

What are Matching Tasks in IELTS Listening?

Worksheet

Matching tasks are a listening format where you connect what you hear (a speaker's opinion, a description, a preference) to options provided. They test your ability to identify relationships and distinguish between similar information.

Questions

1. What do matching tasks require?

- A) Writing complete sentences
- B) Connecting speakers or ideas to options
- C) Filling in numbers only
- D) Choosing A, B, C, or D only

2. Can one option match multiple speakers?

- A) Yes, always
- B) No, each option matches one speaker only
- C) Sometimes, context-dependent
- D) It doesn't matter

3. What skill does matching test?

- A) Writing ability
- B) Identifying relationships and connections
- C) Speaking fluency
- D) Reading speed

4. When should you match?

- A) Before listening
- B) Only after all speakers are heard
- C) During pauses between speakers
- D) At the very end

5. You hear three people discussing travel. Match each speaker (1-3) to their preferred destination (A-D: beach, mountain, city, countryside).

6. Match job titles (1-3) to descriptions (A-D: teacher, engineer, chef, nurse).

7. Match names (1-3) to hobbies (A-D: reading, painting, coding, gardening).

8. Define: What is a matching task?

9. Define: What types exist?

10. Define: Can you use an option twice?

Answer Key

1. B) Connecting speakers or ideas to options — Matching tasks link speakers, ideas, or descriptions to options.
2. B) No, each option matches one speaker only — Typically, each option is used once to match one speaker or idea.
3. B) Identifying relationships and connections — Matching tests your ability to link related information while listening.
4. C) During pauses between speakers — Match after each speaker's section, using pauses to record matches.
5. Speaker 1: 'I love swimming and hot weather.' Match to: A (beach) Speaker 2: 'I prefer hiking and fresh air.' Match to: B (mountain) Speaker 3: 'I like museums and restaurants.' Match to: C (city)
6. Description: 'I design buildings and bridges.' Match to: engineer Description: 'I care for patients in hospitals.' Match to: nurse Description: 'I teach students in a classroom.' Match to: teacher
7. 'Tom loves working with computers.' Match: Tom → coding 'Sarah grows vegetables in her garden.' Match: Sarah → gardening
8. You connect speakers, ideas, or features to a list of options while listening.
9. Speaker matching, feature/idea matching, description matching.
10. Rarely — usually each option matches to one speaker or idea.

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