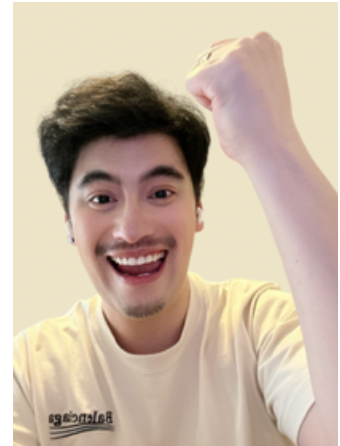


ALL ABOUT IELTS

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IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is a standardized test designed to evaluate the English language proficiency of individuals who want to study or work in English-speaking countries. There are two main versions of the IELTS test: IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training.

In the IELTS Live Online programme, you will study all 4 skills of the IELTS test based on whether you will do the Academic or General test.



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Every first day of each IELTS skill will include an orientation for new students to the IELTS Live Online programme, and a short introduction to the IELTS skill that will be taught in the forthcoming classes. The first day (today) is a free class, and it is not included in the hourly curriculum.

Test Locations:

- British Council: <http://tinyurl.com/frf3vtab>
- IDP Thailand: <http://tinyurl.com/4mt4uctx>
- IELTS Online: <http://tinyurl.com/ynwcc8jz>

Website Information:

- www.nzche.ac.nz/thinkincafe-lms
- Password: thinkin4989



***“Wishing you success
in your IELTS studies!
Work hard and do
your best!”***

What tests are available?



IELTS Academic:

- **Purpose:** This version is primarily for individuals who plan to pursue higher education or professional registration in an English-speaking environment.
- **Test Structure:** It consists of four sections - Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. The Listening and Speaking sections are the same for both Academic and General Training, but the Reading and Writing sections differ.
- **Reading and Writing Tasks:** In the Academic module, the reading and writing tasks focus on more academic and complex language skills. For example, the reading passages might be more specialized and involve academic topics, and the writing tasks may include describing a graph or chart.

IELTS General:

- **Purpose:** This version is typically for those who are planning to migrate to an English-speaking country for work or training purposes. It is also suitable for individuals seeking secondary education, work experience, or training programs in an English-speaking country.
- **Test Structure:** Like the Academic version, it comprises four sections - Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Again, the Listening and Speaking sections are the same for both Academic and General Training.
- **Reading and Writing Tasks:** In the General Training module, the reading and writing tasks are designed to assess more practical, everyday language skills. For instance, the reading passages might involve everyday situations, and the writing tasks may include writing a letter or responding to a situation.

IELTS Academic



1. Listening Section:

- **Format:** In both the Academic and General Training modules, the Listening section consists of four recorded monologues and conversations. The recordings cover various accents and are played only once.
- **Purpose:** This section assesses your ability to understand main ideas, specific details, opinions, and the speaker's attitude.

2. Reading Section:

- **Academic Module:** In the Academic version, there are three long texts taken from books, journals, magazines, and newspapers. The topics are usually of general interest but may be more complex and academic in nature.
- **Purpose:** This section evaluates your ability to extract information, understand the main ideas, and interpret detailed information from written texts.

3. Writing Section:

- **Academic Module:** The Academic Writing section includes two tasks. Task 1 requires candidates to describe visual information, such as graphs, charts, or diagrams. Task 2 involves writing an essay in response to a point of view, argument, or problem.
- **Purpose:** This section assesses your ability to present and organize information coherently, use vocabulary and grammatical structures appropriately, and express opinions in writing.

4. Speaking Section:

- **Format:** The Speaking section is the same for both the Academic and General Training modules. It consists of three parts: an introduction and interview, a short speech, and a discussion.
- **Purpose:** This section evaluates your ability to communicate effectively in spoken English, including your pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and ability to engage in a conversation.

IELTS General



1. Listening Sections:

- **Format:** In both the Academic and General Training modules, the Listening section consists of four recorded monologues and conversations. The recordings cover various accents and are played only once.
- **Purpose:** This section assesses your ability to understand main ideas, specific details, opinions, and the speaker's attitude.

2. Reading Section:

- **General Training Module:** The General Training version also has three sections, but the texts are shorter and more focused on everyday situations, such as advertisements, job descriptions, or travel information.
- **Purpose:** This section evaluates your ability to extract information, understand the main ideas, and interpret detailed information from written texts.

3. Writing Section:

- **General Training Module:** In the General Training version, Task 1 requires candidates to write a letter based on a given situation, and Task 2 involves writing an essay on a general topic.
- **Purpose:** This section assesses your ability to present and organize information coherently, use vocabulary and grammatical structures appropriately, and express opinions in writing.

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Other Information



Registration:

- Students should check for the most up-to-date fees. For IDP IELTS click [here](#) or click [here](#) for British Council IELTS.
- Test-takers who are 18 years of age or younger are required to complete a consent form signed by their parents. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Test Duration:

- The total test time for both the Academic and General Training versions is 2 hours and 45 minutes.
- The Listening, Reading, and Writing sections are completed on the same day without any breaks. The Speaking section may be conducted on the same day or up to a week before or after the other three sections.

Scoring:

- IELTS scores are reported on a nine-band scale. Each band corresponds to a level of English proficiency, from Band 1 (non-user) to Band 9 (expert user).

Results:

- IELTS test results are usually available 13 calendar days after the test date.
- Test takers receive a Test Report Form (TRF) showing their overall band score and individual scores for each section.
- Results can be viewed online, and a hard copy of the TRF is mailed to the test taker's registered address.

Recommendations:

- Students are suggested to take the IELTS Computer-based test since it provides various tools and features (e.g., timer, highlighting tools, and an automatic word count) to help you with the completion of your test.