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Hi everyone and welcome to our second Understanding IELTS Language Clinic! Our team of educators are here to help you, so post your questions in the comments below and we'll get started!

Neil

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi everyone, it's time for us to finish for today! Thanks for all your great questions and I hope you've found our answers useful. Don't worry if we haven't answered yours yet - we'll check back later and answer then. See you back on the course - bye for now!

Neil

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Federico Owen I know today's clinic isn't focused on Academic Writing, but I was practising for task 2 (Academic Module). I found at http://www.examenglish.com/.../ielts_writing_task2... a useful article on how to structure the essay, though once I started writing I wondered if this steps should ALWAYS appear on your essay, or otherwise, they are suggestions on how to approach Task 2. For example: the website delivers 3 points on what an Introduction should contain. Does it ALWAYS have to be this way, or as long as it's a clear and efficient introduction it works just fine?

IELTS Academic Writing: Part 2 - Introductions and Conclusions

Article giving advice on writing the introduction and conclusion of an exam essay

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Manal Othman Thank you

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Federico Owen, we look at different possible structures for academic essays in Week Six, so you can jump ahead in the course to check them out.

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Sky Smile Hello there .

Thank you to give us this space to ask

I want to ask how can I widen my vocabulary ? I think it is my weakness point

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Sky Smile, finding new vocabulary is not so difficult - almost anything you read, watch or listen to will have some new vocabulary. The difficult part is choosing which vocabulary to learn, then actually remembering it and using it in your own speaking and writing. You need to do that quite a lot before you really learn it. Here are some tips and tools to help you:

Learning new words -

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../learning...>

Improve your vocabulary - <http://goo.gl/GP1i1f>

Using word cards: <http://goo.gl/66zW6h>

Using mind maps: <http://goo.gl/DaLU6Z>

Using tables: <http://goo.gl/MeScgo>

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Sky Smile The tips and tools look so great .I think they will help me a lot thanks for you .

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Thilina Rathnayake Thanks a lot. I was also looking for these links.

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I getting on difficult in listening I can't fellow speaker this problem

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Isabelle Rezzoug LearnEnglish – British Council Thank you so much for such a tricky tips. I would like to know where I can find resources to build my own words tables, for example adjectives and opposites?

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Yahia Awad Thanks for this nice clinic .what about using the terms ,does it good for using in writing our ishould to write the full word

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Yahia Awad**, I'm not sure what you mean by 'terms', but you should always use full words in the writing tasks.

Neil

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Diana Marcela Vargas Barrera I would like to know, if it is a good idea write in english, and then check the sentences in a traductor page in order to check if it is correct or not. Is it a good exercise?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Diana**, yes there are ways to do this that can be useful. When I'm trying to get my students to stop translating everything and to try to work out unknown words from the context etc. I suggest that they do something similar. Instead of immediately reaching for a translation on their phone etc. I ask them to workout the meaning, write it down in English then try to agree what the translation would be. Only after that can they check. The more they do it, the easier it gets until they don't feel the need to check the translation at all. So yes it can be useful. The problem is that as your text gets longer, into sentences, paragraphs etc. the translation often becomes less accurate and grammar, vocabulary and word order mistakes can start to appear. So I'd suggest doing it in smaller chunks - phrases, clauses and less complex sentences, rather than a whole text. But yes it's a useful way to check your vocabulary choices.

Neil

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Ictpath Prabuddha Hi Team , I made some spelling mistakes, when I am writing and most of the cases I got realized that was made in the context and since I lost my confidence. Let me know how to over come this problem.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Ictpath Prabuddha**, we've shared some excellent results in this clinic today to help with spelling so make sure you check them out. As for confidence, that will come with more practice - keep reading as much as you can and practising your writing a few times per week at least. Try this website which will help you find your mistakes and correct them:

<https://writeandimprove.com/>

Neil



Cambridge English Write & Improve

Write & Improve is a free service for learners of English to practise their written English. Submit...

[WRITEANDIMPROVE.COM](https://writeandimprove.com/)

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Pri Moon Hi everyone!

I'd like to know what are the most important things to learn english as a second language? And how can i use that language naturally? I have been learning english since i was young but i feel that haven't improve drammatively. Why?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Pri Moon**, a lot depends on how you have been practising. You need to practise all four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing as often as you can if you really want to improve. You need to look carefully at how you have been taught and what you have actually been using the language for in real life. It's very common to find people who have studied English for years but still find it difficult to speak and this is often because they have not practised actually using the language as much as they have practised learning the rules etc. So if really want to improve, find things you enjoy reading or listening to in English, practise a little every day and concentrate on learning new words and phrases that way, then practise speaking with friends and writing using the new language and you will soon see an improvement.

Neil

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Bill Truong HI, I have a question relating to my listening skills. I am able to understand all conversation during work and daily activities. However, still a big gap while watching movie without subtitle, please help to advice how to improve and able to understand all movies.

differences in the skills and concentration required for two-way, everyday communication and the skills you need to watch a two-hour movie. In face to face conversation you have more than just the words to help you. You have body language, gesture and more. Plus it's a two-way exchange - without even thinking about it, both of you are checking if the other person understands and making small changes or saying things differently until they do. But watching a film is different. It's one way, at whatever speed and using whatever words the actors and directors chose. Instead of two or more people concentrating on each other, a film just blasts out information, often with lots of other things happening at the same time and lots of other noise, not to mention difficult, less common language, slang, different accents and more. So watching a movie puts lots more demands on your listening skills than a conversation does. But don't worry - that doesn't mean it's impossible, just that it will take more time and practice. I recommend trying with shorter TV shows, like sitcoms etc. and watching one every day until you feel it's easier, then move on to movies. And when you watch movies, try using the subtitles to help you - watch without, then watch come scenes again, WITH and see what you understood, check any new vocabulary, think about why it was difficult etc. All of that will help!

