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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

else?

- **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.

Your browser does not enable you to play the audio file. Please update to continue.*Complete the notes below.*

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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