



IELTS Test Preparation

There are now around 5,000 education institutions, faculties, government agencies and professional organizations around the world that recognize IELTS scores. The VanWest IELTS test preparation material offers you the chance to improve your English language skills in all four areas - Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking - as well as Vocabulary and Grammar, so you can achieve your desired IELTS test score.

IELTS Listening

What is the aim of this course?

This module uses the IELTS test structure as a basic framework and provides interactive practise exercises and practise tests for you. The focus is on improving your listening skills and test-taking strategies.

How long will I have to study for?

The estimated time for completion of the online Listening module is approximately 150 hours.

What exactly will I learn?

At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

Section 1:

- Process everyday style conversations between two people
- Extract key information words from chunks of English spoken at natural speed
- Identify numbers, prices, times of day / dates
- Take dictation from spelled-out names

Section 2:

- Listen to one speaker giving a short, non-academic talk at natural speed
- Extract key information words from chunks of English spoken at natural speed
- Follow a process or series of spoken instructions / directions
- Discriminate between main points and details

Section 3:

- Listen to two or more speakers discussing an information topic in an academic setting
- Listen to non-specialised academic vocabulary in context
- Extract key information words from chunks of English spoken at natural speed
- Discriminate between main points and details

Section 4

- Listen to a single speaker giving a short extract (not more than 10 minutes) from an academic-style lecture (on a scientific or general information topic that might be studied in a university course)
- Listen to non-specialised academic vocabulary in context



- Extract key information words from chunks of English spoken at natural speed
- Discriminate between main points and details

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

1. Each text is recycled by having structured exercises that use short excerpts building through to IELTS-type questions requiring you to listen to the whole text.
2. Each text becomes its own 'unit of work' through which to practise a range of exercises.
5. A range of different exercises and different voices have been used to provide authenticity, variety and interest.
6. You can check your answers, refer to the transcript and listen as many times as you wish.
7. Sample 'test-like' questions are given for each section to show how the practise reflects the 'real' test.
8. You are given the opportunity to practise the following skills:
 - Listening for gist
 - Listening for key words
 - Listening for specific information
9. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where will this course take me?

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IELTS Speaking

What is the aim of this course?

This module uses the IELTS test structure as a basic framework and provides video lessons and interactive practise exercises. The focus of this component is on improving your speaking skills and test-taking strategies.

How long will I have to study for?

The estimated time for completion of the online Speaking module is approximately 50 hours.

Who is this course for?

Second language learners at the High-Intermediate level and above who are planning to live, work, or study in English speaking countries and who are preparing for the IELTS test.

What exactly will I learn?

At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Use interaction skills in an interview situation
- Use appropriate para-linguistic skills such as body language and making eye contact
- Produce speech that is cohesive, coherent, grammatical
- Use vocabulary appropriate for the topic and situation
- Use appropriate pronunciation, intonation, word and sentence stress task types

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

1. You will gain confidence in speaking in a spontaneous conversation setting.
2. You are given the opportunity to practise the following skills:
 - Answering questions on everyday topics
 - Giving a short talk on a given topic
 - Continuing a conversation fluently
 - Linking ideas together in a clear and meaningful way
3. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where will this course take me?

An IELTS score is recognised by higher educational organisations, professional associations and employers for further study or employment in English speaking countries. After completing the content of this module, students should be equipped to sit the Speaking section of the IELTS test.



IELTS Academic Reading

What is the aim of this course?

The main aims of this module are for you to practise surveying a text to identify its topic and main idea, skimming and scanning a text to find specific information, reading for detailed information in a text, using context clues to guess unknown words and using academic and other vocabulary from the reading text.

How long will I have to study for?

The estimated time for completion of the online Reading module is approximately 150 hours.

Who is this course for?

Second language learners at the High-Intermediate level and above who are planning to live, work, or study in English speaking countries and who are preparing for the IELTS test.

What exactly will I learn?

At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Survey, skim and scan a reading text in order to be able to answer the following IELTS-type questions:
 - multiple choice
 - short answer
 - sentence completion
 - notes/summary/diagram/flowchart/table completion
 - choosing from a bank of headings
 - identify the writer's views/claims
 - identify information
 - classification
 - matching lists/phrases.
- Understand and use a range of academic vocabulary items.
- Deal with unknown vocabulary in a text

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

1. The online component of this module provides numerous interactive IELTS-type practise exercises on a variety of topics. The focus of this component is on improving students' reading skills, reading fluency and test-taking strategies.
2. Questions have feedback & the correct answers are provided instantly.
3. The aim of the feedback is to give students clues and to encourage them to read again if they have incorrect answers.



4. The texts in this section have been graded according to their vocabulary, and the complexity of their argument and discourse.
5. The module also contains vocabulary exercises to accompany each reading. Each set of vocabulary exercises focuses on six academic words from the text and these words are used in exercises that match the context of the reading text.
6. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Where will this course take me?