Neil
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Julian RoblesJimenez If i fell behind in the course lessons i can continue with the course after the lessons have finished? That is due to the lack of time.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Julian RoblesJimenez**, yes you can! Even after the course finishes you will always have access to the materials, so you can go back and do them any time.

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Julian RoblesJimenez Thanks Neil, you're very kind.

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Thein Naing To improve my English reading ,what sorts of books should I read for instance stories,fictions,newspapers and so on? It is the first question and the second one is how to my english speaking skill in no english speaking atmosphere?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Thein Naing**, the answer to the first question is easy! You should choose books that you like and enjoy. If you really enjoy a book then it motivates you to read more and to finish it, and that helps you learn. So really that is the most important thing - choosing things you like.

For your second question, try the excellent advice in this blog:

<http://britishenglishcoach.com/33-ways-to-speak-better.../>

Neil



33 ways to speak better English

You don't need to take classes to speak better English. Here are 33 ways you can improve...

BRITISHENGLISHCOACH.COM

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Jyoti Luthra Thank you to all the educators for addressing our queries. IELTS MOOC is very well planned, organized and methodically conducted. I am really glad to be part of it.

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LearnEnglish – British Council That's great to hear Jyoti Luthra!

Neil

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Mamdouh Ali I wanna study postgraduate degree at UK university and i found on the website of the university "minimum IELTS score 6.5". which one should i do IELTS academic or IELTS UKVI academic ?. and does IELTS UKVI academic valid to apply to study in a USA university or only IELTS academic ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Mamdouh Ali**, you only need to do the UKVI test if you are applying to go the UK. For other countries you can take the regular test. The actual test content is exactly the same though, so if you do the UKVI you can use it anywhere.

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Junhyun An I write emails to school officials, other health care practitioners, and doctors. I have hard time selecting the right heading and the formal greeting for each occasion.

Is there any guide to improve my skill in writing formal letters?

Thank you for the live Facebook help.

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for lots of useful advice and practice.

- 1) Writing a formal letter - <http://bit.ly/1BEagyU>
- 2) Introduction to formal emails - <http://bit.ly/1wS8nu9>
- 3) Formal expressions - <http://bit.ly/1DfJcu0>
- 4) Advanced formal and informal language - <http://bit.ly/1BGtQef>

Regarding formal greetings, you only really need to choose between two forms. If you know their name then you write Dear Mr./Ms./Dr (depending on whether they are male or female or a doctor) followed by their family name. If you don't know their name, then you write Dear Sir or Madam.
Neil



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Forgács Orsolya Hi, Could you offer something Hungarian-English translate as the Google Translate is not really competent. Thank you very much!

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Forgács Orsolya, I'm afraid I don't know of any - I think Google is probably the best unfortunately. I know Hungarian is difficult and is very different from other languages, even other ones it is related to. But as it's also not widely spoken outside Hungary, it's probably not one that gets as much attention as it could from Google etc. I think if there is going to be a really good online solution it's probably going to come from Hungary! Have you tried this one: <http://www.etranslator.ro/english-hungarian-online...>

I don't know if it's any good, but maybe worth a try.
Neil

Online English Hungarian Translator

English Hungarian Translator - the most advanced online translator from/to any language, working both online and offline.

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil Also, in the fill in the blanks with no more than 3 words or 2 words, should it be filled with the exact words mentioned in the passage or we can answer with similar sentences.

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Ajith, answer with what you hear.
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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil For eg, i was doing a passage yesterday.. I wrote canary wharf is a - few kilometres away- from Square mile. when i checked the answer it say a few kilometres is the right answer.
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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil similarly, a passage about a customer care centre asks what should you do if an equipment is broken or something - The passage says call 04XXXXX - is it write if we say call customer care/ call 04XXXX/ call customer service
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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Ajith Philip Manjadiyil**, unfortunately that would be wrong because it contains a grammatical error. You need to say 'a few' and by missing out the 'a' you make the answer wrong, with or without 'away'. So you need to check carefully - was the 'a' included before the blank? Or did you need to write it in. As you can see, it's very important to be accurate and even a small mistake can lose you the marks.
Neil

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Saleh Tarek 1-What if I mix between the British pronunciation and the American one.For example: If I write colour and after some lines I write color ??

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Saleh, Either is fine but be consistent.
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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Saleh Tarek**, what Karen is saying is, don't mix! Choose one and stick to it.
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Saleh Tarek Ahah I get it thanks 😊

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Elshaimaa Said Aman Very good question



Gift Ayaowei How can i improve my spellings of words.am having a big problem with that thank you.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Gift Ayaowei** check the answer to **Abdul Malek**, as well as others in this [clinic](#)

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Moutasem Ehab Attia if the course content will still available after the endo of the course ? because I won't take the exam right or what the available duration for the course content ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Moutasem Ehab Attia**, yes it will. Don't worry - you have permanent access to the materials so you can go backover them when you need to.

