

Lecture Skills Answer Key

These answers correspond with the Lecture Skills Video Worksheet found here: www.cambridge.org/elt/lectures The worksheet is designed to be used with any lecture and contains strategies to help you listen to lectures and take notes. There is also a section on post-lecture strategies such as reviewing and reworking your notes which will help you when you need to write essays and prepare for presentations or exams.

There are three full-length lectures that you can use to complete this worksheet:

Dr Patricia Fara, *Women and the History of Science* www.cambridge.org/elt/lectureB1

Dr Hugh Hunt, *Boomerangs, bouncing balls and spinning things* www.cambridge.org/elt/lectureB2

Professor David Crystal, *Stories of English* www.cambridge.org/elt/lectureC1

Links to answer sheets and three further video worksheets are found at www.cambridge.org/elt/lectures

As many of the questions are designed to make you think about strategies to help you in lectures and experiment with note-taking styles, there is often no correct answer to these exercises. Some exercises ask for personal opinion and therefore the answers will vary.

Try doing some of the exercises with a partner or in a small group to compare ideas.

Preparing for lectures

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- 1 & 3** When you are reading about the topic, you may find some key ideas and vocabulary that the lecturer will use. If you can find definitions and the pronunciation of difficult concepts before you listen, then it will be easier to understand when you are actually at the lecture.
 - You may not have time to read everything in depth, so skimming is a technique that you can use to read through the texts quickly
 - It is especially important to review your notes from previous lectures in case the lecture develops ideas introduced earlier.
 - The lecturer may include information on a website that explains the topic and gives background or further reading.

Post-lecture strategies: reviewing your notes

- 5.1 Points 2, 3 and 5 are all good advice. If you have untidy writing and find it difficult to understand your own handwriting, then it might be a good idea to spend a short time tidying your notes. Your time would be better spent checking any new words, following up and adding to any points on which you were unclear, and reviewing your notes so that you can remember them.