

Listening Skills

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What we will cover

- 1 Predict before you listen
- 2 Catch the detail
- 3 Use both playings
- 4 Opinions & connections
- 5 Distractors



1 Facts

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Predict before you listen

- read the question
- **predict** 预测 the answer type
- listen & confirm

You hear each **recording** 录音 **twice**.
Predict: a place? a name? a number?



Listen for facts, attitudes, and what is implied

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Catch the detail, use both playings

catch the detail

listen for **specific** 具体的 facts –
names, times, **directions** 方向;
same order as the questions

two p

answer on the
2nd; don't chan



*Listening
tasks reward careful attention*

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Opinions and connections

opinions 观点

notice word choice – strong
words show strong **feelings** 感受

connections 连接

“but”, “because”, “so”
show how ideas link

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Distractors

A ~~cinema~~

B park

C ~~museum~~

B

Wrong options are **distractors** 干扰项.
A speaker may mention an option, then change their mind. Listen to the **whole** idea before you choose.

2
Recap

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Worked example – a listening distractor

You hear: “The trip was going to be on Friday, but now it’s Saturday.” The question asks which day. What is the answer?

- The answer is **Saturday**.
- “Friday” is a **distractor** 干扰项 – deliberately said **first** to catch you.
- The signal is “**but now**”: it **cancels** what came before.
- Listen for **correction words**: *but, actually, in fact, no wait, instead of*.

The **first** number or name you hear is often the wrong one. Wait for the **whole** sentence – correction words tell you which answer really counts.

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Topic 9 – key takeaways

1 **Predict**
read the question & expect the answer type

2 **Both playings**
answer first, check second

3 **Opinions**
word choice shows feelings

4 **Distractors**
hear the whole idea before choosing

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Check yourself

1 How many times do you hear each recording?

2 What should you do before listening?

3 What shows a speaker’s strong feeling?

4 What are the wrong multiple-choice options called?



Answers 1. twice 2. read the question & predict 3. a strong word choice 4. distractors