

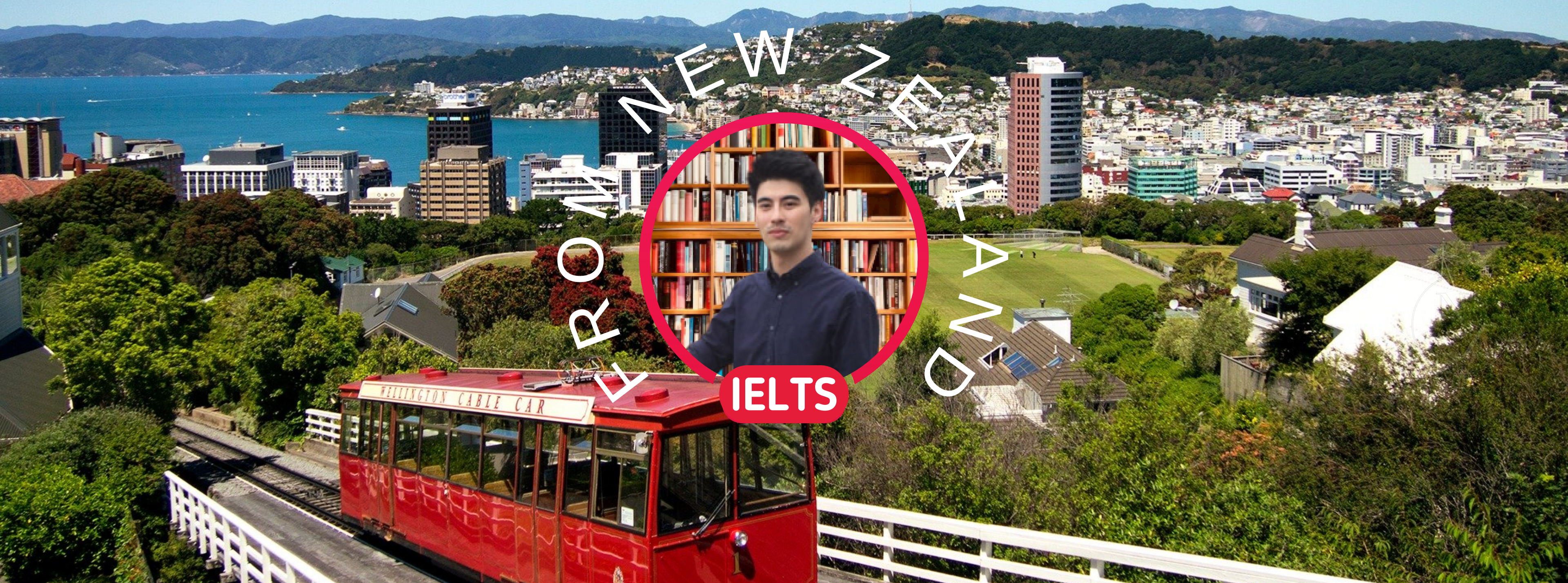
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TODAY'S AGENDA

PART ONE

Review

PART TWO

Basic Grammar
Verbal Phrases
Collocations

PART THREE

Workshop for
IELTS Reading



PART ONE: REVIEW

- Test Content
- Question types

REVIEW: TEST CONTENT

IELTS Reading has 3 passages

The total time is 60 minutes

Increasing difficulty

General & Academic English

Skimming and scanning are the main techniques

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REVIEW: QUESTION TYPES

1. Matching Information
2. Sentence Completion
3. Summary Completion
4. Short Answer Questions/Multiple Choice
5. True, False, Not Given
6. Note Completion
7. Matching Headings
8. Diagram/Flow Chart
9. Identifying Information
10. Matching Features

Questions 1–4

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Questions 5–8

Complete the summary below.

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PART TWO: BASIC GRAMMAR

- Articles
- Countable Nouns
- Uncountable Nouns
- Talking about the present (active and passive)
- Verbal Phrases
- Collocations

BASIC GRAMMAR: ARTICLES

Articles (a, an, the) are used to indicate whether a noun refers to something specific or non-specific.

