

IELTS Listening Task Type 2 (Matching) (2) – teacher’s notes

Description

This is an activity to introduce and practise the matching task and predict some of the language students will hear.

Time required: 40 minutes

Additional materials required:

- **There is no audio for this activity** – you may wish to record the dialogue on page 7 with a colleague, to use in class (or ask a student to read it aloud with you). N.B. This activity is specific to the task used here but the ideas could be adapted for use with other matching tasks

Aims:

- to introduce the matching task
- to activate students’ knowledge of the situation and language they will hear through a vocabulary exercise and a role-play
- to complete a matching task.

Procedure

1. Play the first two lines of conversation from the sample task. Then ask students who the speakers are and what they think the context is.
2. Write the following on the board:
 - A hotel in a rural area
 - A hotel which only opened recently
 - A hotel which offers facilities for business functions
 - A hotel which has an indoor swimming pool
3. Students work in pairs to think of alternative ways of expressing each type of hotel: e.g. ‘a hotel in a rural area’ could be a countryside hotel; a hotel surrounded by hills; a hotel 10 miles from the nearest town.
4. Explain that to help the students to think about the context and the language used in the listening task that follows, they are going to role-play a similar situation. Give out the role-play cards, with the class divided into roles A and B.
5. Ask students with the same role to get together in groups of two or three to plan their role for 5 minutes.
6. Set up the role-play situation, changing the class layout if possible to have partners facing each other. Encourage the students to role-play the conversation for around 5 minutes. Monitor without disturbing.
7. Listen to a couple of pairs perform their role-play.
8. Hand out the worksheet. Students complete it and then listen to your recording to check. Get some feedback on step 3.

9. Hand out the sample task. Students read the instructions and the list of matching options. Explain that the names of the hotels will be the same in the listening text in this sample task as they are proper nouns.
10. Play your recording again for students to complete the task.
11. Whole class check. Remind students that they will only hear the recording once in the test.
12. Elicit from students what they should do in the exam for this task type (they have to match a numbered list of items from the listening text to a set of options in a box) and add any extra information required (read the instructions; skim the answer choices and questions and think of alternative ways of expressing them, unless they are names/proper nouns; listen for the answers by keeping more than one question in mind at a time; they will only hear the recording once; they should only use each answer choice once and all the answer choices may not be used).

IELTS Listening Task Type 2 (Matching) (2) – answer keys

Key to Worksheet

- 1 is in a rural area?
- 2 only opened recently?
- 3 offers facilities for business functions?
- 4 has an indoor swimming pool?

conferences 3	outdoor pool 4	an excellent reputation 2	peaceful 1	lovely in summer 4
Internet 3	country 1	a few months ago 2	gym 4	10 kilometres away 1
modern 3	city centre 1	refurbished 2	fitness centre 4	meetings 3

Key to Sample Task

1. E
2. B
3. C
4. A

IELTS Listening Task Type 2 (Matching) (2) – Role-play cards

Student A

You work in the local tourist information centre. Your partner is going to ask you some questions to find out about the following hotels in the area. Listen to your partner's requests and give as much information as possible about the following types of hotel which are nearby:

- a hotel in a rural area – where is it? How big is it? What is its best feature?
- a hotel which only opened recently – when did it open? Is it complete? What style is it?
- a hotel which offers facilities for business functions – what facilities does it have? Is it suitable for non-business people too?
- a hotel which has an indoor swimming pool – what other leisure facilities does it have? How big is the pool? What kind of people stay at the hotel?

Plan what you are going to say about each one and be prepared to give more details about each one.

Student B

You have just arrived in the town and want to choose a suitable hotel to stay in over the next few days for a mixture of business and pleasure. You are interested in the following types of hotel:

- a hotel in a rural area
- a hotel which only opened recently
- a hotel which offers facilities for business functions
- a hotel which has an indoor swimming pool

Plan what you are going to ask the tourist information officer about each hotel. At the end, decide which hotel you are going to stay in.

IELTS Listening Task Type 2 (Matching) (2) – Student’s worksheet

1. Which question do you think the following words are connected with?

Which hotel:

- 1 *is in a rural area?*
- 2 *only opened recently?*
- 3 *offers facilities for business functions?*
- 4 *has an indoor swimming pool?*

conferences	outdoor pool	an excellent reputation	peaceful	lovely in summer
internet	country	a few months ago	gym	10 kilometres away
modern	city centre	refurbished	fitness centre	meetings

2. Compare your answers with your partner. Justify your answers by explaining how the words could be connected to the questions.
3. Listen to the recording. Were your ideas in step 3 correct? Did anything surprise you?

IELTS Listening Task Type 2 (Matching) (2) – Sample Task

Questions 1 – 4

Which hotel matches each description?

Choose your answers from the box and write the correct letter, A-E, next to questions 1-4.

Hotels	
A	The Bridge Hotel
B	Carlton House
C	The Imperial
D	The Majestic
E	The Royal Oak

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IELTS Listening Task Type 2 (Matching) (2) – Tapescript

You will hear a man talking to an official at a tourist information office.

- Official Can I help you?
- Man Yes, I was wanting somewhere to stay for a few days – a four or five star hotel. Can you tell me something about the possibilities?
- Official OK, right, well there are five hotels that might interest you. Were you wanting a city centre location, or would you be interested in something a bit further out?
- Man Well, I do have a car so I could go for either.
- Official Well, there are three central hotels in the range you're looking for – there's Carlton House and the Imperial. They're both near the main square, but if you've got your own transport you might be interested in the Royal Oak – that's out in the country, about ten kilometres away, very peaceful. Then there's the Bridge hotel and the Majestic – they're both in town but not in the centre – they're out on the airport road.
- Man Mmm that might be a bit far out actually. OK, now the other two you mentioned, in the city centre. Can you tell me a bit about them?
- Official Well, they're both excellent hotels. If you want something with a bit of character, Carlton House is quite unusual – it's a very old building that was originally a large private house, it was bought by the Vannis chain and they completely refurbished it – they took their first guests just a few months ago but it's already got an excellent reputation. That's a five star hotel. Or there's the Imperial, which is a much more modern building. That also has its own gym and it also has internet connection and meetings rooms – it's used for conferences and corporate events as well as private guests. That's five star as well.
- Man Does it have a swimming pool as well as a gym?
- Official No – the Royal Oak has an outdoor pool, which is lovely in the summer, but the only hotel with an indoor pool is the Bridge Hotel. It doesn't have a gym though. The Majestic is planning to build a swimming pool and a fitness centre, but it's not finished yet.
- Man I see. Well, I think I'll probably go for one of the city centre hotels.
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