IFITS COURSE Resources

HOW TO BOOST YOUR IELTS SCORE STUDY PLAN

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What to Expect

Exam Format

IELTS is divided into four sections:

- Listening (30 minutes): Four recordings, 40 questions.
- Reading (60 minutes): Three passages, 40 questions.
- Writing (60 minutes): Two tasks (Task 1: Report/Letter; Task 2: Essay).
- Speaking (11-14 minutes): A face-to-face interview with three parts.

Scoring

Each section is scored from 0 to 9. Your overall band score is the average of the four sections, rounded to the nearest half band.

Chapter 2 PREPARATION STRATEGIES

Plan and Prepare

Listening

- Practice with Accents: Familiarize yourself with British, American, and Australian accents.
- Listen Actively: Use TED Talks, podcasts, or news reports to improve comprehension.
- Simulate Test Conditions: Practice using official IELTS listening tests and focus on transferring answers accurately.

Reading

- Skimming and Scanning: Learn to locate information quickly.
- Read Widely: Include newspapers, academic journals, and online articles in your study routine.
- Practice Timing: Allocate 20 minutes per passage during practice tests.

Writing

- Task 1 (Academic): Focus on describing data, trends, or processes clearly.
- Task 1 (General): Practice writing informal, semi-formal, and formal letters.
- Task 2: Develop essay-writing skills with a clear structure (Introduction, Body Paragraphs, Conclusion).
- Grammar and Vocabulary: Work on sentence variety and advanced vocabulary usage.

Speaking

- Fluency and Coherence: Practice speaking without long pauses and organize your ideas logically.
- Pronunciation: Use intonation, stress, and rhythm effectively.
- Expand Answers: Provide detailed responses to questions.

Chapter 3 WEEKLY STUDY PLAN

Choose 1-2 Tasks each day to practice. Make sure you practice speaking, reading, listening and reading tasks equally.

DAY	LISTENING	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING
MONDAY	Practice 1 test	Skim 1 academic passage	Write Task 1 (describe a chart/table)	Practice Speaking Part 1 (self- introduction)
TUESDAY	Listen to a TED Talk; note key ideas	Read 1 article and underline new words	Practice Test online	Practice Speaking Part 2 (2-min monologue)
WEDNESDAY	Practice 1 test + check answers	Scan 1 general training passage + 10 Qs	Write a letter (General Training Task 1)	Do a mock Speaking test with a friend
THURSDAY	Analyze incorrect answers from Listening tests	Review new vocabulary from the week	Write Task 2 on a complex topic	Record and review your Speaking Part 3
FRIDAY	Practice Listening under timed conditions	Practice True/False/Not Given questions	Improve past essays	Review IELTS Speaking band descriptors

Chapter 4 ADDITIONAL STUDY TIPS

Study Tips

- Set a Goal: Know the band score you need and focus your practice accordingly.
- Consistency Matters: Study daily for shorter periods rather than cramming.
- Feedback: Get professional feedback on your writing and speaking.
- Simulate Exam Conditions: Take full mock tests to build stamina and manage time.

Study Materials

Official Resources:

- IELTS Official Practice Tests (Cambridge IELTS series)
- British Council IELTS practice tools
- Mobile Apps:
- IELTS Prep App
- Quizlet for vocabulary
- Websites:
- <u>IELTS.org</u>
- BBC Learning English
- Books:
- "The Official Cambridge Guide to IELTS"
- "IELTS Writing Band 9 Essays" by Ryan Higgins



Study Tracker

Take notes of your progress and pitfalls so that you can understand areas that need more work,

Date	Task	Completed (Yes/No)	Notes
EXAMPLE Monday	Listening Test (Test 1)	Yes	Struggled with Section 4, need more focus.



Exam Day Tips

- Arrive Early: Reach the venue at least 30 minutes before the exam starts.
- Bring Essentials: Valid ID, registration confirmation, pencils, and erasers.
- Stay Calm: Take deep breaths and focus on the task at hand.
- Listen to Instructions: Carefully read or listen to all instructions.