

Fill in the blanks

Expert Strategy 4.1

In this listening task type, you are tested on your ability to listen for specific words in a recording and write them correctly. You are given a short text with between four and six words missing. You listen to a recording and type the missing words into the blanks. You will do 2–3 *Fill in the blanks* tasks.

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You will hear a recording. Type the missing words in each blank.

Volume [Slider]

OK, we're going to begin our lectures today on the [] basis of mental life. Psychology was defined at the very beginning of the [] of the science by William James as the science of mental life. As I [] last time, James argued that the whole purpose of psychology is to try to understand the [], emotional and motivational processes that [] human experience, thought and action. But because the brain is the [] basis of the mind, the mind is what the brain does, James began his famous [] on psychology with a discussion of brain function.

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Instructions

Audio Status box and volume control

Transcription of the recording with missing words

You have to write the missing word you hear in each blank

EXPERT STRATEGIES

Before you listen

- 1 Read the text quickly to get an idea of the topic. You won't have time to read every word at this point but try to skim to the end – or at least as far as you can.
- 2 Put your cursor in the first blank so you are ready to type or get your pen and Erasable Noteboard Booklet ready.

While you listen

- 3 Follow the text with the cursor as you listen to the recording.
- 4 Type the missing words into the blanks and then move your cursor to the next gap. If you are not a fast typist, write the words down on the Erasable Noteboard Booklet. Try not to take your eyes away from the text for too long if possible.

After listening

- 5 If you wrote the words down on the Erasable Noteboard Booklet, type them into the blanks.
- 6 Check you have typed the words correctly. Check the spelling and that you have used the correct form. For example, is the word singular or plural? Does the verb need an -s at the end? Make any necessary changes.
- 7 Read the whole text again to make sure that the words you chose make sense in the context.

Notes from the test developers

- You have just seven seconds to read the question before the recording starts.
- You can take a little time to check your answers once the recording has finished but be mindful of the overall time remaining for this part of the test.
- To get a full score, you must fill each blank with the correct word. If you fill just some blanks correctly, you will get a partial score.
- Use the mouse to move from blank to blank: keys such as the tab key don't do this.
- These tasks contribute to your listening and writing scores.