

IELTS Syllabus

Continuous enrolment means that students may be on the course for longer or shorter periods. In order to cover the skills, vocabulary and grammar required for the IELTS exam and to avoid repetition, the following syllabus outlines topics, vocabulary, grammar and exam skills to be covered. The weekly plan should be negotiated with the students and an analysis of the needs of the students' in the class that week. The teacher establishes students' levels, areas of strength and weakness as well as their IELTS expectations and needs in connection to their future goals during the first week of the course.

The main course book is to be supplemented with material covering more specific areas of vocabulary, grammar or exam skills and recorded in teachers' weekly plans. Teachers should also incorporate regular exam practice into the course using the exam practice materials.

Topics	Main materials used
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture and geography 2. Health and fitness 3. The arts 4. Education 5. Work and business 6. Science 7. IT and communications 8. Social Issues 9. The natural world 10. Engineering and innovation 11. History 12. Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready for IELTS, 2017 – main coursebook • IELTS Masterclass, 2008 – supplementary coursebook • IELTS Academic 16, 2021 • IELTS Academic 17, 2022 • IELTS Academic 18, 2023 • IELTS Academic 11 – 15 • British Council Worksheets

Listening Paper		
Skills	Language	Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientating yourself to the situation • Listening for specific information • Short-answer questions • Predicting/anticipating • Multiple choice • Numbers, dates and letters • Table completion • Listening for details • Note taking • Text completion • Matching • Recognising speakers • Gap filling • Meaning and intonation • Avoiding distractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Topic related vocabulary (as above) ➤ Personal information vocabulary ➤ Telephone language ➤ Discourse markers and signpost words ➤ Requesting & giving information ➤ Vocab of an academic environment ➤ Describing maps, pictures & diagrams (verbs of movement, prepositions, directions & location) ➤ Describing processes (sequencing & passive forms) ➤ Recognising attitudes & opinions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IELTS Express U-Int ➤ Step up to IELTS ➤ Listening Extra ➤ IELTS Preparation & Practice Listening & Speaking ➤ IELTS Resource Pack

Reading Paper		
Skills	Language	Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientating yourself to a text • Skimming and scanning • Headings • Unknown vocabulary • Text completion • Parallel expressions • Short-answer questions • Qualifying words • True/false/not given questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Topic related vocabulary (as above) ➤ Language of fact & opinion ➤ Discourse markers and signpost words ➤ Understanding complex sentences (clauses, linking words & punctuation) ➤ Confusing structures (double negatives, inversion, fronting, cleft sentences) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High Impact IELTS ➤ IELTS Express U-Int ➤ Insight into IELTS ➤ Insight into IELTS Extra ➤ Step up to IELTS ➤ IELTS Preparation & Practice Reading & Writing ➤ 202 Useful Exercises for IELTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inferring meaning • Labelling diagrams • Referencing • Matching • Distinguishing facts and opinions • Multiple choice • Timing 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying 		

Writing Paper		
Skills	Language	Materials
Task 1 specific: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreting & comparing data • Summarising the data • Identifying key information • Grouping information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comparative structures ➤ Describing processes (sequencing & passive forms) ➤ Describing maps, pictures & diagrams (verbs of movement, prepositions, directions & location) ➤ Describing time, quantity & numbers ➤ Describing trends (verbs, adjectives, adverbs, nouns & expressions) ➤ Future predictions (modality & expressions) ➤ Collocations ➤ Paraphrasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ High Impact IELTS ➤ IELTS Express U-Int ➤ Insight into IELTS ➤ Insight into IELTS Extra ➤ Step up to IELTS ➤ Writing Strategies for IELTS ➤ IELTS Preparation & Practice Reading & Writing ➤ A Book for IELTS ➤ IELTS Resource Pack ➤ 202 Useful Exercises for IELTS
Task 2 specific: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the task • Planning • Structuring paragraphs • Writing an introduction & conclusion • Different essay structures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenting solutions to problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Topic related vocabulary (as above) ➤ Language of opinion ➤ Language of agreement/disagreement ➤ Impersonal & distancing structures ➤ Giving examples ➤ Giving reasons 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cause & effect - Presenting & justifying opinion - Refuting an argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Describing cause & effect ➤ Giving advantages & disadvantages ➤ Language of comparison & contrast (linking words & structures) ➤ Language of concessions ➤ Cohesion & coherence ➤ Paraphrasing ➤ Emphasis 	
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Speaking Paper		
Skills	Language	Materials
Part 1 related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing willingness to participate & expand • Responding appropriately to questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Giving personal information ➤ Talking about likes, dislikes & preferences ➤ Talking about plans & ambitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High Impact IELTS ○ IELTS Express U-Int ○ Insight into IELTS ○ Insight into IELTS Extra ○ Step up to IELTS ○ IELTS Preparation & Practice Listening & Speaking ○ IELTS Resource Pack
Part 2 related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming • Structuring a 1-2 minute presentation • Timing • Beginning and ending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recounting an experience ➤ Explaining how you feel/felt ➤ Avoiding repetition & hesitation ➤ Giving reasons, explanations & opinions 	
Part 3 related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending a discussion topic • Interaction & turntaking • Responding effectively & appropriately • Dealing with difficult questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Giving opinions & expressing reasons ➤ Generalising & giving examples ➤ Comparing & contrasting ➤ Describing changes ➤ Explaining effects ➤ Looking at both sides ➤ Speculating & hypothesising ➤ Making suggestions & recommendations 	

