

IELTS Free Study Guide

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IELTS tests four skills: Listening (about 30 minutes), Reading (60 minutes), Writing (60 minutes) and Speaking (11 to 14 minutes) , about 2 hours 45 minutes in total. Each section gets a band from 0 to 9, and your overall band is the average of the four, rounded to the nearest half band.

1. Syllabus / format overview

- Four skills: Listening (~30 min), Reading (60), Writing (60), Speaking (11–14).
- Academic vs General Training — check which your university/visa needs.
- Overall band is the average of four skills, rounded to the nearest half band.

2. Exam pattern & study plan

Phase	Focus
Week 1	One official practice set to find your weakest skill.
Week 2	Listening + Reading in Pomodoro blocks.
Week 3	Writing Task 1 + Task 2 daily; word counter for 150/250 minima.
Week 4	Timed mocks; typing practice if computer-delivered.

3. Top study tips

- Task 2 carries more weight than Task 1 — do not overrun Task 1.
- Speaking: full answers with a reason or example.
- Official free practice: ielts.org preparation resources (opens in a new tab).

4. Quick-revision cheat sheet

- Board / brand: IELTS
- Status on our calendar: Announced — Many dates year-round (book on ielts.org)
- Registration note: Book early for preferred city/date
- Tip: Task 2 carries more weight than Task 1 — do not overrun Task 1.
- Tip: Speaking: full answers with a reason or example.
- Tip: Official free practice: ielts.org preparation resources (opens in a new tab).
- Tools on ViralScopeHub: Pomodoro, countdown timer, word counter, typing test (free in browser).
- Always re-check the official site before you apply or travel.

5. 10 unofficial practice questions (with answers)

Original learning questions about format and study process — **not** real exam items or past papers.

Q1. How many main skills does IELTS score?

- A. Two
- B. Four ✓**
- C. Six
- D. Ten

Answer: B. Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

Q2. Minimum words for Academic Writing Task 2?

- A. 50
- B. 100
- C. 250 ✓**
- D. 500

Answer: C. Task 2 asks for at least 250 words.

Q3. Are ViralScopeHub IELTS quizzes official Cambridge/IELTS papers?

- A. Yes
- B. No — original unofficial practice for learning only ✓**
- C. Yes, past papers
- D. Yes, paid banks

Answer: B. We never host copyrighted IELTS past papers.

Q4. If your average band ends in .25, typical rounding goes...

- A. Down to the whole band only
- B. Up to the next half band (usual IELTS rule) ✓**
- C. To zero
- D. To 9 always

Answer: B. IELTS rounds .25 up to the next half band — confirm on ielts.org scoring pages.

Q5. Is ViralScopeHub an official IELTS exam centre or board?

- A. Yes
- B. No — it is an independent free study site ✓**

Answer: B. We are not affiliated with any exam board. Confirm rules on the official site.

Q6. Where should you confirm final dates, fees and ID rules?

- A. Random social media posts
- B. Only the official exam website ✓**
- C. Paid “leaked paper” groups
- D. Unverified chat bots

Answer: B. Only the official board can confirm dates, fees and rules.

Q7. Are ViralScopeHub quizzes real past papers?

- A. Yes, official papers
- B. No — original unofficial practice for learning ✓**

Answer: B. We never host copyrighted past papers. Use official practice on the board site.

Q8. What is a good daily study habit before the exam?

- A. Only binge the night before
- B. Short focused blocks (e.g. Pomodoro) plus review of mistakes ✓**
- C. Skip sleep to study more
- D. Ignore the official syllabus

Answer: B. Steady focused practice and sleep beat last-night cramming.

Q9. If an official PDF notice fails to open, what should you do?

- A. Give up
- B. Open the board's HTML home / notice board instead ✓**
- C. Buy a pirated PDF
- D. Trust a forwarded screenshot only

Answer: B. Prefer the live official HTML pages when PDF hotlinks fail.

Q10. For IELTS, should you treat “Expected” dates on our site as final?

- A. Yes, always final
- B. No — only Announced dates from the board are firmer, and you must still re-check ✓**

Answer: B. Expected means not yet published by the board.

6. Official links

- **Official:** [Official free practice \(opens IELTS\)](https://ielts.org/take-a-test/preparation-resources) — <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/preparation-resources>
- **Our guide:** <https://viralscopehub.com/blog/ielts-exam-guide/>
- **On-site study:** <https://viralscopehub.com/study/ielts/>
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