An IELTS score is recognised by higher educational organisations, professional associations and employers for further study or employment in English speaking countries. After completing the content of this module, students should be equipped to sit the Academic Reading section of the IELTS test.



IELTS Academic Writing

What is the aim of this course?

The main aims of this module are for you to practise:

- Reading and interpreting graphic information
- Writing reports from graphs, charts and tables
- Describing a process
- Describing a diagram/how something works
- Structuring an IELTS-type essay (argument/
- Compare & contrast/expressing an opinion)
- Understanding and responding to the task prompt
- Grammar structures relevant to the task and topic
- Creating a coherent and cohesive essay structure
- Using appropriate vocabulary for the topic

How long will I have to study for?

The estimated time for completion of the online Academic Writing module is approximately 150 hours.

Who is this course for?

Second language learners at the High-Intermediate level and above who are planning to live, work, or study in English speaking countries and who are preparing for the IELTS test.

What exactly will I learn?

At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Understand the structure of a Task 1 report and a Task 2 essay
- Write a report to describe information in a chart, diagram, table or graph
- Write an essay in which you present the solution to a problem
- Present and justify an opinion
- Compare and contrast evidence, opinions and implications
- Evaluate and challenge or present an argument
- Use paragraphs, grammar structures and vocabulary appropriately

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

1. This module uses the IELTS test structure as a basic framework and provides you with numerous interactive IELTS-type practise to provide practise in responding to IELTS Academic Writing tasks as a step-by-step process.
2. You can become a good self directed learner, for example: the numerous interactive practise exercises provide encouraging feedback for each response.



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

Where will this course take me?

An IELTS score is recognised by higher educational organisations, professional associations and employers for further study or employment in English speaking countries. After completing the content of this module, students should be equipped to sit the Academic Writing section of the IELTS test.



IELTS General Training Reading

What is the aim of this course?

The main aims of this module are for you to practise:

- Surveying a text to identify its topic and main idea
- Skimming and scanning a text to find specific information
- Reading for detailed information in a text
- Using context clues to guess unknown words
- Using general and subject-specific vocabulary from the reading text

How long will I have to study for?

The estimated time for completion of the General Training Reading module is approximately 150 hours.

Who is this course for?

Second language learners at the High-Intermediate level and above who are planning to live, work, or study in English speaking countries and who are preparing for the IELTS test.

What exactly will I learn?

At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Survey, skim and scan a reading text in order to be able to answer the following IELTS-type questions:
 - o Multiple choice
 - o Short answer
 - o Sentence completion
 - o Notes/summary/diagram/flowchart/table
 - o Completion
 - o Choosing from a bank of headings
 - o Identify the writer's views/claims
 - o Identify information
 - o Classification
 - o Matching lists/phrases.
- Understand and use a range of vocabulary items
- Deal with unknown vocabulary in a text

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

1. This module uses the IELTS test structure as a basic framework and provides you with numerous interactive IELTS-type practise exercises on a variety of topics. The focus of this component is on improving students' reading fluency and test taking strategies.



2. The module also contains vocabulary exercises to accompany each reading. Each set of vocabulary exercises focuses on general and subject-specific vocabulary from the text and these words are used in exercises that match the context of the reading text.
3. You will be given the opportunity to build on your reading skills, including surveying, skimming and scanning.
4. You will be given the opportunity to improve your reading fluency through extensive reading practise.
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?

An IELTS score is recognised by higher educational organisations, professional associations and employers for further study or employment in English speaking countries. After completing the content of this module, students should be equipped to sit the General Training Reading section of the IELTS test.



IELTS General Training Writing

What is the aim of this course?

The main aims of this module are for you to practise:

- Writing a letter requesting information or explaining a situation
- Structuring an IELTS-type essay (argument / compare & contrast / expressing an opinion)
- Understanding and responding to the task prompt
- Grammar structures relevant to the task and topic
- Creating a coherent and cohesive essay structure
- Using appropriate vocabulary for the topic

How long will I have to study for?

The estimated time for completion of the General Training Writing module is approximately 150 hours.

Who is this course for?

Second language learners at the High-Intermediate level and above who are planning to live, work, or study in English speaking countries and who are preparing for the IELTS test.

What exactly will I learn?

At the end of this module, you are expected to be able to:

- Understand the structure of a Task 1 letter and a Task 2 essay
- Write a letter to request information or explain a situation
- Write an essay in which you
 - Present the solution to a problem
 - Present and justify an opinion
 - Compare and contrast evidence, opinions and implications
 - Evaluate and challenge or present an argument
- Use paragraphs, grammar structures and vocabulary appropriately

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

1. This module uses the IELTS test structure as a basic framework and provides you with numerous interactive IELTS-type practise exercises on a variety of topics.
2. The focus is on improving your writing skills for Task 1 and Task 2 type responses. You are provided with grammar and vocabulary exercises based on the context of a model letter or essay.
3. There is plenty of opportunity for practise - three lessons are provided on each topic and another lesson with ideas for further study!



4. You can become a good self directed learner.
5. You can access your course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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