

IELTS Preparation Course and IELTS Practice Test Study Guide

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1. The structure of Net Languages IELTS Preparation course

The IELTS Preparation course is designed to help students prepare to take the IELTS Academic exam. The course is divided into the following sections:

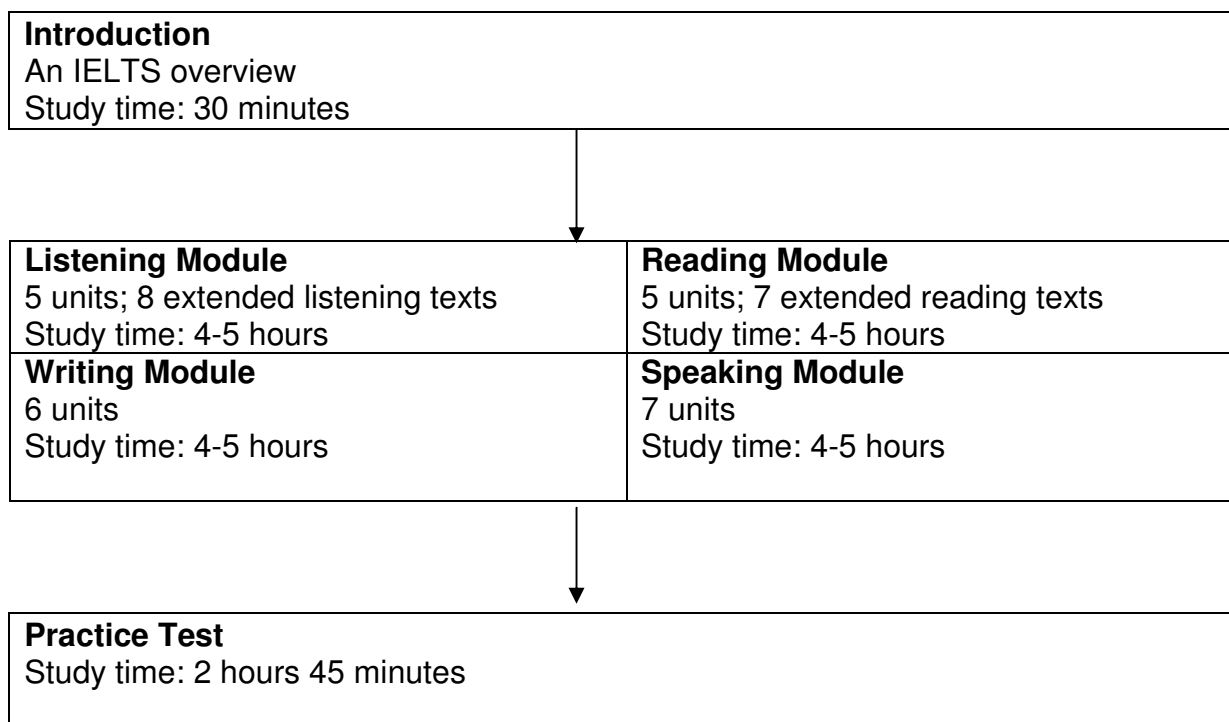
Introduction
 Listening module
 Reading module
 Writing module
 Speaking module
 IELTS Practice Test

Special features of the course

- Wide range of self-marking exercise (with feedback).
- Integrated audio and video materials.
- A range of sample interview videoclips.
- Integrated tapescripts of listening practice material.
- Students will be evaluated at the end of each of the listening, reading, writing and speaking modules. For each module, students are given one chance to submit their test.

1. Course breakdown

Total study time: 20-25 hours.



Introduction

The objective of this group of exercises is to familiarise students with the structure of the IELTS exam and the marking system.

Introduction

In this group of exercises you will get an overview of the IELTS test.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



1. IELTS quiz: How much do you know about IELTS?

Read the statements below and decide whether they are true or false.

1. IELTS stands for International Entry Level Test Stages.

- True
- False

Listening module

In this module you will get an overview of the listening test and practise different task types, skills and strategies you will need to use in the four sections of the IELTS listening test.

This module is divided into the following units:

Unit 1

- A: Predicting answers
- B: Revising numbers
- C: The alphabet and spelling aloud

Unit 2

- A: Multiple choice with pictures
- B: Note completion

Unit 3

- A: Picture identification
- B: Labelling a diagram
- C: Multiple choice
- D: Summary completion

Unit 4

- A: Table completion
- B: Classification

Unit 5

- A: Stages and signposts
- B: Matching statements to visuals
- C: Opinions and facts

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Reading module

In this module you will get an overview of the reading test and practise different task types, skills and strategies you will need to use in the three sections of the IELTS reading test.

This module is divided into the following units:

Unit 1

- A: General information about the reading module
- B: Matching tasks
- C: Completion tasks
- D: Other tasks

Unit 2

- A: Predicting content of a text before reading
- B: Completion task practice
- C: Identifying main ideas in a text

Unit 3

- A: Practise task types which you looked at in Unit 2
- B: Look at tasks which focus on matching opinions to specific people

Unit 4

- A: Study how to approach diagram and table completion tasks
- B: Focus on how to deal with unknown or difficult vocabulary

Unit 5

- A: Study how to approach multiple choice tasks
- B: Look at sentence matching tasks
- C: Focus on True/False/Not Given tasks

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Writing Module

In this module you will get an overview of the writing test and practise different task types, skills, strategies and language you will need to use in the two parts of the IELTS writing test.

