

# Link School of English IELTS Preparation Guide

## Why take IELTS?

- You can fully assess all of your skills in English in under 3 hours!
- Schools, universities, and organisations across the world request IELTS of proof of your English skills. You can see which organisations accept IELTS using the IELTS Global Recognition System here:  
<https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/who-accepts-ielts-scores>
- To suit your needs, there are 2 types of exam - The General module, and the Academic module. The General Training module is better for people who wish to move to another country. The Academic module is for those who wish to study at degree level in English-speaking countries or on courses where English is the language used to teach. At **Link School of English**, our experts can prepare you for either module.
- There is regular testing, which means you can take the test within a month in most cases in locations that are convenient for you.

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- Our [IELTS exam preparation courses](#) have been developed with your needs in mind. This means that you have the option to study during the week or at weekends, and be fully prepared for the exam in 2 weeks, 5 weeks, or 8 weeks.
- Our teachers will give you all of the tips, tricks, and strategies you need to not only get the score you need, but also to maximise your score and reach your full potential.
- We use the latest and most up-to-date materials available, and keep up to date with any changes in the exam, so that you can be sure your preparation matches what you see in the examination.
- We have a comprehensive system of support for you while you take the exam. You will receive tutorials, practice materials, and consultations with our IELTS experts to help direct your learning and ensure you get the score you need first time.

## What do I have to do in the exam?

- Speaking, Listening, Writing, Reading are the sections of the exam that students must take in order to get an overall score.
- The exam is task-based, which means you will NOT have to sit a grammar test. Your grammar will be assessed throughout your performance in the speaking and writing exam.
- You will have a one-to-one interview with the examiner for the speaking part, which lasts no more than 15 minutes. You will have a small chat, give a short 2 minute monologue, and finally a discussion during this time.
- In the writing test, you will write a 250-word essay on a topic that is given to you. In General Training, you will write a short 15-word letter, and in the Academic module, you will write a 150-word summary of some data.

## How do you prepare me for the exam?

- Practice makes perfect! Our teachers will give you plenty of practice in the exam, and give you the tips, techniques, and strategies you need during exam time.
- We teach using a special TTT methodology. This means you not only get homework after each lesson, but before it too! This makes you very familiar with all of the different types of task in the exam, and makes you feel more confident on test day.
- Your speaking and writing will be assessed and you will be given advice on how to improve, both individually and as a class.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Will we do lots of writing in class?

It is, of course, important to have lots of practice in writing and to understand the structure of the writing you have to do. In class, your teacher will help you cover individual sections of the writing paper. However, in order not to waste too much important class time, you will be expected to complete full writing tests at home.

### Will I have lots of homework?

Yes. In order to make you feel comfortable with the exam on test day, and to give you the best possible advice and chance of achieving your score, you will be given homework before and after lessons. This will also be rated, so that you know in which areas you need to improve.

### How long does it take to prepare for the exam?

The more time you spend preparing, the better, of course. If you decide to take the exam a few months in advance, this can help you improve your skills in test-taking AND your English skills, which can assure a better score.

However, if you are already confident in your level of English, we can prepare you for the exam, with simply skills and strategies, in just two weeks! We strongly recommend to book your course early to avoid unnecessary stress or running out of time.

### Can I retake the exam?

Yes, but let's hope you don't need to! You can take the exam as many times as you like. The exam costs roughly £160\* each time.

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