Neil

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil In the Yes/No/Not given questions in the Reading section, sometimes it is understood from the passage that it comes to this particular conclusion. However, the answer might be not given.. when something like that comes, what should be taken into consideration. Is there any better way in knowing the same

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi **Ajith**, it's a good question. I ask myself 'how do I know if the answer is yes. Where does it say this in the text?' If I can find the answer, I know it is yes. I repeat for 'no'. If can can't find a sure yes or no, then I know it is not given. I then go back to the text to double check.

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil Thank you Karen. So it doesnt matter what we understand.. it should be like if it is not mentioned in the passage, it should probably be not given

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Ajith Philip Manjadiyil**, yes. If it is not mentioned in the text, even if you can be understood from other information in the text, then it is not given. If it is yes or true, then the information will be directly stated (using different words etc. of course) and if it is no/false then the opposite will be stated.

Neil

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil Thank you Mr. Neil

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Jyoti Luthra Is academic test also applicable for teachers in India, who want to try for teaching options/jobs abroad? (subjects other than English Language)

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi **Jyoti**, is it for teaching English? Here is a test for teachers: <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/.../teaching.../tkl/>

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Show that you're developing as an EFL teacher with TKT – a series of flexible, internationally recognised tests from Cambridge English.

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LE Freddie Hi **Jyoti**. If it is for a teaching job the Academic Module may be better but some employers may accept the General Module. You'd need to check with them beforehand.

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Jyoti Luthra Karen LearnEnglish ...Thanks for your reply but I mentioned in my post that its for subjects other than english language. For example - Engineering

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Jyoti Luthra**, then yes the academic module would be best.

Neil

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Jasline Thevasagayam Do you have a basic structure for writing skill, I would like to use in my work

<https://esol.britishcouncil.org/.../lear.../skills/writing-1>



Writing | ESOL Nexus

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Jasline Thevasagayam, it really depends what you need to write in your work. Check out these resources too:

<http://bit.ly/EnglishForEmails>

<http://bit.ly/WritingSkillsPractice>

<http://www.cambridge.org/.../bus.../writing-impact/resources>

Neil



English for Emails

Do you want to write better emails in English for your work? These lessons will help you...

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Fola Mahmoud Hi ,how can I improve my writing skills I have a lot of vocabularies but when I start write I can't organise my ideas ..

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Fola, here are a few sites that might help:

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../writing...>

<http://esol.britishcouncil.org/build-your-writing-skills>



Writing skills practice | LearnEnglish Teens

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Fola Mahmoud Thanks

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Sarmistha Sengupta Roy How can I improve my writing and reading skill in English?

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Koko Magdy Lolo Magdy

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Ali Hussain Is it allowed to use your phone during eilts exam ?

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LE Freddie Hi Ali. You are not allowed to take phones into the exam.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Ali Hussain**, absolutely not! You can't take any devices into the exam, not even a watch.

Neil

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Akash Jee No,certainly not.Even you can't take any mobile device with you in the examination centre

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Khalil Matar What is the level needed to join the course???

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Khalil Matar**, anyone can join the course but we recommend a minimum B1 (intermediate) level.



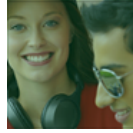
Ronald Ramos Caddarao Hello, may I ask if you have free downloaded module? Thank you

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Ronald Ramos Caddarao**, you can download all the videos and audio on the course, as well as the practice activities. Plus if you visit our websites you can find lots more <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en>
<http://learnenglish teens.britishcouncil.org/>

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Ronald Ramos Caddarao Free?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Yes its all for free Ronald

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Nino Tordia How can I build my vocabulary in a short period ?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Nino Tordia, I have to ask - why does it have to be a short time? I mean you can learn some new vocabulary in a short time, yes. But really building your vocabulary takes time - not just or listening to and reading lots of English, but choosing what vocabulary to learn, then practising using it again and again in speaking and writing. Unfortunately that can't be done very quickly!

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Nino Tordia I am intermediate level ad need to pass IELTS in 8 month.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Nino Tordia, eight months is not such a short time if you practise every day, so don't worry too much! What score do you need to get in IELTS?

Neil

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Nino Tordia I need at least 6.5 to get an erasmus scholarahip)

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Mohamed Shoaib How can I read English correctly and fast?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Mohamed Shoaib**, it takes time to build that skill and lots of practice. Start with shorter texts at your level, then when you feel confident try reading longer, slightly more difficult texts. These should be a little difficult, with perhaps a few words or phrases that you don't know, but not so difficult that you can't understand anything! If you do that every day for a little time - maybe just 15- 20 minutes you will soon see an improvement. See my answer here for more:

<https://business.facebook.com/.../posts/1441049695923530...>

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Mohamed Shoaib Thank you so much

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Xuân Trường How can i improve my reading skill for IELTS exam ?

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with methods for answering them. Learning reading skills such as skimming, scanning and reading in detail and learning important vocabulary whilst reading are all important strategies. We'll look at IELTS reading in detail during Week 5 of the course:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understanding.../5/todo/7144>



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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Xuân Trường, well as with all skills, the only way to improve is through practice! But it's important not to go too fast. Find things to read which you are interested in and enjoy, and which are a little difficult but not impossible for you. Then practise reading a little every day, concentrate on finding and learning new vocabulary and check any grammar that confuses you. Try some of these links to find texts at different levels.

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../reading...>

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/uk-now/read-uk>

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../easy-reading>

Also work on developing your skimming and scanning skills - you'll find out more about them in Week Five of the course.

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Xuân Trường Thank you so much 😊

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Nyein Nyein Aye Thanks.

