

Typical errors in IELTS Listening

The lines below are real answers from IELTS Listening test gapfill tasks, but with errors that would mean that they would get no mark. Find one error in each of the lines below. Slash (/) means that more than one answer was correct in the exam, in which case only one answer has been made wrong below.

1. 1 1/2 year
2. 12.5 percents
3. 15 month
4. 20 balloon
5. 21 may
6. 25 dollar
7. 30 enmore road
8. 5.99\$
9. 57 book
10. 65 paunds
11. 900 mile
12. Batchelor of Science
13. bristol
14. Wenesday
15. a dark plaice
16. a set of dictionary
17. a six-months break
18. a three-hours film
19. academic reserchers
20. animals language
21. anual fee
22. aproximately
23. asesment
24. asia
25. at 27 April
26. atendance
27. bathroom right
28. between 1800 to 2000
29. boats/ plesure craft
30. british
31. broke door
32. carry out researches
33. casles
34. cellular researches
35. check over your works
36. churchs
37. citys
38. clime the tower
39. collecting datas
40. considerable reduce
41. cooking

42. cottages
43. crystals
44. current account
45. dangerous
46. dictionary
47. disabled
48. disordered
49. drivable
50. each graphs
51. eight hundreds
52. environment
53. every hours
54. evidence
55. excessive
56. exercises science
57. facilities
58. fear
59. flushes
60. Friday
61. from 54,000 and 72,000
62. German
63. give talk
64. go out for dinner
65. ground
66. guide tours
67. half full
68. halls of residence/ living quarter
69. hidden TV cameras
70. high quality vegetables
71. histories and economics
72. illegal
73. in Friday
74. in week
75. jam
76. July
77. kitchen-curtains
78. quality
79. label
80. laundries
81. leaves
82. lecturers two busy
83. lecture halls
84. leisure activities
85. lightings
86. loafers
87. local crafts men

88. long trouser
89. maching pairs
90. mane workshop
91. mass medias
92. mountins
93. north africa
94. nurssing
95. office staffs
96. ordinry white light
97. orful food
98. parkings
99. peace of string
100. picnick
101. powerfull computer programs
102. questionnaire
103. regular dayly intake
104. report righting
105. rocksalt
106. sertain plants
107. sertificate
108. shoping
109. shure
110. similar/ almost same
111. sixteen rose lane
112. skiming
113. some musics
114. some photo
115. space/ loom
116. speach
117. specialist nowledge
118. student news paper
119. teknical
120. the hole family
121. the roads system
122. the root home
123. three hundred millions
124. timbers
125. to late
126. tower of London
127. traffics
128. trainings
129. two thousands
130. unnatural
131. walk strait past/ pass/ ignore

Check as a class or with the suggested answers.

Suggested answers

Other corrections are sometimes possible, so please check you wrote something different.

1. 1 1/2 years
2. 12.5 percent/ 12.5%
3. 15 months
4. 20 balloons
5. 21 May/ 21st May
6. 25 dollars/ \$25
7. 30 Enmore Road
8. \$5.99
9. 57 books
10. 65 pounds
11. 900 miles
12. Bachelor of Science
13. Bristol
14. Wednesday
15. a dark place
16. a set of dictionaries
17. a six-month break/ a 6-month break
18. a three-hour film/ a 3-hour film/ a 3-hour movie
19. academic researchers
20. animal language
21. annual fee
22. approximately
23. assessment
24. Asia
25. on 27 April/ 27 April
26. attendance
27. bathroom light
28. between 1800 and 2000/ from 1800 to 2000
29. boats/ pleasure craft
30. British
31. broken door
32. carry out research
33. castles
34. cellular research
35. check over your work
36. churches
37. cities
38. climb the tower
39. collecting data
40. considerably reduce
41. cooking
42. cottages
43. crystals
44. current account

45. dangerous
46. dictionary
47. disable
48. disordered
49. drivable
50. each graph
51. eight hundred
52. environment
53. every hour
54. evidence
55. excessive
56. exercise science
57. facilities
58. fee
59. flushes
60. Friday
61. from 54,000 to 72,000/ between 54,000 and 72,000
62. German
63. give a talk
64. go out for dinner
65. ground
66. guided tours
67. half full
68. halls of residence/ living quarters
69. hidden TV cameras
70. high quality vegetables
71. history and economics
72. illegal
73. on Friday/ Friday
74. in a week/ in one week/ in 1 week
75. gem
76. July
77. kitchen curtains
78. quality
79. label
80. laundry
81. leaves
82. lecturers too busy
83. lecture halls
84. leisure activities
85. lighting
86. loaves
87. local craftsmen
88. long trousers
89. matching pairs
90. main workshop

91. mass media
92. mountains
93. North Africa
94. nursing
95. office staff
96. ordinary white light
97. awful food
98. parking
99. piece of string
100. picnic
101. powerful computer programs
102. questionnaire
103. regular daily intake
104. report writing
105. rock salt
106. certain plants
107. certificate
108. shopping
109. sure
110. similar/ almost the same
111. sixteen Rose Lane/ 16 Rose Lane
112. skimming
113. some music
114. some photos
115. space/ room
116. speech
117. specialist knowledge
118. student newspaper
119. technical
120. the whole family
121. the road system
122. the route home
123. three hundred million
124. timber
125. too late
126. Tower of London
127. traffic
128. training
129. two thousand
130. unnatural
131. walk straight past/ pass/ ignore

What kinds of errors are there above? What rules could you keep in mind to help not make those kinds of errors?