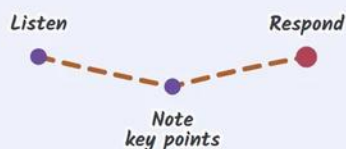


the lighter component, still worth doing properly

What this component actually evaluates

- carries far less weight than the written papers, so treat it as a smaller, steadier task, not a paper to cram for
- listening is checked through short tasks: following spoken instructions, catching key details from a passage read aloud, or a recorded talk
- speaking is checked through a structured response: reading aloud, a short prepared talk, or answering questions on a given topic
- fluency and clear pronunciation matter here more than vocabulary range, this component rewards being understood easily



three stops in order along a dashed path, listen then note key points then respond

Listening tasks, how to handle them

- note key details as you listen, don't wait for the recording or reading to end before writing anything down
- a first listen is for the gist, a second pass (when one is given) is for exact names, numbers and dates
- an instruction-following task rewards catching the sequence, first, then, after that, in the order they're actually said
- a misheard number or name is the most common slip, write down what's heard even if it seems odd, then check it fits