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Fuad Alduais How can i improve my writing skills?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Fuad Alduais, well first of all reading really helps! If you read lots of relevant and interesting things it will help you build your vocabulary, notice and improve grammar and sentence construction and give you ideas on what to write about. After that the most important thing is to practise as much as you can. Check out these links for help with that:

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../writing...>

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/.../301-prompts-for-.../>

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Saira Jehan how can i improve my writing???

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi Saira Jehan, see my answer to Fuad Alduais. The most important thing is to try to practise as much as you can - not just exam tasks, but writing lots of different things to build your confidence and fluency.

Neil

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Fuad Alduais Do you have one paper that has all English Grammar. so i can keep it and return back to it if needed??

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Fuad Alduais**, I'm afraid not! One of the most popular guides to English grammar has nearly seven hundred pages, so it would have to be a very big piece of paper! But you can find all the information and practice you need on our websites for free. Check them out here:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/quick-grammar>
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar>
<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../grammar...>

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Quick Grammar

This reference section provides brief explanations of 48 of the more common areas of grammar,...

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Imran Provat "This will allow the wounded to be evacuated soon"and "About 1.5 million people are still believed to be inside Mosul"

#my question is: what do they mean??what do such sentences (to be+past participle)mean?? How can i form them??when can i apply /use them??how can i make meaning of them...??i need concrete rules with explanations. please help me out.i will be highly blessed if someone can help me.

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Imran Provat**, this is a passive form, often used in news etc. Basically it means 'people believe there are 1.5 million people'. But you're not really interested (or don't know) who these people are that believe this. You're interested in the 1.5 million people. So that goes at the start of the sentence and you use the passive - be + past participle. You can find out more here:

<http://bit.ly/ActivePassiveVoice>
<http://bit.ly/LEPassives>
<http://bit.ly/1y9BvTT>

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active and passive voice

Transitive verbs have both active and passive forms:

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Theresa Mai Tran I can remember advanced vocabs but when speaking I can't apply them. ☹️

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Theresa Mai Tran**, that really just involves practice. If you don't use the new vocabulary for a while, or you don't use it very often then it will be more difficult to remember. So really the answer is to practise using it in speaking and writing as often as you can until it becomes easier.

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Snoow White Hi everyone . Thank you all for your efforts .Could you recommend a website for me where i can type a word and hear the right pronunciation (British accent) of it , please?

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Snoow White**, there are a few ways to do this. Good dictionaries like these:

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com/>
<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/>
 have audio samples for every word so you can hear the pronunciation. Or you can try this site: <http://howjsay.com/> or this one <http://forvo.com/languages/en/> where you can hear real people say the words.

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Snoow White **LearnEnglish – British Council** Thank you so much Neil

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Jasline Thevasagayam I would like to write complex sentences but I couldn't understand which one is adjectives, adverbials and phrasal in the sentence..

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LearnEnglish – British Council Hi **Jasline Thevasagayam**, we have an excellent section on our website that takes you through different clauses, phrases, sentences and parts of speech. Check it out here: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../clause-phrase...>

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Jasline Thevasagayam Thank you Neil.

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DrSadia Farzana My heartiest thanks to all the educators of Learn English - British Council specially to those who were involved in understanding IELTS online course ..I got Academic IELTS score :07 , I will recommend everyone for Understanding IELTS course and to attend Facebook clinic , too .It is too helpful , friends.Special good wishes to Neil ,Alister , Freddie and all other educators .Thank you guys.Please , keep me in your prayers so that I can reach my goal .

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LearnEnglish – British Council That's great to hear **DrSadia!** Congratulations and thank you for your kind words!

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Thet Wah I feel sorry that I missed the event again. But some participants asked the questions that want to know as well. So I can learn from your answers to those questions. Thank you all!

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Dina Said Hello, How can I get rid of the auto-corrector and improve my writing.. I keep do the same writing mistakes and I can't imagine my life without auto-corrector

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Alister Widdowson That is a fact of modern life Dina! I think we all rely on the spellchecker to help us when we write, particularly me and when we don't have it we can feel a bit lost. The only thing I can think if is to learn the spellings of the words you get wrong. Pay attention when you type to your mistakes, write down the correct versions and then practise every day trying to remember the spelling

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Jasmine Yap If I have taken a test before and I want to retry, do I need to repay the whole test fees to take another test?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Jasmine, yes unfortunately you have to retake the whole test again.

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Jasmine Yap Ok, thanks for the reply.

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Buthina Abbas Hi, how can I build up my writing skills

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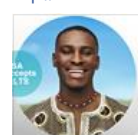


Dounia Zed Hi, can anyone please explain for me what is IELTS exam because I have no idea about it

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Dounia, Have a look here: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org>



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Dounia Zed thank u karan ^^

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Dounia Zed thank u ! I will have a look on this ^^

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Alister Widdowson Hi everyone!

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Saleh Tarek Hi Mr.Widdowson

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Alister Widdowson Hi Saleh, good to see you here on Facebook

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Saadia Nazneen hi Alister! How can I improve my speaking & listening skill?

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Alister Widdowson That's a very big question Saadia! I can give you a big answer - practise. Is there something more specific I can answer?

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Saja Hasan Hi Mr Alister,
I am so excited to be with you in this clinic.

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Ahmed K. Shokry Welcome MR Alister

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Manal Othman What are the steps in writing official letters in English?

