

# Class 1

## IELTS OVERVIEW

IELTS, which stands for the "International English Language Testing System," is a globally recognized English language proficiency test. It is designed to assess the language skills of individuals who are planning to study, work, or migrate to English-speaking countries. IELTS is accepted by universities, colleges, employers, and immigration authorities in numerous countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and the United States.

## IELTS Test Format

**Four Modules:** IELTS assesses four language skills:

**Listening:** Test takers listen to recordings and answer questions.

**Reading:** Test takers read a variety of texts and answer questions.

**Writing:** Test takers complete two writing tasks.

**Speaking:** Test takers engage in a face-to-face interview.

**Two Versions:** There are two versions of IELTS: Academic and General Training. The Academic version is for individuals seeking to study at a university or institution of higher education. The General Training version is for those pursuing work experience or migration to English-speaking countries.

## IELTS Band Score

The IELTS test is scored on a nine-band scale, commonly referred to as the "IELTS band score." These band scores provide a clear indication of your English language proficiency. Here's an explanation of the IELTS band scores:

**Band 0:** No English language ability.

If you receive this band score, it means you didn't attempt the test or your responses were completely irrelevant.

**Band 1:** Non-user:

You have no ability to use the English language except for a few isolated words.

**Band 2:** Intermittent user:

You have great difficulty understanding spoken and written English.

**Band 3:** Extremely limited user:

You can understand some spoken and written English in familiar situations but struggle in unfamiliar contexts.

**Band 4:** Limited user:

You can communicate effectively in familiar situations but have difficulties with more complex language and ideas.

**Band 5:** Modest user:

You have a fair command of English but still make mistakes in complex situations.

**Band 6:** Competent user:

You have an effective command of English and can use it in most situations, but occasional errors may occur.

**Band 7:** Good user:

You have a very good command of English with occasional inaccuracies. You can handle complex language well.

**Band 8:** Very good user:

You have a very good command of English with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and can handle complex language competently.

**Band 9:** Expert user:

You have an expert command of English. Your use of the language is accurate, fluent, and well-nuanced, even in complex situations.

Your performance in each section of the IELTS test (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking) is assigned a separate band score. These individual scores are then averaged to calculate an overall band score, which is what institutions and organisations typically consider when evaluating your English language proficiency.

Different organisations and countries have specific band score requirements for various purposes, such as university admissions, employment, or immigration. Achieving a higher band score indicates a higher level of English proficiency and can open up more opportunities for education, employment, and other endeavours in English-speaking environments.

