



Registration Centre

IELTS: The Test That Opens Doors Around the World

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is designed to assess the language ability of people who want to study or work where English is the language of communication. Recognized by over 10,000 organizations worldwide, IELTS provides a true picture of a test taker's language skills on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 9 (highest).



About IELTS

Internationally Focused

IELTS content is sourced from publications across the English-speaking world. The Listening test features a range of native-speaker accents (North American, Australian, New Zealand, British), and all standard varieties of English are accepted in test takers' responses.

Accessible & Convenient

IELTS is offered up to four times a month in more than 140 countries. Tests are held on Saturdays and Thursdays, making it easily accessible for test takers worldwide.

Tried & Trusted

Developed by some of the world's leading experts in language assessment, IELTS is supported by an extensive program of research, validation and test development.

For a list of all IELTS test locations worldwide, visit ielts.org.

The IELTS Band Score Scale

IELTS results are reported as band scores on a scale from 1 to 9. There is no pass or fail in IELTS - your score reflects your level of English language proficiency.

The band scores correspond to different levels of English language ability, from non-user (band 1) to expert user (band 9).

IELTS is also used for UK Visas and Immigration. For more information, visit ielts.org/unitedkingdom.

9	Expert user
8	Very good user
7	Good user
6	Competent user
5	Modest user
4	Limited user
3	Extremely limited user
2	Intermittent user
1	Non user
0	Did not attempt the test

Preparing for Your IELTS Test

Familiarize Yourself with the Format

Read through the test information booklet and visit ielts.org/testformat for detailed specifications about the test format and question types.

Take Practice Tests

Consider taking *Official IELTS Practice Materials* from test centers or at ielts.org/prepare, which include full practice tests with answers and sample performances.

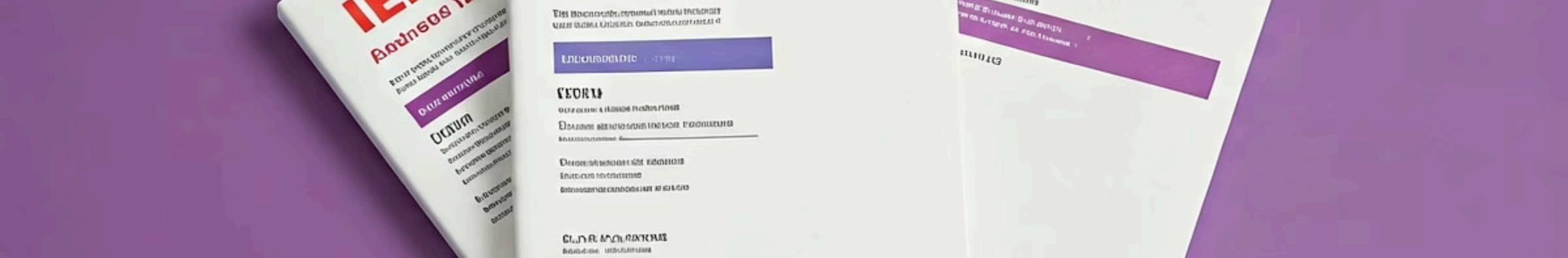
Practice with Sample Questions

Use Practice Exercises available that accompany these lessons [i](#)to get comfortable with the types of questions you'll encounter.

Enroll in a Preparation Course

IELTS test centers and language schools worldwide offer preparation courses to improve your performance on the test.

Remember to familiarize yourself with the IELTS rules and regulations in the Notice to Candidates and Declaration included in the application form.



IELTS Test Modules

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IELTS Academic

Designed for test takers wishing to study at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, and for those seeking professional registration.

2

IELTS General Training

Designed for test takers wishing to migrate to an English-speaking country (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK), and for those wishing to train or study at below degree level.

Each organization sets its own entry requirements. In some cases, both Academic or General Training may be accepted. Contact the organization you're applying to if you're unsure which test to take.

The Four Components of the IELTS Test

Listening

- Approximately 30 minutes (plus 10 minutes' transfer time)
- 40 questions across 4 sections
- Variety of question types
- Each section is heard once only
- Various native-speaker accents used

Reading

- 60 minutes (no extra transfer time)
- 40 questions across 3 sections
- Total text length: 2,150-2,750 words
- Academic and General Training have different texts
- Various question types used

Writing

- 60 minutes total
- Two tasks: Task 1 (150+ words) and Task 2 (250+ words)
- Task 2 contributes twice as much to the Writing score
- Different tasks for Academic and General Training

Speaking

- 11-14 minutes
- Three parts: Introduction (4-5 min), Individual long turn (3-4 min), Two-way discussion (4-5 min)
- Recorded interview with a certified examiner

Listening Test Format

Test Structure

The Listening test consists of four sections with a total of 40 questions. Each section gradually increases in difficulty:

1. A conversation between two people in an everyday social context
2. A monologue in an everyday social context
3. A conversation between up to four people in an educational/training context
4. A monologue on an academic subject

Skills Assessed

- Understanding of main ideas
- Understanding of specific factual information
- Recognizing opinions, attitudes and purpose of a speaker
- Following the development of an argument

Question Types

Multiple choice, matching, plan/map/diagram labelling, form completion, note completion, table completion, flow-chart completion, summary completion, sentence completion, short-answer questions.



