ROAD TO IELTS

IELTS preparation and practice

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Reading		
Starting out	Description	
Format: eBook, video	Information about the IELTS reading test, including explanations of question types	
Advice and tutorials	Description	
Format: video	Title: IELTS Reading Advice Advice on how to improve performance in the IELTS reading test	
Practice zone	Description	
Format: Interactive activities, organised into twelve individual sets	Set 1 Question types:• Short answer questions• Table completionTopic: Leisure and entertainmentSet 3 Question types:• Multiple choice• Matching headings to paragraphsTopic: Travel, tourism and transportSet 5 Question types:• Matching• Yes, No, Not givenTopic: Art and cultureSet 7 Question types:• Table completion• Short answer questions• MatchingTopic: Health and fitnessSet 9 Question types:• Matching headings to paragraphs• True, False, Not given• Yes, No, Not givenSet 9 Question types:• Matching headings to paragraphs• True, False, Not given• Yes, No, Not given• Summary completion• Summary completionTopic: Society and social issues	Set 2Question types:• Sentence completion• Matching information to paragraphsTopic: Language and communicationSet 4Question types:• True, False, Not given• Table completionTopic: The environmentSet 6Question types:• Multiple selection• Summary completionTopic: Mass mediaSet 8Question types:• Multiple selection• Classification• Diagram completionTopic: Work and businessSet 10Question types:• Short answer questions• Sentence completion• Multiple choice• Matching information to paragraphs• Matching• Yes, No, Not givenTopic: Education

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	Set 11 Question types: • Matching • Multiple selection • Summary completion • Diagram completion • True, False, Not given Topic: The developing world	Set 12 Question types: • Matching headings to paragraphs • True, False, Not given • Sentence completion • Table completion • Classification • Summary completion Topic: Science and technology
Test practice	Description	
Format: PDF download	Three downloadable mock test papers of the IELTS reading test; includes model answers	

Listening		
Starting out	Description	
Format: eBook, video	Information about the IELTS listening test, including explanations of question types	
Advice and tutorials	Description	
Format: video	Title: IELTS Listening Advice Advice on how to improve performance in the IELTS listening test	
Practice zone	Description	
Format: Interactive activities, organised into twelve individual sets	<u>Set 1</u> Question types: • Short answer questions • Table completion Topic: Leisure and entertainment	<u>Set 2</u> Question types: • Sentence completion • Matching Topic: Language and communication
	<u>Set 3</u> Question types: • Multiple choice Topic: Travel, tourism and transport	<u>Set 4</u> Question types: • Form completion • Labelling a diagram Topic: The environment
	Set 5 Question types: • Form completion • Classification Topic: Art and culture Set 7 Question types:	<u>Set 6</u> Question types: • Multiple selection • Summary completion Topic: Mass media <u>Set 8</u> Question types:
	 Table completion Short answer questions Labelling a diagram Topic: Health and fitness 	 Form completion Multiple selection Multiple choice Sentence completion Topic: Work and business

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	<u>Set 9</u> Question types: • Form completion • Multiple choice • Classification • Summary completion Topic: Society and social issues	<u>Set 10</u> Question types: • Table completion • Form completion • Short answer questions • Sentence completion • Classification • Diagram completion Topic: Education
	Set 11 Question types: • Multiple choice • Sentence completion • Matching • Labelling a diagram Topic: The developing world	Set 12 Question types: • Form completion • Multiple selection • Short answer questions • Sentence completion • Classification Topic: Science and technology
Test practice	Description	
Format: PDF download, mp3	Downloadable mock test papers of the IELTS listening test, with accompanying audio files and model answers	

Speaking	
Starting out	Description
Format: eBook, video	Information about the IELTS speaking test, including explanations and tips on delivering the best possible performance
Advice and tutorials	Description
Format: video	 Title: IELTS Speaking Advice Advice on how to improve performance in the IELTS speaking test Title: What the examiner is looking for IELTS experts provide insight into how examiners assess candidate performance in the speaking test. Title: Advice: What do I talk about? Advice and tips on how to deal effectively with subjects about which you have insufficient knowledge Title: Advice: Coping with nerves IELTS experts provide advice on managing stress on test day. Title: Tutorial: Interview Phase 2 An analysis of the individual long turn phase of an IELTS speaking test, with commentary on the candidate's performance and score Title: Tutorial: Interview Phase 3 An analysis of the two-way discussion phase of an IELTS speaking test, with commentary on the candidate's performance and score