Definite Article "the":

- Used before a specific noun that is known to the reader/listener.

Example: "I saw the cat on the roof." (referring to a particular cat and a specific roof)

Indefinite Articles "a" and "an":

- "A" is used before words that begin with a consonant sound.
- "An" is used before words that begin with a vowel sound.

Example: "I saw a cat beside an elephant." (referring to any cat, not a specific one)

"An" is used when the next word begins with a vowel SOUND, not necessarily a vowel letter. For example, "an hour" (pronounced as 'ow-er').

BASIC GRAMMAR: NOUNS (NOUN คำนาม ใช้เรียก คน สัตว์ สิ่งของ สถานที่ ทุกสิ่ง ทุกอย่าง ทั่วโลก)

Countable Nouns:

- These are nouns that can be counted as individual units.
 - Examples: book, cat, chair, table, student, car.
- You can use numbers (one, two, three, etc.) and the plural form to express countable nouns.
 - Example sentences:
 - "I have two books."
 - "There are five students in the class."

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Uncountable Nouns:

- These are nouns that cannot be counted as separate units or entities because they represent a mass, substance, or abstract concept.
 - Examples: water, sugar, information, furniture, advice.
- You usually don't use the plural form with uncountable nouns.
 - Example sentences:
 - "I need some water."
 - "Can you give me advice?"

BASIC GRAMMAR: PRESENT ACTIVE VERBS (VERB คำกริยาใช้บอกการกระทำของคำนาม)

Present simple: Subject + Verb 1 + Object

- There are several calculations.

Present Perfect: Subject + has/have + Verb 3 + Object

- Scientists have started innovating with other materials.

Present Continuous: Subject + is/am/are + V~ing + Object

- These technologies are promising ideas.

Present Perfect Continuous: Subject + has/have been + V~ing + Object

- Finland has been leading the way

BASIC GRAMMAR: PRESENT PASSIVE VERBS (VERB คำกริยาใช้บอกการกระทำของคำนาม)

Present simple: Subject + is/am/are + Verb 3 + Object

- Several calculations are needed.

Present Perfect: Subject + has/have been + Verb 3 + Object

- Other materials have been innovated by scientists.

Present Continuous: Subject + is/am/are being + Verb 3 + Object

- These technologies are being promised.

~~**Present Perfect Continuous: Subject + has/have been + being + Verb 3 + Object**~~

- ~~• The country has been being developed.~~

BASIC GRAMMAR: VERBAL PHRASES (CONCRETE)

1. Lay the Foundation (วางรากฐาน):

- Example: To achieve success, it's essential to lay the foundation with careful planning.

2. Build Upon (พัฒนาต่อยอด):

- Example: Let's build upon the existing ideas to create a more comprehensive solution.

3. Solidify the Concept (ทำให้แนวคิดเข้มแข็ง):

- Example: Through thorough discussion, we can solidify the concept and ensure everyone is on the same page.

4. Construct a Framework (สร้างโครงสร้าง):

- Example: Before diving into details, it's crucial to construct a framework for our project.

5. Formulate a Concrete Plan (กำหนดแผนที่แน่นอน):

- Example: In order to move forward, we need to formulate a concrete plan that outlines our objectives and strategies.

BASIC GRAMMAR: VERBAL PHRASES (CONCRETE)

Brick and Mortar:

- Example: "Traditional houses are often made with brick and mortar."

Steel Frame:

- Example: "Modern skyscrapers commonly use a steel frame for structural support."

Wooden Beams:

- Example: "The rustic charm of the house is enhanced by the exposed wooden beams."

Concrete Slab:

- Example: "The foundation of the building includes a solid concrete slab."

Glass Facade:

- Example: "The office building has a sleek and modern design with a glass facade."



PART THREE: WORKSHOP

- Strategies
- Techniques for:
 - Matching Information
 - Summary Completion/Sentence Completion
 - Short Answer Question

WORKSHOP: READING STRATEGIES

Read the note completion task instructions carefully: Understand what type of information you're required to fill in. It could be a summary, a chart, a table, or notes that need completion. Pay attention to word limits and the kind of responses needed (words, phrases, or numbers).

