

## IELTS Preparation

### Websites:

The following websites will help you prepare for IELTS. You will find samples of questions asked on the exam; guidelines for providing good answers, practice tests, and tips that will help you maximize your learning!

[http://www.ielts.org/candidates/find\\_out\\_more/free\\_samples.aspx](http://www.ielts.org/candidates/find_out_more/free_samples.aspx)

[http://www.world-english.org/ielts\\_free\\_tests.htm](http://www.world-english.org/ielts_free_tests.htm)

<http://www.canadavisa.com/ielts/mod/quiz/attempt.php?id=22&username=guest>

<http://www.canadavisa.com/ielts/free-practice-tests.html>

<http://www.examenglish.com/index.html>

<http://www.activeielts.com/index.html>

[http://www.ielts-exam.net/index.php?option=com\\_frontpage&Itemid=1](http://www.ielts-exam.net/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1)

<http://www.collegeview.com/articles/CV/campuslife/maximize-language-learning-skills.html>

<http://www.scottsenGLISH.com/ielts/pages/home.asp>

### Literature:

The books below serve as additional study material. You might be able to find them in your local library.

1. **IELTS**. Cambridge University Press (2002). (2 Audio CDs included).
2. **Insight into IELTS**. Vanessa Jakeman & Clare McDowell, Cambridge University Press (1999).
3. **Barron's IELTS**. Loughheed, Lin, New York (2006). (Audio CD included)
4. **Check Your English Vocabulary For IELTS**. Rawdon Wyatt, London (2004).

## **Other suggestions that will help you succeed in writing IELTS:**

1. Listen to English radio stations and watch English news channels on a daily basis.  
E.g. BBC London - Practice makes perfect!
2. Read English magazines and books out loud.
3. Practice processing your thoughts in English. You must be able to think in English by the time you take IELTS, there will not be enough time to translate your thoughts into your native language and back into English during the exam.
4. If you are not familiar with the topic you are asked to talk about in the Speaking module, do not hesitate to tell the Administrator that you are thinking of an answer.  
**It is better to say something than nothing at all.**
5. Remember to speak slowly and clearly.
6. Do not forget to smile; smiling will help you to appear confident.
7. If you do not feel confident in your ability to pass, consider attending an IELTS Preparation class or working with a tutor.

## **On the day of the exam, keep the following in mind:**

1. Carefully review your IELTS TEST CONFIRMATION sheet.
2. Arrive 30-45 minutes before the start of the exam to allow enough time to register and locate your test room.
3. For the Reading module, read and comprehend (understand) the questions at the end of the article **BEFORE you read the article**.
4. Most importantly, relax, stay focused, and do your best.

**Practice and determination are key to passing IELTS. Ensure you  
make time to practice daily.**