For ongoing development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronunciation • Clarity of diction • Developing fluency • Developing accuracy • Developing coherence & cohesion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developing a range of vocabulary ➤ Developing a range of structure ➤ Collocations ➤ Fixed expressions ➤ Using discourse markers 	
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Supplementary Materials	
Grammar	Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grammar for IELTS ○ English Grammar in Use Adv. ○ 202 Useful Exercises for IELTS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocabulary for IELTS ○ Recycling Advanced English ○ English Vocabulary In Use ○ English Vocabulary Organiser ○ English Collocations In Use ○ FCE/CAE Exams (Use of English section) ○ Oxford Word Skills Advanced ○ 101 Academic Words for IELTS ○ IELTS Resource Pack

Exam Practice	
	Materials
Listening Paper (4 sections, approx. 30 minutes) Reading Paper (3 sections, 60 minutes) Writing Paper (2 sections, 60 minutes) Speaking Test (4 sections, approx. 15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IELTS Exam Papers 1-10 ○ IELTS Testbuilder ○ Succeed in IELTS Practice Tests ○ IELTS Resource Pack ○ A Book for IELTS

SYLLABUS

BOOK: Ready for IELTS 2nd Edition, 2017

LEVEL: B1+ to C1

WEEK	UNIT(S)	LANGUAGE/SKILLS AREA
1	1 - 2 We are all Friends now Technology – Now and Then	Vocabulary: Describing people / Verbs of Movement/ likes and dislikes / Verbs of Cause and Effect / Qualifying adjectives Grammar: Present simple and continuous/ past simple/ present perfect Habit in the past / Adverbs of Frequency / Writing: IELTS Task 1 / 2 Listening: IELTS Section 1 / Section 2 Speaking: IELTS Part 2
2	3 Thrill Seekers	Vocabulary: / Sports / -ed and -ing adjectives Grammar: Comparatives / Adjectives with prepositions Reading: Locating Information / identification of information in text / multiple choice Writing: IELTS Task 1 Listening: IELTS Section 3 Speaking: IELTS Part 1/3 Review
3	4 Global Issues and Opportunities	Vocabulary: General Nouns / Developing Ideas Grammar: Countable and Uncountable Nouns Reading: Summary Completion / identification of Writer's Views Writing: IELTS Task 2 Listening: IELTS Section 4 Speaking: IELTS Part 1/3
4	5	Vocabulary: Adjective/Noun Collocations / Verbs of Prediction / Forming Adjectives

	The Future	<p>from Nouns</p> <p>Grammar: Future tenses</p> <p>Reading: Summary Completion / Multiple Choice</p> <p>Writing: IELTS Task 1</p> <p>Listening: IELTS Section 1</p> <p>Speaking: IELTS Part 3</p>
5	6 The Fruits of Nature	<p>Vocabulary: Conservation / Lifecycles and Processes</p> <p>Grammar: Transitive and Intransitive Verbs</p> <p>Reading: Matching Information / identification of information in text, flow-chart completion</p> <p>Writing: IELTS Task 1</p> <p>Listening: IELTS Section 2</p> <p>Speaking: IELTS Part 2</p>
6	7 The World of Work and Education	<p>Vocabulary: Work / collocations</p> <p>Grammar: Conditionals 1</p> <p>Reading: Matching / Multiple Choice</p> <p>Writing: IELTS Task 2</p> <p>Listening: IELTS Section 3</p> <p>Speaking: IELTS Part 3/2</p>
7	8 Mapping the World	<p>Vocabulary: Nouns relating to places</p> <p>Grammar: Referring in a text</p> <p>Reading: Table/sentence completion / Multiple Choice</p> <p>Writing: IELTS Task 1</p> <p>Listening: IELTS Section 4</p> <p>Speaking: IELTS Part 1 / 2</p>
8	9 What is Beauty?	<p>Vocabulary: Beauty / Prefixes over- and –under</p> <p>Grammar: Modal verbs for evaluating</p> <p>Reading: Classification / sentence completion / matching information</p> <p>Writing: Task 2</p> <p>Listening: Section 3</p> <p>Speaking: Part 2/3</p>

	10 Is it Art?	Vocabulary: Art Grammar: Defining and Non-defining clauses Reading: Summary Completion / labelling Writing: Task 2 Listening: Section 3 Speaking: Part 2/3
9	11 The Family and Society	Vocabulary: The Family/ Suffixes –hood and –ship Grammar: Conditionals 2 Reading: Matching Information / sentence completion / selecting items from list Writing: Task 2 Listening: Section 1 Speaking: Part 2
10	12 Travelling around the World	Vocabulary: Adjectives with Multiple Meaning Grammar: Articles Reading: Summary Completion / identification of information in text Writing: Task 2 Listening: Section 2 Speaking: Part 1 / 2
11	13 The Importance of Infrastructure	Vocabulary: Nouns related to systems / Modal Verbs to Adjectives Grammar: Concession & Developing Ideas Reading: Identification of writer's views/claims / multiple choice Writing: Task 1 Listening: Section 3 Speaking: Part 2 / 3
12	14 Money and Well-being	Vocabulary: Money Matters/ Values and Beliefs Grammar: Substitution and Ellipsis Reading: Matching Information / identification of information in the text Writing: Task 1 Listening: Section 4 Speaking: Part 3

