

What is Table Completion in IELTS Listening?

Worksheet

Table completion requires you to extract information from a listening passage and fill blank cells in a table—usually 5–7 answers—often across multiple speakers or topics.

Questions

1. Table completion typically requires how many answers?
A) 2–3
B) 5–7
C) 10–15
D) 20+
2. What is the best first step in table completion?
A) Write all possibilities
B) Preview the table before audio
C) Guess every answer
D) Write nothing until audio ends
3. Can you write full sentences in table cells?
A) Yes, always
B) No, only 1–3 words or numbers
C) Only if asked
D) It depends on the table
4. How many speakers might contribute to one table?
A) Only one
B) Two, maximum
C) Multiple speakers across the recording
D) Never clear who is speaking
5. Table: Name | Contact | Amount. Audio says 'His name is Robert, phone 555-1234, £250.' What three words fill the row?
6. Table: Date | Location | Attendees. Audio: 'The meeting is on Tuesday at the London office with 12 staff.' Fill the row.
7. Table has 3 rows. Row 1: 'June, Park' (given); Row 2 blank. Audio: 'Second event is in July at the River Centre.' Fill Row 2.
8. Define: What is table completion in IELTS listening?
9. Define: How many answers in a table completion task?
10. Define: Can table completion span multiple speakers?

Answer Key

1. B) 5–7 — Tables in IELTS listening usually have 5–7 blanks, sometimes up to 10.
2. B) Preview the table before audio — Scan the table and headings before the audio plays to predict the type of information needed.
3. B) No, only 1–3 words or numbers — Tables in IELTS listening expect brief answers—usually 1–3 words, occasionally a short phrase.
4. C) Multiple speakers across the recording — Table completion may draw from multiple speakers or even multiple topics in the same section.
5. 1. Listen for the name: 'Robert' 2. Listen for the contact: '555-1234' 3. Listen for the amount: '£250' Answers: Robert | 555-1234 | £250
6. 1. Date → 'Tuesday' 2. Location → 'London office' 3. Attendees → '12' Answers: Tuesday | London office | 12
7. 1. Listen for second event date: 'July' 2. Listen for location: 'River Centre' 3. Skip matching – focus on audio sequence Answers: July | River Centre
8. A task where you fill empty cells in a table with words or phrases from the audio—5–7 answers typical.
9. Usually 5–7, sometimes up to 10. Depends on the table size.
10. Yes, the information may come from different speakers or topics in the same recording.

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