5: Complete the statements below by choosing the correct letter.**

**Question 1:** The volunteer program relates to....

- a) all kinds of turtles.
- b) only Olive Ridley turtles.
- c) various kinds of turtles.

**Question 2:** Volunteers can join the program for ....

- a) as long as they want.
- b) b) no more than 12 weeks.
- c) one week.

**Question 3:** Accommodation is ....

- a) luxury with a local family.
- b) with a local family in the best house.
- c) basic with a local family.

**Question 4:** Volunteers must be ...

- a) individuals of 18 years old. .
- b) individuals or groups with experience.
- c) over the age of 18 but do not need experience.

**Question 5:** Volunteers will ...

- a) clear the beach of rubbish.
- b) relocate baby turtles.
- c) help adult turtles move along the beach.

## Transcript

The volunteer program is aimed at helping to conserve and protect the population of Olive Ridley turtles in Costa Rica, although other species of turtles are also involved. The program is run at Ostional beach which has been an active conservation area for the last 40 years. Volunteers can sign up for any length of time from 2 to 12 weeks. All volunteers will be housed with local families near the beach - do not expect luxury, this is basic at best. Have your dictionary ready because English is not usual in local families. It is possible to sign up as a group or just as an individual without prior experience but we do have an age requirement of over 18. A health check and police check will also be required. The main involvement in this program is with recording data, helping with tagging, removing debris from the beach to ensure clear passage for adult and baby turtles and also to assist in egg relocation. This is a unique experience for anyone interested in turtles and conservation.

## IELTS Listening Practice: Nadiya Hussain

This IELTS listening practice exercise is about a woman called Nadiya Hussain. It contains both short answer questions and sentence completion questions. You can find more useful links for listening and vocabulary at the bottom of the page.

Tips: As you will hear this only once, make notes. In the IELTS test, you can make notes all over your question paper. It might help you find an answer that you have missed.

*You can find more IELTS tips for each part of the test at the bottom of the page.*



Read the questions from 1 to 5 before listening to the audio. Play the audio only once. In IELTS, you will hear the recording only once so get used to practising. When you finish listening, make a note of common paraphrases.

### **Questions 1-2**

Write no more than one word and/or number.

**1. How many children does Nadiya have?**

**2. In what year did she enter The Great British Bake Off?**

### **Questions 3-5**

Write no more than two words and/or a number.

3. She was launched into her career by winning a UK .....

4. The BCC documentary followed her around Bangladesh on a ..... tour.

5. She also writes as a ..... for the Times magazine.

## Transcript

Nadiya Hussain was born into a British Bangladeshi family in the south of England. Both a wife and mother of three, she entered The Great British Bake Off in 2015. Her ability to produce amazingly creative, tasty bakes earned her the title of Champion in the biggest baking competition in the UK. This launched her career. Later, she was asked to bake a cake for Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. And then she went on to film the Chronicles of Nadiya, a BBC documentary of her culinary journey around Bangladesh. She is also a columnist for the Times magazine presenting mouth watering recipes for baking.