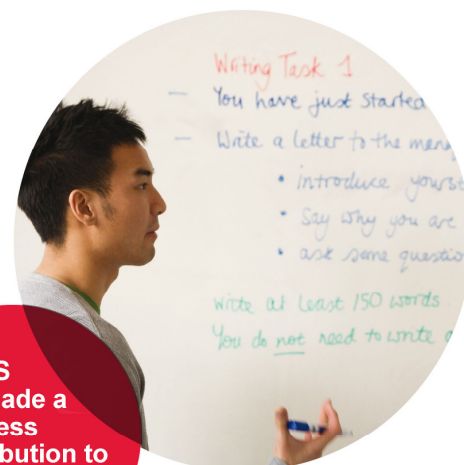




## Preparation Checklist

Preparing for IELTS takes time and requires practice. Follow these tips in the months and weeks before your test and you will feel more confident and ready to take the test.

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### First steps

Register for the test. There are 48 test dates per year and over 100 test locations all over the world. Find a test centre near you at [www.ieltsessentials.com](http://www.ieltsessentials.com). To book your test contact the test centre directly by phone or by email. ☐

Check what IELTS score is required by your chosen university, institution, employer or organisation. You can search a list of over 6000 organisations which accept IELTS at [www.ieltsessentials.com](http://www.ieltsessentials.com). Can't find the organisation you're looking for? Contact the organisation directly to check their IELTS requirements? ☐

### Get to know the test

Read the *Information for Candidates booklet* which contains essential information to help you do your best. This can be downloaded from [www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare](http://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare) ☐

Know the rules. Read the *Notice to candidates* which can be downloaded from [www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare](http://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare) ☐

Familiarise yourself with the IELTS band score descriptors at [www.ieltsessentials.com/results](http://www.ieltsessentials.com/results) ☐

To understand what the examiners are looking for in the Speaking and Writing tests you should read the 'IELTS assessment criteria' available at [www.ieltsessentials.com/results](http://www.ieltsessentials.com/results) ☐

### Improve your English

You may wish to consider taking an English language course. The feedback you receive from your teacher will help you improve the specific skills involved in speaking, listening, reading and writing English. ☐

An IELTS preparation course can help you to familiarize yourself with the types of tasks included in an IELTS test. Ask your local IELTS test centre for more information about a preparation course near you. ☐



### Practise sample questions

- Practise the free IELTS test sample available at [www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare](http://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare) ☐
- Use the *Official IELTS Practice Materials* (two books available) which include sample questions and sample responses with examiner comments. Purchase these online or from your local test centre. ☐
- There is a wide range of IELTS preparation material available for purchase at bookshops and online. For a list of popular books visit [www.ieltsessentials.com/purchase](http://www.ieltsessentials.com/purchase) ☐

### Use your English everyday

- Listen to English language radio, television and film. You should try to listen to a variety of English accents including American, Australian, British, Canadian and New Zealand. ☐
- Read English publications such as newspapers and magazines regularly. ☐
- Write letters, emails or notes in English whenever possible. ☐
- Speak English with your friends and family. ☐

### The day before the test

- Re-read the *Information for Candidates* booklet and *Notice to Candidates* again to ensure that you understand the test format and rules. ☐
- Plan your journey – ensure you know how to get to the test venue so that you arrive in time. Also get plenty of rest the night before your test to help you to feel more relaxed on the day. ☐

### Test day

- Bring your passport / national identity card with you: You must have the same identification that you provided on your **IELTS Application Form**. If you do not have the correct identification document, you will not be able to take the test. ☐
- Bring stationery: Pens, pencils and erasers which you need for the test. ☐
- Arrive on time ☐
- Try to stay calm so you can do your best in the test. ☐

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