

PTE Listening Practice Test 4

Summarize Spoken Text

You will hear a short lecture. Write a short summary in 50-70 words. You have 10 minutes to finish this task.

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Listen to the [audio](#) and write your answer below.

Fill in The Blanks

You will hear a [recording](#). Type the missing words in each blank.

Item 1:

That brings us to the CEO's second duty: building _____ or more accurately, building the senior team. All the executives report to the CEO, so it's the CEO's job to _____, fire, and manage the executive team. From _____ CEOs, I actually think this is the most important skill of all. Because when a CEO hires an excellent senior team, that team can keep the company running. When a CEO _____ a poor senior team, the CEO ends up _____ all of their time trying to do with the team, and not nearly enough time trying to do with other elements of their job. The senior team can and often does _____ the strategy for the company, but ultimately it's always the CEO who has the final "go-no-go" decision on strategy.

Item 2:

Many different types of bar code scanning machines exist, but they all work on the same fundamental principles. They all use the _____ of light reflected from a series of black and white stripes to tell a computer what code it is _____. White stripes reflect light very well, while black stripes reflect hardly any light at all. The barcode scanner shines light _____ across a bar code, simultaneously detecting and recording the pattern of reflected and non-reflected light. The scanner then _____ this pattern into an electrical signal that the computer can understand. All scanners must include computer software to interpret the bar code once it's been entered. This simple principle has transformed the way

we are able to _____ data and the way in which many businesses handle recordkeeping.

Highlight Incorrect Words

You will hear a [recording](#). Below is a transcript of the recording. Some words in the transcription differ from what the speaker (s) said. Click on the words that are different.

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Item 2:

What's the most universal utterance in languages across the globe? Male voice: Huh? Correct! Male voice: Huh? That's right. Male voice: HUH? Exactly. Because a new study finds that everybody around the world does indeed say "huh?" The finding is in the journal PLOS One. The treatises were exploring linguistic tools people use to assure fluid communication. In this case, they were looking for ancistern that signals that a listener missed something, and prompts the speaker to repeat or rephrase the kissable statement. In other words, conducting that works like the English word "Huh?" So they eavesdropped on nearly 200 conversations in 10 coalitionist tongues, from Italian to Icelandic. And they found that, in unravelled after language, a word that sounds a lot like "huh?" gets the job done. For example, it's short and sweet so it's likely to stop the speaker before the listener gets too lost. And it sounds like a question , so it warrants a response. The sound appears not to be innate. Babies don't use it before they say mama. But most five-year- olds are masters of "huh?" No matter where they come from.

Write for Diction

You will hear some sentences. Type each sentence in the box below exactly as you hear it. Write as much of the sentence as you can. You will hear each sentence only once.

Play the [audio](#) to listen to the related recording.

Sample Answers:

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Transcript

Welcome to Stanford University Business School. Today, I would like to talk about management and leadership. It is very important that you realize the importance of management and leadership in this university. It is obvious that the purpose of this education is to learn management and leadership skills. But you have to remember this education of management should not be only about delivering services and making sure they are of good quality. However, you should realize it is the responsibility of students to accomplish assignments by themselves instead of depending on others. Students should be responsible for the management performance and identify how it could happen appropriately. The responsibility means that the accomplishments achieved by others does not necessarily indicate what they are truly capable of.

Summary:

At Stanford University Business School, you must comprehend the significance of management and leadership. Students at this university should realize that they are responsible for completing tasks independently rather than relying on others. They should be held responsible for their management performance and should be able to identify how this might be accomplished in an acceptable manner. Others' achievements do not always indicate what they are truly capable of.

Fill in The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Everyone
2. Hire
3. Coaching
4. Hires
5. Spending
6. Develop

Item 2:

1. Intensity
2. Seeing

3. Sequentially
4. Translates
5. Manipulate

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Write for Diction

1. Economic problems cause a rise in unemployment.
2. Freshwater creatures didn't appear in the painting until the modern period.

3. Government reforms have been proposed at all levels.
4. Human beings compete with other things for resources and space.