Thank you

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Jamaluddin Kabir Thanks so much

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Alister Widdowson You are welcome

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Lestari Elstar Hi. It's lovely to here

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Karen LearnEnglish Glad you like it here

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Najwa Taoussi Hiii how are youu

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Najwa, we are fine. How are you ?

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Ninga Chan Hi! Hello! Finally here I am 🙄

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Ninga Chan Hi, Karen! Love to see you again.

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Ninga Chan I have some problem with my writing skill. When I start writing and I love the topic, I just cant stop writing till I find out that I write many long sentences. Is that too bad? If it is not a test, I can review and revise my writing to make some sentences shorter and so on. But how if it is a test, an ielts writing test, writing under pressure/limited time? (btw should I use a pencil/pen in ielts tests?) I once experienced this kind of situation when I was in a written test and I was instructed to use a pen. My handwriting was not too bad but I the text looked awful since I had to make some revision here and there in some parts of the text.

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Ninga, I think practice will help with this. You should use a pencil because it's faster to write with and you can also rub out words and change them. It's fine to use a pencil. Also spend a little time planning as this will help make your thoughts more logical.

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Ninga Chan Yeah, you're right! I rarely use planning before writing. Thank you so much for reminding me. Do you have any suggestions how to make the most effective planning in writing?

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 **Anbudan Elango** Good evening everyone.
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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Anbudan
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 **Anbudan Elango** Hi mam
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 **Anbudan Elango** In generally we have using common words in day to day life,like repetition words.in ielts i use unique words in spesking part,that thing improve my score in ielts?
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 **Alaa Sayed** THANKS A LOT
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 **Ninga Chan** I have some problems with my writing skill. When I start writing and I love the topic, I just cant stop writing till I find out that I write many long sentences. Is that too bad? If it is not a test, I can review and revise my writing to make some sentences shorter and better. But how if it is a test, an ielts writing test, writing under pressure/limited time? (btw should I use a pencil/pen in ielts tests?) I once experienced this kind of situation when I was in a written test and I was instructed to use a pen. My handwriting was not too bad but the text physically looked awful since I had to make some revisions here and there in some parts of the text.
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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ninga, See my answer in the other thread to you
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 **Saja Hasan** Hi everyone,
Well writing is my favourite activity. However I do need to improve it, specifically writing in different grammatical structures. Time is my problem. I need to practice and try to formulate my ideas & thoughts in a short and specific time. Any other suggestions?
Thank you
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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Saja, time is always a problem! You could try making sentences in your head and visualising them when you are walking somewhere or on a bus.
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 **Karen LearnEnglish** I used to make sentences from car registration letters when I was bored in a car.
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 **Prunelle de Jésus** Please i have 3 questions:1)which sentence is correct:'i haven't phoned my sister for days' or 'i haven't phoned my sister since days'? 2) is the question 'what are you interested in?' correct? 3) if they ask me to talk about an event,is my birthday party an event?
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 **Alister Widdowson** Hi Prunelle, 1 - for days. 2 - yes, 3 - yes. Great questions!
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 **LE Freddie** Hi Prunelle. 1) The second sentence is correct as it is a length of time 'days' rather than a specific time. 2) Yes it is correct. 3) Yes, a birthday party can be called an event.
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 **Prunelle de Jésus** Thank you very much,you are very kind.thank you
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 **Cabeto Cuadrado** Hello everyone. My question is: can one of the instructors share examples of successful writings? So we can see how they're structured, vocabulary used, etc. I think it'll be even better to see a not very good writing in which you can see mistakes and what the score was for each of the writings. Cheers!
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 **Neeraj LearnEnglish** Hi Cabeto here you can download example of the writting questions and model answers from the examiners.
<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../writing-practice....> Hope this helps

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Cabeto Cuadrado Neeraj LearnEnglish Those model answers are great thanks. However I was thinking of some sort of explanation highlighting what makes that writing an excellent one. and is that a 9.0 in the writing piece?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish I understand Cabeto, try here <https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/sample-test-questions>

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Cabeto Cuadrado It'll take me some time to review everything, but looks like a great material. Cheers

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Ahmed AbdelSadek Hi Everyone

I can practise my English well during work as all my discussion with my team , management & peers are more technical related

but I faced some difficulties when doing the same with others. could you please guide me how to fix this ?

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Alistair Widdowson Hi Ahmed, do you mean how do you practise when you are not with colleagues? If so then it think it's a question of vocabulary. With colleagues, you all know the same words for the things you work on and you are all familiar with the same projects places and so on. Outside work everyone knows and ask about different things which can be hard to follow. It is difficult to develop the but two things I could suggest are to watch and listen to things which contain a lot of social English. The second thing to do is to keep speaking to people and having those conversations. You might find it difficult but you are learning every time you do it.

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Ahmed AbdelSadek appreciated

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Katharina Krabel How can I improve my vocabulary skills for writing... I would say my language is quite good but using technical, strong and academic vocabulary is quite difficult for me

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LE Freddie Hi Katharina. I recommend a website called Memrise. It uses a unique method to help you learn, remember and review vocabulary. You'll need to create an account and then find an academic vocabulary course <http://www.memrise.com/home/>



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Saffat Tahmid same here

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Katharina, practice a lot. Read a lot and use examples in your own writing.

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Katharina Krabel But what can I do to actually use the vocabulary... I know many words but they only exist as my passive vocabulary I know their meaning but they do not come to my mind while writing

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Karen LearnEnglish Practice writing sentences with new words. Take 5 new words and use them in a paragraph.

