BULATS Test Preparation

The BULATS test was designed for the growing number of organizations which rely on the English language skills of their employees to operate effectively. These could be companies trading in international markets, national and local government departments, or any organization where good, bilingual or multilingual communication is an important part of the working day. It is currently used by businesses in over 30 countries for recruitment, training, benchmarking and staff development.

BULATS Listening

What is the aim of this course?
The main aims of this module are for you to be able to:

• Recognize and understand general and business-related vocabulary likely to appear in the BULATS Test
• Practise using, identifying and anticipating correct grammatical forms
• Practise general listening skills that would be particularly useful for the Listening section of the BULATS Standard Test, including predicting, recognizing paraphrase, and identifying and understanding main ideas, detailed information, keywords in questions and responses, feelings and opinions, pronunciation, stress and intonation
• Practise BULATS-type listening questions
• Practise listening to a variety of business-related text types, including short conversations and monologues, telephone messages and conversations, different people discussing the same subject, longer monologues and extended dialogues

How long will I have to study for?
The estimated time for completion of the BULATS Listening module is approximately 50 hours.

Who is this course for?
Second language learners at a high-intermediate level and above who are working, or planning to work, in a business context where the fluent use and / or comprehension of English is required, and who are preparing for the BULATS Listening Test.

What exactly will I learn?
At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

• Successfully interpret, predict and respond to BULATS-type listening questions
• Use listening skills to identify specific information, main ideas, the opinions and feelings of the Speakers and paraphrase
• Be familiar with, and understand the format and requirements of the Listening section of the BULATS Standard Test
How will this course help me achieve my English Language goals?

1. The 50-hour online course uses the four parts of the BULATS Test structure as a basic framework. There are 26 units of interactive exercises, a listening skills section and two full BULATS-type practise tests.

2. The focus of the course is on developing listening skills, language knowledge and test-taking strategies for the Listening section of the BULATS Standard Test. The course teaches the specific skills required to complete each part of the test and to improve general listening skills, grammatical knowledge and functional language. It also teaches and practises the vocabulary associated with the topic of each unit.

3. Each unit includes BULATS-type questions audio files, audio transcripts and answers. The exercises in the unit prepare you to respond to BULATS-type questions by providing structured practise of the relevant skills and knowledge. You are able to listen to the audio files and consult the transcripts as often as you need to.

4. You can become a good self directed learner.

5. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where will this course take me?
Upon completion of the course, you should be prepared to sit the Listening section of the BULATS Standard Test (either the paper-based or computer version).
BULATS Reading and Language

What is the aim of this course?
The main aims of this module are for you to practise:

- Your ability to recognize and understand business-related vocabulary, including collocations likely to appear in the BULATS Test
- Using, identifying and predicting correct grammatical forms
- Identifying and correcting incorrect grammatical forms
- General reading skills that would be especially useful for the Reading and Language Knowledge section of the BULATS Standard Test
- Reading and developing a familiarity with the range of text types you would be likely to encounter in the BULATS Test
- BULATS-type Reading and Language Knowledge questions
- Gaining an appreciation of the possible topic areas you could encounter in the BULATS Test

How long will I have to study for?
The estimated time for completion of the BULATS Listening module is approximately 50 hours.

Who is this course for?
Second language learners at a high-intermediate level and above who are working, or planning to work, in a business context where the fluent use and / or comprehension of English is required, and who are preparing for the BULATS Reading & Language Test.

What exactly will I learn?
At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Successfully interpret, predict and respond to BULATS-type Reading and Language Knowledge questions, tasks and texts
- Use reading skills to identify specific information, main ideas, opinion, attitude, implied meaning and paraphrase
- Have improved your knowledge of grammatical forms and vocabulary relevant to the types of topics, texts and language you can expect to encounter in the BULATS Test
- Be familiar with, and understand the format and requirements of the Reading and Language section of the BULATS Standard Test

How will this course help me achieve my English Language goals?

1. The 50-hour online course is topic based and graded in terms of difficulty level (from easier to more difficult). There are 18 units of interactive exercises, a reading skills section and three full BULATS-type practise tests.

