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The four sections of the IELTS test

Listening

30 minutes
40 questions
4 sections

Writing

60 minutes
150 word essay for task 1
250 word essay for task 2

Reading

60 minutes
40 questions
3 sections

Speaking

11-14 minutes
Introduction and interview
Individual long turn
Two-way discussion

The Listening and Speaking sections are the same for **IELTS Academic** and **IELTS General Training**, while the Reading and Writing sections are different.

For test specifications visit ielts.org/testformat
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IELTS is designed to assess the language ability of people who want to study or work in countries where English is the language of communication.

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What is IELTS?

IELTS assesses your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. It helps you develop the everyday English you will need to study, live or work in an English-speaking country.

IELTS has two modules. **IELTS Academic** is for higher education or professional training. **IELTS General Training** is for secondary education, migration, work or training.

If you are planning to study, work or live in the UK, you may need to take a specific IELTS test: **IELTS for UKVI** or **IELTS Life Skills**. Find out which test is right for you at takeielts.britishcouncil.org/ielts-ukvi or check with your chosen university.

How do I book IELTS?

Go to www.britishcouncil.hu/ielts to learn more and pick your test date and location.

When do I receive my test score?

- 13 days after your test for the **IELTS Academic** and **IELTS General Training** modules
- 7 days for **IELTS for UKVI** and **IELTS Life Skills**

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The IELTS band score scale

There is no such thing as a pass or fail in IELTS.

Results are reported as band scores on a scale from 1 (the lowest) to 9 (the highest).

Read about IELTS scoring in detail at ielts.org/criteria

The IELTS band score scale	
9	Expert user
8	Very good user
7	Good user
6	Competent user
5	Modest user
4	Limited user
3	Extremely limited user
2	Intermittent user
1	Non user
0	Did not attempt the test

Common European Framework of Reference

Learn more about how IELTS can be compared to the CEFR scale at ielts.org/cefr

Proficient user	C2	8
	C1	7.5
Independent user	B2	7
	B1	6.5
	A2	6
Basic user	A1	5.5
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Helping you get ready for your test

There are lots of ways to prepare for your test. Here are some of the most popular options.

Apps

IELTS Prep App

Helps you practice for the Speaking and Listening sections of the IELTS test.

Word Power App

Build your vocabulary with over 100 questions to test your word skills.

LearnEnglish Audio & Video

Watch the most popular British Council content and follow the script to improve your listening skills.

Download from the **App Store** or **Google Play**.

Other resources

Online practice tests

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Online learning

Road to IELTS Last Minute

Online preparation including advice, interactive activities and practice tests for each skill – free when you register for IELTS with the British Council.

LearnEnglish website

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Face-to-face learning

IELTS preparation courses

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IELTS nationalisation in Hungary

A successful IELTS test can be nationalised to earn extra points at admissions and obtain university diplomas.