

**11 PROVEN  
SECRETS**

**TO GET**

**7+ BAND IN**

**IELTS**

# About the IELTS exam

The IELTS exam is a language proficiency test designed for non-native English speakers to assess their language skills. Recognized by most of the universities in the world, especially in Australia, Britain, Canada, and New Zealand, IELTS is a major academic prerequisite that opens doors to international education.

It offers online as well as offline tests that have a fixed format. These tests are organized up to 4 times or more each month and the results vary based on the form of your examination. The IELTS results for pen and paper tests are announced after 7-10 days from the date of the test. However, the computer-delivered mode has more frequent test dates and a greater number of centers. These IELTS results are generally announced in about 5 days from the date of the test.

According to experts, the best way to ace the IELTS test is by thorough preparation and attempting an IELTS sample paper.

# All About IELTS Academic

The total time given to complete the test is 2 hours 45 minutes. Since IELTS is regarded as the most popular English test for people who wish to study or work abroad, it has two different modules:

## GENERAL



For those who only want to **work abroad**

## ACADEMIC



For students who want to **study abroad**

While the general module is for candidates planning to work abroad or for immigration purposes, students who wish to study abroad take up the academic module. Naturally, in this guide, we tell you all about the IELTS academic test.

# 11 Tips for IELTS Success

While you prepare for your test, we've compiled a list of suggestions and rarely-known facts that every student must know before they appear for the IELTS test. Here are 11 IELTS tips that will help you ace your exam and score more than 7 bands. Here we go:

## Tip #1

IELTS does not have a negative marking. Therefore, we recommend that you attempt all the questions. Even for the answers that you guess, there's a possibility that you might be right.

## Tip #2

For your Listening section, start preparing by listening to the audios of native-speakers in their accents. The best sources for these are movies, YouTube videos, podcasts, or even songs. This will familiarize you with different speech patterns.

## Tip #3

The answers to the questions asked in the listening section always appear in the order they are heard in the audio.

#### Tip #4

Each recording in the listening section is played only once. So, make sure you pick out the key words and carefully transfer them to your answer section as per the instructions. For example, if your instructions state that your answer should not exceed 2 words, you might hear “a box made of metal” but your answer should be “metal box”.

#### Tip #5

Reading newspapers, articles and magazines can go a long way for the preparation of the reading test. On the day of the test, read the passage carefully. Read and answer the questions after you read the passage in entirety.

#### Tip #6

In the Writing section, practice elaborating all kinds of visual information available, as one can get two-three types of diagrams at once. Try not to spend more than 20 minutes on task one and not more than 40 minutes on task two.

#### Tip #7

The only way to practice speaking is by increasing the use of English on a daily basis. If you are a fast or a slow speaker, try controlling your speed. Since you get only 1-2 minutes for task two, practice this task by referring to mock tests available online.

### Tip #8

The only way to prepare thoroughly for the reading section is to learn how to increase your reading speed, skim the text in the reading section and scan for paraphrased information.

### Tip #9

In the writing section, keep your content focused and to the point. Remember, more content does not always mean better. Along with that, but also keep an eye on whether you are using the American English spellings or the British ones. Never use both.

### Tip #10

When it comes to the speaking section, impromptu speaking is the key to a good score. You should be able to organize your thoughts and speak on the go. So, prepare beforehand by speaking on a variety of topics. If you're not sure of the facts you mention in your conversation, keep your statements vague.

### Tip #11

This last tip is essential for all sections. Constantly monitor the time you take to finish the tasks given to you. You can be early but going over the provided time limit is not recommended. Set a benchmark for yourself that is a few minutes less than the official allotted time and follow it. For example, if you're given 20 mins to finish a task from the reading section, try and finish it in 15 mins at least.

# How to prepare for IELTS?



We talk to a lot of students who ask questions like, 'How to prepare for IELTS in 15 days?'. Well, the short answer is, IELTS preparation can last from anywhere between 10 days to 10 months. It all depends on you.

Although, here's another unofficial tip - The best way to get 7 bands or above out of 9 is to keep attempting mock tests for IELTS. There are many free mock papers available online but unless they come from the official IELTS sources, it's a bad idea to trust free resources.

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We've already provided links to the official IELTS sample papers. Be sure to use them for your IELTS preparation.

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## Sample papers

The exam itself is not inherently difficult. However, the questions asked in the exam can be tricky. Because many students don't attempt any IELTS mock tests before the main exam, they lose valuable marks.

**For your reference, here are some official IELTS sample papers to help you get an idea of the kind of questions you might face in the real IELTS exam:**



**British Council's official  
IELTS sample question bank**

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