Reading Test Format

Academic Reading

Three long texts (2,150-2,750 words total) that are authentic and taken from books, journals, magazines, and newspapers. Topics are academic but accessible to non-specialists.

Texts range from descriptive and factual to discursive and analytical, and may contain diagrams, graphs, or illustrations.

General Training Reading

Three sections of increasing difficulty:

1. Two or three short factual texts on everyday topics
2. Two short factual texts on work-related issues
3. One longer, more complex text on a topic of general interest

Texts are authentic and taken from notices, advertisements, company handbooks, official documents, books, magazines, and newspapers.



Skills Assessed

- Reading for gist and main ideas
- Reading for detail
- Understanding inferences and implied meaning
- Recognizing writer's opinions, attitudes and purpose
- Following the development of an argument



Question Types

Multiple choice, identifying information (True/False/Not Given), identifying writer's views/claims (Yes/No/Not Given), matching information/headings/features/sentence endings, sentence completion, summary/note/table/flow-chart completion, diagram label completion, short-answer questions.

Writing Test Format

Academic Writing

Task 1 (20 minutes, 150+ words): Describe, summarize or explain information presented in a graph, table, chart or diagram.

Task 2 (40 minutes, 250+ words): Write an essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

Responses should be written in an academic, semi-formal/neutral style.

General Training Writing

Task 1 (20 minutes, 150+ words): Write a letter requesting information or explaining a situation. The letter may be personal or semi-formal/neutral in style.

Task 2 (40 minutes, 250+ words): Write an essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem. Can be slightly more personal in style than Academic Writing.

In both tasks, you're assessed on your ability to write a response appropriate in content, organization of ideas, and accuracy and range of vocabulary and grammar.

Speaking Test Format

Part 1: Introduction and Interview (4-5 minutes)

The examiner introduces themselves and asks you to introduce yourself and confirm your identity. You'll answer general questions on familiar topics such as home, family, work, studies, and interests.

Part 3: Two-way Discussion (4-5 minutes)

The examiner asks further questions connected to the Part 2 topic, giving you an opportunity to discuss more abstract issues and ideas, express and justify opinions, and analyze, discuss and speculate about issues.

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Part 2: Individual Long Turn (3-4 minutes)

You receive a task card with a topic and points to cover. After 1 minute of preparation time (with pencil and paper for notes), you speak for 1-2 minutes on the topic. The examiner may ask follow-up questions.

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You're assessed on Fluency and Coherence, Lexical Resource, Grammatical Range and Accuracy, and Pronunciation throughout the test.

Test Tips for Success

Listening Tips

- Each recording is heard once only
- Write answers on question paper first, then transfer to answer sheet during the 10 minutes provided
- Pay attention to word limits in completion questions
- Transfer only missing words to the answer sheet
- Check spelling and grammar carefully

Reading Tips

- Write answers directly on answer sheet or transfer before the end of the test
- For completion questions, use words from the text without changing their form
- Manage your time carefully across all three sections

Writing Tips

- Meet the minimum word count (150 for Task 1, 250 for Task 2)
- Spend about 20 minutes on Task 1 and 40 minutes on Task 2
- Write in full sentences, not notes or bullet points
- Check spelling, grammar, and punctuation

Speaking Tips

- Speak clearly and at a natural pace
- Use the preparation time in Part 2 effectively
- Develop your answers with examples and explanations
- Show your range of vocabulary and grammar
- Don't memorize prepared answers

IELTS Five Steps to Success

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Enquiry

Talk us to know when and how to prepare and register for the IELTS Test

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Registration

Afridemia helps you register for the test. We are the official IELTS Registration Center for the British Council.

3

Confirmation

After registration, we will confirm the date and time of your test in writing. Your Speaking test may be scheduled on the same day as the written tests or within a 7-day window before or after.

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Test Day

Your identity will be checked using the same document you registered with. Your photograph will be taken, and a finger scan may be required as additional security measures.

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Results

Results are available 13 days after the test on a paper-based test and after 1-5 days on a computer-based test. You can preview results online for 28 days, but this is not an official confirmation. You'll receive one Test Report Form, which you should keep safe.