Study tips

Listening to responses that include follow-on information

The opening section of your Listening test asks you to listen to a short recording and to answer two questions relating to it. The second question will usually ask for more precise detail than the first, but both details will be connected. The second detail, therefore, follows on from the first detail.

The key skill, therefore, is making sure that you understand the first detail clearly, so that you can then suggest a suitable response for the follow-on.

Let's practise it first.

Ramirez is trying to find out where the nearest bicycle parts store is, so he decides to ask a passer-by on the street:

"Excuse me, I need to repair my bike. I think I have a puncture. Do you know where I can get this done, or buy a new inner tube?"

Let's listen. From this dialogue, and with a partner’s help, can you come up with two questions, one that follows on from the other?

(At the end of this section you can see the two that we came up with.)

Track 11.4 Listen to Sonia Hollis, a British Sign Language Interpreter give a talk about her job, teaching people to communicate using their hands. Think about the questions she was asked afterwards.

Here are some further questions that give you more practice at this skill.