

# MULTIPLE CHOICE TYPE 2

## (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

### OBJECTIVES:

After this lesson, you should be able to handle the IELTS Listening – Multiple-choice question type with two or more possible answers for each question.

### STRATEGIES:

#### DESCRIPTION

- Targeted skills:
  - detailed understanding of specific points
  - overall understanding of the main points of the listening test
- In a multiple choice question, you will encounter either of the following types:
  - A question with three options (A, B, or C) from which you choose ONE correct answer
  - A question with four or more options from which you choose TWO OR MORE correct answers

This lesson focuses on the second type of multiple choice.

#### ACTION PLAN

Before you listen:

1. Read the **instructions** carefully to see **which type** the task is and **how many options** you can choose.
2. **Read the questions** carefully and **underline/circle** the keywords.
3. **Paraphrase** the **question/statement** in your own words; or **think** of some **possible synonyms** of the underlined keywords.
4. **Read the options and underline the key words.**
5. Paraphrase the options in your own words; or **think** of some **possible synonyms** of the options.

#### TIP

**For Multiple Choice with multiple answers, the options don't usually follow the order of the information flow in the audio**, thus you must read all options before listening and keep them in mind as you listen

While you listen,

6. Focus when you hear the key words or their paraphrases/near-paraphrases.
7. Listen carefully to see whether the option is dismissed or approved by the speaker(s).
8. Correct answers are the correct paraphrases of what is said by the speakers
9. Wrong answers usually contain ideas that
  - are not mentioned by the speakers
  - are contradictory to what is said by the speakers
  - are not the perfect meaning match with what is said by the speakers despite containing some key words

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#### REMEMBER

- a. Usually, the speaker will mention all of the options but some of them are incorrect, so **watch out for TRAPS!**. Do not choose an option just because you hear a word from it. **Think of the whole phrase/meaning in a whole sentence instead.** (e.g. if the speaker says *'I saw a strange animal standing there all by itself'*, answer choice *'a group of unusual animals'* for the question *'What did the speaker see?'* would be incorrect.)
- b. In type 2 where you have to select TWO or more options, (1) some of the options might or might not be mentioned, and (2) the options **may not follow the order** in which you hear them from the recording.