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Katharina Krabel Well do you know some websites where there is a collection of vocabulary

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<http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/.../academic/>

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Karen LearnEnglish <https://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills-writing>



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Katharina Krabel Thank you!!

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Ayan Malik Hello,How can I increase my listening power when I talk someone's & watching movies ,shows ,song I can't understand at the time what's they are saying also IELTS listening test

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Ayan, there are a lot of suggestions in week 3 of the IELTS course:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understanding.../5/todo/7142>



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Alistair Widdowson That's a lot of questions there Ayan, You basically need to practise your listening but it does take a long time. Plan to spend a month or two listening every day, say half an hour to anything you like as long as you concentrate while you are doing it.

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Ayan Malik Thanks a lot,I like yours suggestions & I do my best

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Vickie N-kenty Greetings to everyone, my question is: how is mixture of British and American spelling and grammar peculiarities regarded in terms of band score?

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Alistair Widdowson Hi Vickie, that's a great question. It doesn't matter if your communication is clear. normally, to make things easy on the reader we recommend sticking to British or American spellings but it can be very difficult to sort that out. Remember to focus on being understood and you should be ok

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil It normally happens to me like when i talk, i tend to use mm.. err.. kind of words..maybe because of MTI (Mother tongue influence) Does that have an impact in the speaking test?

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Alistair Widdowson Hi Ajith, it is perfectly natural and normal to use the sounds so don't worry too much. if we do them a lot then it can be a problem of rat listening particularly if you are doing it because you can't think of a word or grammar

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil H a ha. ok Mr. Widdowson

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Junhyun An I use mms and errs in my own tongue. So should I fix them before taking the IELTS exam?

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does it depend on the vocabulary/no of words/format of the letter or the topic/
whether the idea is conveyed or not?

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Alister Widdowson Hi Ajith, the writing and speaking are marked according to a standardised mark scheme which all examiners follow. for the writing you can find it here.

https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../IELTS_task_1... and here

https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../IELTS_task_2...

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Ajith Philip Manjadiyil Thank you Mr. Widdowson.

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Hemid Xəlfəquliyev In the speaking test When we don't understand something, more particularly a word ,for example, is it OK to ask the maining of that word. In the case of the word is not common word.

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Hamid, it is unlikely that you will get asked a question with an unusual word in it. You can ask for something to be repeated. You can't ask for a meaning of a word. If you don't know the meaning, you can say 'I don't know that word but I think it means.....'. Then you are showing the examiner that you don't know and you are answering your question based on your understanding of the word.

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Dorothee Baum Hi! I'm having mainly troubles with punctuation, when do I need to put a comma? When should I definitely not put a comma? Do you have any tips how I could improve this?

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Dorothee, have a look here:

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../spelling...>



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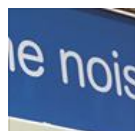
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Karen LearnEnglish <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/punctuation>



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Dorothee Baum Thank you very much Karen!

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Isaac Ashibami First of all, thank you for this [clinic](#) and it will help you to be closer to us.

I hope if you can help us by updating us with the new and important marketing vocabularies.

Thank you

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Moha Med Please, how can i improve my speaking skills cause i think sometimes i can't speak better and what the possibilities to join to ielts test and get higher score??

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Moha, have a look at week 2 on the Understanding IELTS online course. Look at step 2.2

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LE Freddie Hi Moha. The only way to improve your speaking is through practice - lots of practice! Listening really helps, so make sure you visit our websites and try the activities there. If you can't join a class, try to make a study group with friends and practise with our materials. Here are some ideas to help you:
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Moha Med My name is Mohamed and iam from Egypt, thank you for your help LE Freddie Karen LearnEnglish

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Daria Obukhova Dear Educators! I have a question about handwriting. Should we use cursive or print hadwriting during IELTS tests? Does it really matter? Thank you for your help!

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Daria, for IELTS it doesn't really matter whether you use cursive or print. It must be clear though in whichever way !

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Daria Obukhova Thanks a lot!

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LE Freddie Hello Everyone. I'm Freddie one of the educators on Understanding IELTS. I'm looking forward to answering your questions on today's Facebook clinic!

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Saja Hasan Thank you Mr.Freddie

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Everyone, I'm Tina and one of the educators on Understanding IELTS ... looking forward to 'speaking' to some of you today Tina

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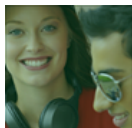


Faseeha Khan Hello Tina please give me some advice to improve writing and speaking.

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LearnEnglish Tina Hi Faseeha Khan, this week has been all about improving writing skills and Week 2 was for speaking ... we've given some great links to help you improve both skills so do make sure you go back and check them out in the course Also check out <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en> which also has great tips and activities on improving your writing and speaking!
Tina



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resources to help adults learn English.
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So happy chatting with you.

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi everyone, looking forward to taking some of your questions today

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Waqas Ali plz help me to differentiate between "then" and "than". it makes me confuse at times

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Waqas, 'then' is used for time sequence, for example: I went to the shop then I went to the bank then I went home. 'Than' is used to compare 2 things. Milk is cheaper than oil. I am older than my sister.

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Alister Widdowson Hi Waqas, it is confusing! Then is for talking about time, it goes with now or it can mean after than (i get up, then I have breakfast). Than is used for comparing things, London is bigger than Manchester for example.