Identify keywords: Reading the questions and look for keywords or phrases in the questions or notes that correspond to the information in the passage. This will guide you to the specific section that contains the answers.

Paraphrase and synonyms: Answers might not be directly stated in the passage using the same words as in the notes. Look for synonyms or paraphrased versions of the keywords provided in the questions.

Scan for answers: Scan the passage for the relevant information. Read actively and look for matching words or synonyms. Be attentive to details, especially dates, names, and specific

READING

READING PASSAGE 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 1–13, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.

Materials to take us beyond concrete

Concrete is everywhere, but it's bad for the planet, generating large amounts of carbon dioxide – alternatives are being developed

- A** Concrete is the second most used substance in the global economy, after water – and one of the world's biggest single sources of greenhouse gas emissions. The chemical process by which cement, the key ingredient of concrete, is created results in large quantities of carbon dioxide. The UN estimates that there will be 9.8 billion people living on the planet by mid-century. They will need somewhere to live. If concrete is the only answer to the construction of new cities, then carbon emissions will soar, aggravating global warming. And so scientists have started innovating with other materials, in a scramble for alternatives to a universal commodity that has underpinned our modern life for many years.
- B** The problem with replacing concrete is that it is so very good at what it does. Chris Cheeseman, an engineering professor at Imperial College London, says the key thing to consider is the extent to which concrete is used around the world, and is likely to continue to be used. 'Concrete is not a high-carbon product. Cement is high carbon, but concrete is not. But it is the scale on which it is used that makes it high carbon. The sheer scale of manufacture is so huge, that is the issue.'
- C** Not only are the ingredients of concrete relatively cheap and found in abundance in most places around the globe, the stuff itself has marvellous properties: Portland cement, the vital component of concrete, is mouldable and pourable, but quickly sets hard. Cheeseman also notes another advantage: concrete and steel have similar thermal expansion properties, so steel can be used to reinforce concrete, making it far stronger and more flexible as a building material than it could be on its own. According to Cheeseman, all these factors together make concrete hard to beat. 'Concrete is amazing stuff. Making anything with similar properties is going to be very difficult.'
- D** A possible alternative to concrete is wood. Making buildings from wood may seem like a rather medieval idea, but climate change is driving architects to turn to treated timber as a possible resource. Recent years have seen the emergence of tall buildings constructed almost entirely from timber. Vancouver, Vienna and Brumunddal in Norway are all home to constructed tall, wooden buildings.

WORKSHOP: READING STRATEGIES

Skim the passage: Quickly skim through the entire passage to understand the main idea and the structure. Note the headings, subheadings, and any highlighted or bolded text, as these often provide valuable clues.

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WORKSHOP: READING TECHNIQUES

Matching Information - check the **context** :

- Make sure the information you choose fits the context of the statement. Sometimes, a detail might match, but it may not be the correct answer because it doesn't fit the overall meaning.

Summary Completion - Consider **paraphrasing**:

- Be prepared for paraphrasing. The passage may express the same idea using different words. Look for synonyms or alternative expressions.

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GRAMMAR CHECK

Students can complete this grammar homework and submit via email to thinkincafekk@gmail.com provided you have your Student ID in the email heading.

Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with the appropriate articles (a, an, the), countable or uncountable nouns, and the correct form of the verb in the active or passive voice. Be mindful of the tenses (present simple, present perfect, present continuous).

1. Yesterday, I bought _____ new book and read it in _____ hour.
2. There is _____ milk in _____ fridge. Could you please get _____ glass for me?
3. The experiment _____ by the students last week was _____ success.
4. The teacher _____ impressed by _____ students' progress in _____ last month.
5. _____ apple a day keeps _____ doctor away, or so _____ saying goes.
6. English _____ language that _____ students find challenging, but with practice, it becomes _____ valuable skill.
7. The assignment _____ already _____ completed by _____ group of diligent students.
8. The new sports complex _____ built on _____ outskirts of _____ city is _____ example of modern architecture.
9. While we _____ lunch, _____ interesting idea _____ by one of _____ colleagues.
10. _____ article about _____ importance of recycling _____ in _____ newspaper yesterday.