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These IELTS listening sentence completion strategies will help you to improve your score for the exam.

In this type of question, you are given a sentence taken from the listening, and you have to decide which word fits in the gap

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Remember though that the sentence will not be exactly the same as what you hear on the audio – it will be paraphrased (using different words to what you hear).

The listening excerpt from this page is from a real test. It is from **Part 4** of the test – the most difficult – so expect to find this exercise hard.

Don't be disheartened if you do not do well – students often score poorly on part 4, but that does not mean you can't get a good score from doing well in the other sections.

Part 4 is based on a **lecture**, and for this recording you are going to hear the second part of a lecture on the luxury end of the hospitality and tourism market.

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- **Look** through the sentences before you start to get an idea of what you will be hearing.
- **Pay** particular attention to the words that come before and after the gap to help you notice when the word is spoken.
- **Try** to guess what may go in the gap – is it a place, name, number, or something

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- **Remember** that the words you see in the sentence may be synonyms of the words from the audio, so you may be listening out for words with similar meanings.
- **Write** the exact words, phrases or numbers that you hear in the gap on your question paper.
- **Always** check the word limit – your answer will be marked wrong if you exceed the number of words allowed.

## Practice

Now here is your chance to put into practice these IELTS listening sentence completion strategies.

Take a look through the questions first, then listen to the audio and try and answer the questions.

You can see the answers and audio below by clicking on the “show / hide” link.

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Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer

**A company providing luxury serviced apartments aims to:**

1. Cater specifically for (1)travelers.
1. Provide a stylish (2)for guests to use.
1. Set a trend throughout the (3)which becomes permanent.



**Traditional holiday hotels attract people by:**

1. Offering the chance to (4)their ordinary routine life

1. Making sure that they are cared for in all respects – like a (5)

1. Leaving small treats in their rooms – e.g. cosmetics or (6)

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