



Listening

Competence > what you know

Performance > how you perform

OET Listening

Your performance is marked at the test. The skills that are tested include:

Part A > detail

Part B > gist > distractors can be:

1. Part of the dialogue (too detail/specific)
2. Cause and effect
3. Fact vs opinion

Part C > Opinion, attitude > inferred meaning

Approach to the test:

1. Look at the questions beforehand > pick up keywords or cues
2. Concentrate
3. Don't get angry or frustrated
4. Skip hard questions (they might be just research questions with no mark)
5. Spelling mistakes acceptable > don't get stuck on spelling
6. First hit is the best

How to practice:

1. Extensive practice > free listening > choose the channels
2. Intensive practice > specifically for specific listening skills
 - a. Listen first time for **gist** only
 - b. Listen second time for **details** > where, when, who, how, how long
 - c. **Listen and read** the script or subtitle

Albert Einstein is widely credited with saying, "The definition of insanity is **doing the same** thing over and over again but **expecting different results.**"

So, reflect on your practice and make changes as necessary.

Reflective practice:

1. How do you **feel**?
2. **What happened?**
3. Find out what **went well**
4. Find out what could be done **differently** for next time (tired?, too big a gap, looking at the questions distracts me)
5. Make an **action plan** > **Focus on the question paper**. Look out for gaps. Don't get tired.