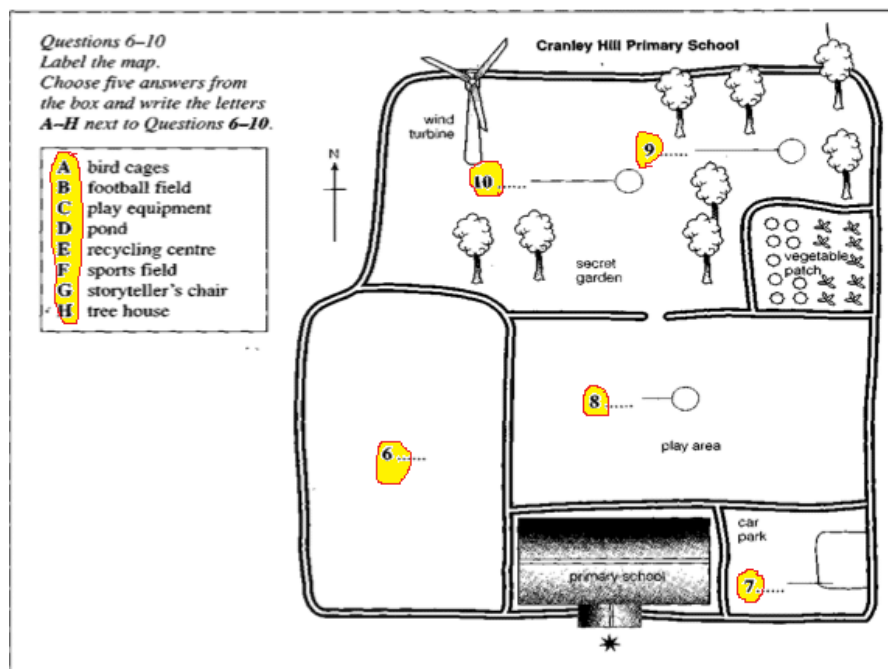


## Tips to Score High in IELTS Listening: Map Labelling

IELTS listening section contains a task of map labelling that tests your multi-tasking ability. Labelling a map not only involves concentration but also speed and accuracy. Firstly, you should be very clear about different directions. Some of the basic vocabulary related to directions are: at the top, on the far side, south-west, slightly west of, in the middle, just past, anticlockwise, clockwise, diagonal from, adjacent to, walk by, go beyond etc.

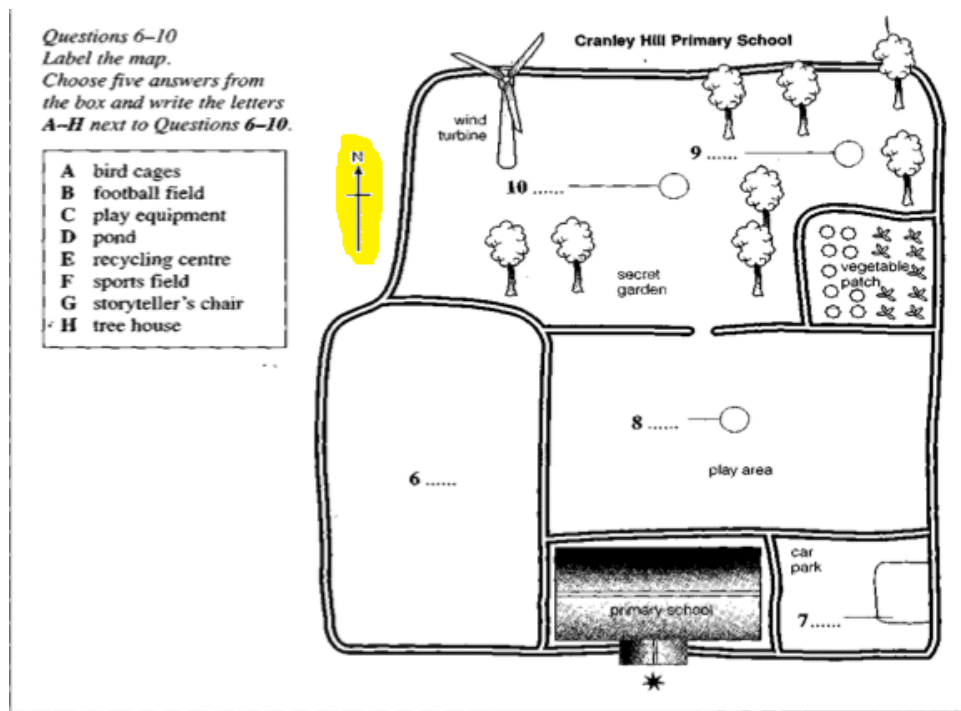
To master the map labelling task of IELTS listening section here is a list of tricks and approach you must follow to enhance your IELTS band.

1. Initially, check carefully the location of different numbers or letters in the map.



*Look at the highlighted region of the map. Pay attention to these letters and numbers if present on a map as shown while listening to the recording.*

2. Read the map carefully and look at arrows if drawn in the map.



The arrows tell the direction which you need to follow to answer correctly as you listen to the recording.

**3. Map recordings follow a logical order. Pay attention to it!**

This means that answer to blank 6 in the above map will be mentioned first in recording then 7, 8 and so on.

**4. Make notes while listening and focus on the directions and name of the location. Don't get distracted by the extra information.**

In the example being discussed, focus on the key words given in the box next to the letters A to H.

**5. The initial part of the recording will let you know where you have to begin labelling the map.**

Pay attention to the direction first mentioned while listening to the recording and follow up from there.

6. **Be smart!**

*If you have missed an answer you will come to know as the answers are in an order.  
So, go ahead confidently.*

These tips will make the map labelling task of IELTS listening section a lot easier for you. Score high in IELTS! Best of luck!

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