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LE Freddie Hi Waqas. 'than' is used to make comparisons, e.g. he's taller than her. 'Then' has different meanings, e.g. it can be used to state a consequence, e.g. If it rains then we'll get wet or to refer to a particular time http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/.../then_1...

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Pro Dip I want to be fluent in speaking english.I have none to talk english with. How can I do that? Is there any app or some live websites where I can get help? Please answer.

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Pro Dip, there are lots of app and webpages now on the internet for language exchange. Have you tried Speaky ?

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Pro Dip No, I haven't try any of those. I am totally unaware about something like that. Would you mention some for me please.

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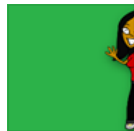


Fuad Alduais Do you have one paper that has all English Crammer. so i can keep it and return back to it if needed.??

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Fuad, have a look here:
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar>



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This grammar by well-known author Dave Willis describes the ways that speakers of British...

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Sarah Elkazak It will be very useful

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Jyoti Luthra Hi! Could you please explain who all should take an academic test ?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Jyoti, the academic test is mainly for people who are applying to study on a university course which is taught in the English language. Sometimes also medical professionals need to do this version of the test for working visas to some countries.

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Alister Widdowson take the academic test if you are doing IELTS for study purposes, general is fine for visas and work will often take both!

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Jyoti Luthra Is it also applicable for teachers, who want to try for teaching options/jobs abroad? (subjects other than English

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Federico Owen Sorry to ask, but this is the first time I participate on a video clinic. Will it take place right here? Does it use a particular software or when the starting time comes a video window will appear?

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Alister Widdowson Hi Federico, it isn't actually a video clinic, we are just typing our questions and answers. You don't need any software, just the n the space and click return

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LE Freddie Hi Federico. This is not a video session. We are just responding to questions left as comments here on the Facebook page.

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Federico Owen Oh! I see...my bad!

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Saffat Tahmid i have serious problem with vocabularies.. Would you please suggest any books or pdf?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Saffat, here are some online vocabulary practise activities which could help you

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/vocabulary-games>,

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../vocabulary>...



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Saffat Tahmid Thanks

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Manuel Quintero Corzo Hi everyone and teachers!, question: we use connectors to unite different ideas in a paragraph, how can we do that more effectively like in a book.

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Manuel, here's a little activity to practise some common linkers <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../spite-despite...>



in spite of / despite / although

in spite of / despite / although In spite of, despite and although are all used to show a contrast...

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Manuel Quintero Corzo thanks

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Mariia Bondarenko Hello, I want to know how to count words at writing task - are "I", "the" and etc. counted as separate words?

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Mariia, yes, they are counted as separate words but don't worry too much because there is a certain amount of flexibility in the word count. It doesn't have to be exact. Just make sure you write enough 😊

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Mariia Bondarenko Thank you very much for your answer.

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เป็ดโม คนดีของแม่ I can't translate the poetry. How can i improve poetry comprehension ?

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Alister Widdowson That's a very challenging thing to try there. We don't really focus on that in the IELTS course but I would say that practise makes perfect. If you translate something then focus more on the beauty of the words than on the perfect literal translation

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เป็ดโม คนดีของแม่ I try to do that ,but i can't. I don't know what i should focus on, the words are ambiguous. Thanks for your advice 🙏

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เปิดโน คนดีของแม่ Alister Widdowson into English

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Monic Kraft Hello, penmo kon dee kong mae, maybe you should rewrite the poetry entirely in English but base the poem on the language you read. That way you don't have to do it literally or verbatim. Some words that are ambiguous in one language can be replace with the same in another language. I hope this help. Koop-Chai.

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เปิดโน คนดีของแม่ Monic Kraft you are so expert ! You can read thai language. Thanks for suggestion.

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Dounia Zed hi please I want someone to explain for me when do we put the stress

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LE Freddie Hi Dounia. You can check which syllable is stressed in words with more than one syllable by looking in a learner dictionary. So 'teacher' /'ti:tʃə/ you see there is an apostrophe before the first syllable which tells you to stress this syllable. In 'forget' /fə'get/ notice that apostrophe is before the second syllable so stress the second syllable.

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LE Freddie Generally, prepositions, articles and little grammar words are not stressed though.

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Dounia Zed thank uuuuuuu very much

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Elia Wela Hi. When I listen to native speakers I cannot understand easily. So, How can I improve my understanding and listening?

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LE Freddie Hi Elia. Try to spend a little time each day listening to English. It can be anything - activities on our websites, TV shows, radio, music, Youtube videos - everything will help! Here are some activities to get you started:

Listen & Watch - <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-and-watch>

Professional Podcasts -

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../professionals...>

Listening Skills Practice -

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../listening...>

Video Zone - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../video-zone>

Video UK - <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/uk-now/video-uk>



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Abudan Elango In speaking part, if I use unique word that is advantage to get more score or not?

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Alister Widdowson The important thing is to focus on clear communication. if the examiner can understand everything you say then this is the priority. It is a good idea to try to use less common vocabulary but you must be sure that you understand it really well. using a difficult word wrong can be really confusing for the listener

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Abudan Elango Thank you Mr.Alister widdowson.its a nice tips.

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Abudan Elango In listening part,which type of audio will be playing? conversation and lectures other than any possibles?

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Tamador Adam Mustafa Hi everyone

My question is if I want to do IELTS test what i have to do to prepare for exam and is there any course i have to read it?

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Jyoti Luthra Is there any duration for which the test score is valid or one can attempt and use anytime in future, when required?

