

Passions and interests

1 Work in pairs. Think about a passion or interest you have, such as gaming, extreme sports, or posting photos on social media. Discuss ...

- what first attracted you to your interest.
- the skills or knowledge you've acquired.
- why you would recommend this interest to others.



2a Look at the phrases in the box which are used to request information. Which phrases can only be used on the phone?

Requesting information

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| Could / Can you tell me ... ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you think you could find out ... ? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I wonder if ... | <input type="checkbox"/> | I'd like some information (about) ... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you know ... ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm interested in ... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I'm calling (about) ... | <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm phoning (about) ... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I'd like to find out / enquire about ... | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you happen to know ... ? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2b Listen and number some of the phrases in exercise 2a in the order you hear them. What is the purpose of the woman's call?

3a Read the instructions for a note completion task. Which statement(s) A–D about the task is/are true? Choose all that apply.

- A You should always write a word and a number in each space.
- B You will sometimes need to write a word and a number.
- C Sometimes you will only need to write a number.
- D Sometimes you will only need to write a word.

Complete the notes below.

Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Sefton Surf Club information

Example

Instructor's name: (0) *John*

Surfing classes for (1) are available



Exam tip

Section 1 of the IELTS Listening test includes ten questions. Three common task types are note completion, form completion and table completion. For each task, you will first hear an introduction. Listen to this carefully, as it sets the context and helps you to prepare for who and what you're about to hear.

3b Listen and complete the note in exercise 3a.

4 Listen to the introduction to a note completion task. Answer the questions.

- a) Who is calling who?
- b) Why is he/she calling?

5a Look at the task. What kind of information do you think is missing from each sentence?

Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Circle dance course details

Example

Teacher's name: (0) *Jane*

New course starts on (1)

Classes are held above the (2)

First class will be about the (3) dance

Can wear (4) to classes


Will also learn about (5) on the course

Exam tip

In Section 1 of the IELTS Listening test, you will hear two speakers having a conversation. Listen carefully to what both speakers say, as the answers may be given by either speaker.

5b  Listen and complete the notes in exercise 5a.

 **EXAM TASK: Section 1 (long dialogue with note completion task)**

6  Listen to the introduction to a Section 1 task. What does the woman want information about? What do you think this is?

7  Listen and complete the notes below. Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Ice diving – information about course

Example

Type of certificate needed: (0) *open* water diving

Level of certificate needed: (1)

Start date of next course: (2) June

Dive centre address: (3) Street

What to bring to the first class: diving certificate and (4)

Subject of the first class: (5)

Subject of the second class: equipment

Subject of the third class: what happens to the body in the (6)

What ice divers wear: (7)

Place of practice dives: the (8) in Stanley

Transport for practice dives: travel by (9)

Free for students on the course: a (10)

There's no place like home

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- Is it more common for people in your country to buy or rent a property?
- What do you think are the advantages of buying and the advantages of renting?



2a Which of the phrases in the box are related to renting, which to buying, and which to both?

contract deposit for sale furnished landlord/lady property tenant to let

2b Complete the definitions with words from exercise 2a.

- a) A is a person who you rent a room or house from.
- b) If something is, it is available to buy.
- c) A is someone who pays rent to live in a room, house etc.
- d) A is a payment you make immediately when you decide to buy something, as proof that you will really buy it. It is also an amount of money that you pay when you rent something, and that is given back to you when you return it without damage.
- e) If a property is, it is available to rent.
- f) If a room or building is, it means that there is furniture in it.
- g) A is a building or an area of land.
- h) A is a legal agreement between two people or organisations, or a person and an organisation.

3 Listen to a conversation and answer the questions.

- a) Who are the speakers?
- b) What does the woman want?
- c) What does the man suggest?

4a Read the Exam tip and look at the form. Can you predict the missing words?

Angland Letting Agency: Customer details form

Example

Customer name: Sara (0) Jenkins

Property type required: (1) flat

Location preferred: in the (2)
(must have (3) space)

Maximum rent: (4) £ per month

Start date of rental: (5)

Exam tip

In all Section 1 tasks there is an example which shows you what to do. You will hear the section which contains the example answer twice, but you will hear the rest of the conversation only once. When you read through the notes before listening, try to predict the kind of information that is missing.

4b  Listen and complete the form in exercise 4a.

5 Which of the following possible Section 1 rubrics fits the task in exercise 4a? Choose A, B or C.

A

Complete the form below.
Write ONE WORD ONLY for each answer.

B


Complete the form below.
Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

C

Complete the form below.
Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

 **EXAM TASK: Section 1 (long dialogue with form completion task)**

6  Listen to the introduction to a Section 1 task. Why do you think the customer might be calling?

7  Listen and complete the form below. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Exam tip

The information provided in the form you have to complete will focus on the main ideas and facts from the recording. The information is in the same order as what you hear in the recording. Read this information carefully before and while you listen to make sure you're in the right place.

Hunton lettings: Customer complaint form

Example

Property address: (0) 11 King Square

Problem 1: the (1) isn't working
 Repair date: (2)
 Problem 2: the (3) for the building has broken down
 Action decided: (4) will call tomorrow
 Problem 3: Tenant had to buy some (5)
 Refund for the item: (6) €.....
 Problem 4: Tenant can hear loud (7) at night (may be from the (8) downstairs)
 Other possible accommodation: Flat on (9) Street
 Customer phone number: (10)