2. The focus of the course is on developing reading skills, language knowledge and test-taking
strategies for the Reading and Language Knowledge section of the BULATS Standard Test. The course teaches the specific skills required to complete each of the seven task types in the test and to improve general reading skills, grammatical knowledge and vocabulary associated with the topic of each unit.

3. Each unit contains a full range of BULATS-type questions and reading texts. The exercises in each unit prepare students to respond to BULATS-type questions by providing structured practise of the relevant skills and knowledge.

4. You can become a good self directed learner.

5. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where will this course take me?
Upon completion of the course, you should be prepared to sit the Reading and Language Knowledge section of the BULATS Standard Test (either the paper-based or computer version).
**BULATS Speaking**

**What is the aim of this course?**
The main aims of this module are for you to practise:

- Responding to a variety of questions on everyday topics appropriately (BULATS Speaking Part 1)
- Delivering a short talk on a given topic (BULATS Speaking Part 2)
- Understanding body language and other non-verbal messages
- Role-play within a given BULATS-type Speaking context (BULATS Speaking Part 3)
- Using given information to justify an opinion
- Linking ideas together in a clear and meaningful way
- Responding appropriately to a BULATS-type discussion question on a given topic (BULATS Speaking Part 3)

**How long will I have to study for?**
The estimated time for completion of the BULATS Speaking Test Preparation course is approximately 35 hours.

**Who is this course for?**
Second language learners at a high-intermediate level and above who are working, or planning to work, in a business context where the fluent use and/or comprehension of English is required, and who are preparing for the BULATS Speaking Test.

**What exactly will I learn?**
At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Interact successfully in a BULATS-type Speaking Test situation (This requires use of both linguistic and paralinguistic skills, such as body language.)
- Produce speech that is cohesive, coherent, grammatically correct and appropriate to the situation
- Be familiar with, and understand the format and requirements of the BULATS Speaking Test

**How will this course help me achieve my English Language goals?**

1. The 35-hour online course uses the three Parts of the BULATS Speaking Test structure as a basic framework. There are 22 units of interactive exercises and a full model video of a BULATS-type speaking test at the beginning of each Part.

2. The focus of the course is on developing speaking skills, language knowledge and test-taking strategies for the BULATS Speaking Test interview.

3. Each unit includes BULATS-type practise questions, feedback, model answers, and a record / playback function. Students can record their responses, listen and then compare their answers with the models. The skills learned and practised during the course can be applied to BULATS-type
speaking test interviews. There is a range of test-type interview questions and topic cards which students can use to practise for the BULATS Speaking Test.

4. You can become a good self-directed learner.

5. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where will this course take me?
Upon completion of the course, you should be prepared to sit the BULATS Speaking Test.
BULATS Writing

What is the aim of this course?
The main aims of this module are for you to practise:

- Analysing a BULATS Writing Test task effectively
- Using the correct format and language for specific business texts - namely, reports and letters, as required by the BULATS Writing Test
- Responding appropriately to a BULATS Writing task

How long will I have to study for?
The estimated time for completion of the BULATS Writing Test Preparation course is approximately 35 hours.

Who is this course for?
Second language learners at a high-intermediate level and above who are working, or planning to work, in a business context where the fluent use and / or comprehension of English is required, and who are preparing for the BULATS Writing Test.

What exactly will I learn?
At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Effectively analyse BULATS-type writing tasks
- Respond appropriately to BULATS-type writing tasks
- Produce writing that is cohesive, grammatically correct, and follows the linguistic and formatting conventions of the text type
- Understand the format and requirements of the BULATS Writing Test

How will this course help me achieve my English Language goals?

1. The 35-hour online course uses the two Parts of the BULATS Writing Test structure as a basic framework.

2. There are 21 units of interactive exercises, a writing skills section and six full BULATS type practise tests.

3. The focus of the course is on developing writing skills and test-taking strategies for the BULATS Writing Test.

4. Each unit includes BULATS-type practise questions, notepads for students to type and save their own writing, and model answers. The exercises in each unit prepare students to respond to BULATS-type writing tasks.
5. You can become a good self directed learner.

6. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Where will this course take me?**

Upon completion of the course, you should be prepared to sit the BULATS Writing Test.