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LE Freddie Hi Jyoti. The test results are valid for two years.

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Jyoti Luthra LE Freddie ...Thank you for your reply

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Diana Catalina Sarmiento Could you recommend to us sources or materials about synonyms.

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LE Freddie Hi Diana. Thesauruses are useful for exploring synonyms.

Here are some decent online ones: <http://www.thesaurus.com/>

<https://www.visualthesaurus.com/app/view>

<http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-thesaurus>



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Jasline Thevasagayam How can I improve using does, I always omit does when I talk to someone.

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Jasline, we often use 'does' in questions with she/he/it. Think of some questions and ask them again and again. We also use 'does' in negatives. Make some negatives and repeat them again and again.

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Federico Owen Can I be asked on Academic Module to write a letter? Whether it is in Task 1 or 2

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LE Freddie Hi Federico. No, this will only be in Task One of the General Module. Part 1 of the Academic Module requires you to describe a chart or diagram. We'll look at this in more detail in Week 6.

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Federico Owen Thanks!

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Katarina Petrovic How is the final band(score) counted and what's the lowest score for passing the test?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Katarina, there's no pass or fail in IELTS. You simply receive a band which corresponds to your English level. You can find out about how it is calculated here

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../overall-band...>

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IELTS band scores explained with examples of weight given to each of the listening, speaking, writing and reading tests.

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Katarina Petrovic Thank you, Neeraj.

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Richie Arié Hi everyone. When writing a title, why 'the', 'of', 'on', etc usually written in lowercase? Thanks in advance.

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Richie, in a title it is usually on the nouns and verbs that are capitalised, the content words rather than the glue words

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Richie Arié Much appreciated. Thanks Karen.

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Diana Catalina Sarmiento During the exam use American vocabulary will affect my score?

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LE Freddie Hi Diana. No. You can use American vocabulary in IELTS. It's absolutely fine!

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Diana Catalina Sarmiento Thanks

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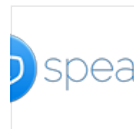


Prince Jack Alex may i find any forum or site where i can improve english by chatting or talking?

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LE Freddie Hi Prince. Have a look at the following site. You can find people to practice English with: www.speaky.com



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Prince Jack Alex bundle of thanx. U r great

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Azubuike Onyeocha Hello, i want to improve my vocabulary and understand the right vocabulary to use in writing and speaking.how do i go about knowing it?

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Anju Manandhar I missed all the lessons so how could I cover these lessons ?

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LE Freddie Hi Anju. You can join and start the course from the beginning now if you wish:

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Anju Manandhar LE Freddie thank you

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Faseeha Khan Hello everyone and my question is how to improve my writing and speaking skills?

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Alister Widdowson That's very bg question Faseeha, what do you find particularly difficult?

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Faseeha Khan Oops first writing now concentrate on this.

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Linus Edem Hello Neil,please is it correct to say,They are University GRADUATES or they are University GRADUANDS.

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Jay Shah I feel difficulty when I am writing an essays. I mistake in passive voice

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Jay, have a look here:
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active and passive voice

Transitive verbs have both active and passive forms:

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Karen LearnEnglish and here:
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Tekle Tesfamariam Hello how can I improve writing skills could give to me some advices

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Abdul Malek Which one is correct congratulation or congratulations ?

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Karen LearnEnglish Congratulations.

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Abdul Malek thanks

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Abdul Malek How can I improve grammar and spelling?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Abdul, here are some great tips and resources to help you with your spelling
<https://howtospell.co.uk/spelling.php>. For grammar I would recommend looking here <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar>



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LE Freddie Hi Abdul. For grammar try out the following sites:

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<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/z/4456.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../learn.../grammar/grammar_challenge/



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LE Freddie and for spelling have a look at these: Vocabulary and spelling – <http://esol.britishcouncil.org/.../vocabulary-and-spelling>

How to spell - <http://www.howtospell.co.uk/spelling.php>

BBC Spelling for adults - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic-group/spelling>

Oxford Dictionary Spelling -

<http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/spelling>



Vocabulary and spelling | ESOL Nexus

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Abdul Malek Neeraj LearnEnglish thank you

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Saleh Tarek 2-What about the formal and informal way in writing ?

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Neeraj LearnEnglish Hi Saleh, this is a useful activity
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<http://learnenglish teens.britishcouncil.org/.../more...>



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Saleh Tarek Thanks so much Neeraj, u've been a great help 😊

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Rabi Bala how can I improve my pronouncing skills and public addresses

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Alister Widdowson Hi Rabi, interesting question. pronunciation can take a while to develop, the key for me is to see it like learning a musical instrument and practice to get unfamiliar muscles working ogler. find out what sounds are particularly difficult or you (th is often a problem(then find out exactly how to make that sound. Start really slow and practise a lot until you can make it easily. Then you can build it into sentences and get a bit faster.

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Alister Widdowson have a look at these links
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<https://www.britishcouncil.it/.../english-pronunciation>
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/apps/sounds-right>



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Rabi Bala Thank you and I really appreciate.

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Anbudan Elango In speaking part repetition word good or not?

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Karen LearnEnglish Hi Anbudan, a little repetition is fine but not a lot. The examiner wants to hear as much English from you as possible in the time. Repetition means that you are not using your full range of language.

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Anbudan Elango Thank you mam.

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Anbudan Elango In listening part,the audio will be playing in speakers or headphones?

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Tamador Adam Mustafa Thanks alot Karen

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