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Format: Interactive activities, organised into twelve individual sets.	Set 1 Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Phase 1 of the speaking test	<u>Set 2</u> How to deal with questions about yourself in Phase 2; what to do when you do not have a ready answer; making notes on speaking topics
	<u>Set 3</u> Introduction and tips on Phase 3; video analysis of candidates' performance in Phase 3	<u>Set 4</u> Review of tenses to use when answering questions about yourself; video analysis of a candidate's performance in Phase 1
	Set 5 Advice and strategies on speaking fluently and confidently; video analysis of what to say when you are asked about a topic you do not know much about	<u>Set 6</u> How to deal with Phase 2 speaking topics; responding effectively to follow-up questions; analysis of ways of stating reasons
	Set 7 Preparing effectively for the speaking test; review of how examiners assess candidates; video analysis of how to talk extensively on a topic	<u>Set 8</u> Strategies on giving reasons during the individual long turn in Phase 2; video analyses on candidates talking about social problems in their countries; comparative forms
	<u>Set 9</u> Techniques for making comparisons; phrases for speculating; video analyses of two candidates making speculations	Set 10 Effective strategies for speaking fluently in each phase of the speaking test; possible problems candidates are likely to face and how to avoid them
	Set 11 Techniques for expanding on a topic; video analyses of candidates talking extensively on topics	Set 12 Dos and don'ts in the speaking test; video analyses on two candidates talking about a technological innovation

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Writing			
Starting out	Description		
Format: eBook, video	Information about the IELTS writing test, including explanations of writing task types and strategies for best possible performance		
Advice and tutorials	Description		
Format: video	Title: IELTS Writing Advice Advice on how to improve performance in the IELTS writing test		
	Title: What the examiner is looking for IELTS experts provide insight on how examiners assess candidate performance in the writing test.		
	Title: Advice: Writing task 2 Advice and strategies on tackling task 2 of the writing test.		
	 Title: Tutorial: Writing task 1 An IELTS expert analyses how well a candidate has performed in task 1 of the General Training writing test, with marks given; PDF download available. Title: Tutorial: Writing task 2 An IELTS expert analyses how well a candidate has performed in task 2 of the writing test, with marks and criteria given; PDF download available. 		
Practice zone	Description		
Format: Interactive activities, organised into twelve individual sets	Set 1 task 1 Practice exercises for letters of introduction	<u>Set 2 task 1</u> Practice exercises for letters giving advice	
	<u>Set 2 task 2</u> Practice exercises for compositions discussing arguments for and against	Set 3 task 1 Practice exercises for letters asking for information	
	Set 3 task 2 Practice exercises for compositions giving an opinion	<u>Set 4 task 1</u> Practice exercises for letters of complaint	
	Set 4 task 2 Practice exercises for compositions discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions	<u>Set 5 task 1</u> Practice exercises for letters giving information and making recommendations	
	Set 5 task 2 Practice exercises for compositions discussing advantages and disadvantages	Set 6 task 1 Practice exercises for thank-you letters	
	Set 6 task 2 Practice exercises for compositions discussing arguments for and against	<u>Set 7 task 1</u> Practice exercises for letters of apology	

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	Set 7 task 2 Practice exercises for compositions giving an opinion	Set 8 task 1 Practice exercises for letters of application
	<u>Set 8 task 2</u> Practice exercises for compositions discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions	<u>Set 9 task 1</u> Revision exercises for Writing Task 1
	Set 9 task 2 Revision exercises for Writing Task 2	Set 10 Practice exercises for a letter asking for information, and for a composition discussing arguments for and against
	Set 11 Practice exercises for a letter of advice, and for a composition giving and justifying your opinion	Set 12 Practice exercises for a letter of praise, and for a composition discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions
Test practice	Description	
Format: PDF download	Three downloadable mock test papers of the IELTS writing test; includes model answers	