

What is Matching Features and Names in IELTS Reading?

Worksheet

In matching features, you read statements about characteristics and find which entity (name) they describe. Careful reading and tracking specific details determine success.

Questions

1. Read: 'Nvidia develops graphics processors for gaming. AMD focuses on budget CPUs for everyday users.' Which targets high-end customers?
A) Nvidia
B) AMD
C) Both equally
D) Neither
2. What information type is matched in this task?
A) Paragraph themes
B) Specific details and entities
C) Main ideas only
D) Emotional tone
3. Passage: 'Museum A showcases classical art. Museum B features modern installations and interactive exhibits.' Which has interactive exhibits?
A) Museum A
B) Museum B
C) Both
D) Neither mentioned
4. How should you approach matching features efficiently?
A) Read every sentence thoroughly
B) Scan for key terms linked to each entity
C) Memorise all features first
D) Guess based on entity names
5. Read: 'TechCorp was established in 1990 and employs 3,000 staff. GreenAI Ltd. specialises in artificial intelligence solutions.' Which company uses AI tech? (A) TechCorp (B) GreenAI Ltd.
6. Passage: 'Apollo Hotel offers luxury rooms at premium prices. Budget Stay Inn prides itself on affordable accommodation.' Which has low cost? (A) Apollo Hotel (B) Budget Stay Inn
7. Text: 'Dr. Sarah Mitchell has published 50 papers on climate science. Prof. James Chen leads the biogenetics lab.' Who studies climate? (A) Dr. Mitchell (B) Prof. Chen
8. Define: What is matching features in IELTS reading?
9. Define: Difference between matching headings and matching features?
10. Define: What is the key skill for matching features?

Answer Key

1. A) Nvidia — Nvidia = 'graphics processors for gaming' (high-end). AMD = 'budget' (low-end).
2. B) Specific details and entities — Matching features links specific descriptive details to named people/places/things.
3. B) Museum B — 'Interactive exhibits' is explicitly stated for Museum B.
4. B) Scan for key terms linked to each entity — Scan for connecting keywords between features and entities; avoid reading word-for-word.
5. Scan for 'AI' or 'artificial intelligence': found in GreenAI sentence The feature 'AI tech' matches GreenAI Ltd. Answer: (B) GreenAI Ltd.
6. Feature: 'low cost' or 'affordable' Budget Stay Inn = 'affordable accommodation' Answer: (B) Budget Stay Inn
7. Look for 'climate' keyword Found: 'Dr. Sarah Mitchell...climate science' Answer: (A) Dr. Mitchell
8. A task where you connect descriptions or characteristics to people, companies, products or places.
9. Headings summarise whole paragraphs; features match specific details to named entities.
10. Scanning for specific words/phrases that link a feature to an entity.

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