

# MATCHING FEATURES

## OBJECTIVES:

After this lesson, you should be able to handle the IELTS Reading – Matching Features question type.

## STRATEGIES:

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### DESCRIPTION

- Targeted skills:
  - Scanning
  - Matching statements to given items (authors' names, ideas, traits, etc.)
- The **statements** are usually numbered **1, 2, 3** and on, and the **items A, B, C**, etc.
- There may not be a matching statement for every item, while you may need to use some items more than once.
- The items in the box usually follow the passage order, but the statements are in random order.
- If you think two items fit any of the statements, you will need to come back to these, as there is only one answer for each statement.

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### ACTION PLAN

1. Read the **instruction** carefully to see if an item can be used more than once.
2. **Start with the given items because they are not usually paraphrasable and thus are easier to look for.**
3. **Underline/highlight/circle** these **items** in the passage. Some of the items may appear more than once in the passage, so it is important to find them all.
4. **Read around the first item (A)** you have marked in the passage and read the list of statements quickly to see whether any of them matches. If the item occurs in other parts of the passage, read around these parts too.
5. Write the letter next to the correct statement(s), then write it in the answer sheet later.
6. Repeat this procedure with the next given item.
7. If you think two items fit any of the statements, you will need to come back to these, as there is only one answer for each statement.
8. Time management: 1 minute for each question.