This module is divided into the following units:

Unit 1

- A: An overview of the writing test
- B: Appropriate language for Task 1 and Task 2

Unit 2

- A: Spelling and punctuation
- B: Words that are sometimes confused
- C: Avoiding errors

Unit 3

- A: Interpreting visual information
- B: Describing visual information
- C: Review useful language

Unit 4

- A: Describing a process
- B: Describing an object

Unit 5

- A: Analysing the task
- B: Organising your ideas

Unit 6

- A: Text cohesion
- B: Staging
- C: More useful language

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Speaking Module

In this module you will get an overview of the speaking test and practise useful speaking strategies, skills and language you will need in the three parts of the IELTS speaking test.

This section is divided into the following parts:

Unit 1

A: The structure and assessment

B: Sample interviews

Unit 2

A: Answering questions

B: Appropriate responses

Unit 3

A: Descriptions

B: Expressing likes and dislikes

Unit 4

A: The second of the speaking test

B: Planning what you will say

C: Compare and contrast

D: Narratives

Unit 5

A: The third of the speaking test

B: Language of opinions

C: Describing change

Unit 6

A: Speculating

B: Discussing problems and solutions

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Feedback

In this section you can give your opinion on the IELTS Preparation course.

Feedback

1. What did you think of this course?

- It was very useful.
- It was quite useful.
- It wasn't very useful.

2. What is your evaluation of this course?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory

3. Did you find the following areas useful?

	Yes	No
Information about the exam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exam tips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language explanations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Did you like the following sections?

	Yes	No
Introduction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Listening module	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reading module	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing module	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speaking module	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Was the course clearly organised, and easy to follow and understand?

- Yes No

2. Assessment

In the Preparation Course there is a module test at the end of the Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking modules e.g.

Test

1. Do the test.

Choose the best option.

1. In the IELTS test, the listening test is the _____ test that you take.

first
 second
 third
 fourth

2. The listening test lasts _____ minutes and is in four sections.

20
 30
 45
 60

3. The first two sections of the listening test are based on _____ situations.

academic
 formal
 social
 educational

Each module test scores as follows:

Module tests	Marks for each test
Reading	25
Listening	25
Writing	25
Speaking	25
Total	100

3. IELTS Practice Test

The IELTS practice test will give students a very good idea of what band score they will get in the exam.



IELTS PRACTICE TEST 1

In this section you will do a complete IELTS practice test.

Contents

- **Listening test**
- **Reading test**
- **Writing test**
- **Speaking test**

The Practice test is divided into the four papers the students will take in the real exam. Each paper is structured in exactly the same way as the real exam.

Both the listening and reading tests are self-correcting. Students will be given a band score according to their performance. As for writing and speaking tests, students may arrange a peer-evaluation or seek support from the teacher.

LISTENING TEST**TIME ALLOWED: 30 minutes****NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 40**

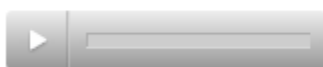
General instructions for listening test.

You will hear a number of different recordings and you will have to answer questions on what you hear.

There will be time for you to read the instructions and questions and you will have a chance to check your work.

All the recordings will be played once only.

The test is in four sections. At the end of the real test you will be given ten minutes to transfer your answers to a separate answer sheet.

Section 1: Questions 1-10.

Questions 1-3:

Select the correct letter, A, B or C, for each question.

1. Which of the following countries does the travel agent NOT mention?
 - A. Thailand
 - B. Vietnam
 - C. Malaysia

READING TEST**TIME ALLOWED:** 1 hour**NUMBER OF QUESTIONS:** 40

General instructions for reading test.

The test is in three sections:

Reading Passage 1 Questions 1-14

Reading Passage 2 Questions 15-27

Reading Passage 3 Questions 28-40

Start at the beginning and work through the test. Try to answer all the questions. If you can't answer a question, leave it and go back to it later.

READING PASSAGE 1You should spend about 20 minutes on **questions 1-14**, which are based on the reading passage below.**Dyslexia**

People who left school unable to read were often dismissed as being lazy. Some probably were, but many were simply unable to learn because they were dyslexic. Four key findings now suggest that dyslexia is an organic problem and not a motivational one. Firstly, the brain anatomy of dyslexics differs slightly from those of non-dyslexics. Secondly, their brain functions, as measured by electrical activity, are dissimilar. Thirdly, they have behavioural differences apart from an inability to read. Finally, there is more and more evidence to suggest that their condition is linked to particular genes.

WRITING TEST**TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour**

The writing test consists of two tasks. You should attempt both tasks.

After completing the two tasks you will send them to your tutor for marking and feedback. Write in a text document and later copy these into an email message addressed to your tutor.

To get a real indication of your writing strengths and weaknesses, and for your own benefit, don't use dictionaries or spell checkers when you do these tasks. You won't be able to do it in the real IELTS exam!

1. Write.**Write to your tutor****WRITING TASK 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below shows the lunchtime preferences in percentages for students at two universities in Australia, according to gender.

(N.B. University A is in the tropical north of the country and University B in the temperate south.)

Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information shown below.

You should write at least 150 words.

SPEAKING TEST**TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour**

The speaking test interview between the candidate and the examiner takes **11 to 14 minutes**.

Remember, there are three parts to the speaking test:

- Part 1: the introduction and interview
- Part 2: the individual long turn, using a task card
- Part 3: the two-way discussion

Your performance is rated according to four different criteria:

- Fluency and coherence
- Lexical resource
- Grammatical range and accuracy
- Pronunciation

All criteria have equal weighting. The final result of the test is given as one score, or band.

Familiarise yourself with the part-by-part description below. Then contact your tutor to arrange your test simulation.

Part 1: Introduction and interview.

This part of the test lasts **4 to 5 minutes**. The examiner will ask general questions to which you should give full, expansive answers.

Step-by-step approach to interview:

4. Assessment

In the IELTS Practice Test, you are awarded a band score for the Reading and Listening Tests.

IELTS	Maximum band score
Reading	9
Listening	9
Writing	9
Speaking	9
Overall band score	9