

IELTS Preparation Checklist

Preparing for IELTS takes time and requires practice.

Before booking your test for the first time, or re-sitting the test again, ask yourself whether you have taken the necessary steps to ensure you have the best opportunity to succeed.

Follow these tips in the months and weeks before your test and you will feel more confident and ready to take the test.



First steps

- Register for the test. There are 48 test dates per year and over 200 test locations all over the world. Find a test centre near you at [IELTSessentials.com](https://www.ieltsessentials.com). To book your test contact the test centre directly by phone or by email.
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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 [IELTSessentials.com/prepare](https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare)
- Know the rules. Read the Notice to candidates which can be downloaded from [IELTSessentials.com/prepare](https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare)
- Familiarise yourself with the IELTS band score descriptors at [IELTSessentials.com/results](https://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 [IELTSessentials.com/results](https://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.

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“Don’t be scared of IELTS, just come prepared and go with it.”
*Sutasinee Kongrawd,
Bangkok*

Practise sample questions

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Use your English everyday

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The day before the test

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Test day

- Allow plenty of time to travel to the test venue to ensure you arrive on time.
- 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.

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