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

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Hi everyone, it's time for us to finish for today. Please don't ask any more questions here - if you have more questions either ask them on the timeline or back on the course. We have a LOT of questions to answer, so please be patient if we haven't answered yours yet. We'll try to finish them all later on so please check back. Thanks for coming and bye for now!

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Rēhāp ZiDār

Thank you Neil 😊

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Thanks

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Thanks so much, Neil

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Thanks

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Thanks a lot

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Flores Flores

Thanks Mr. Neil

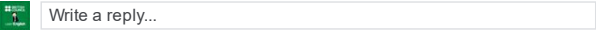
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I miss first week

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Niccolò Rigon

I still think in my own language (italian) and then I translate all the clauses in english so how can I start think in english? Thank you!

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Hi Niccolò Rigon, that's a good question! It's really all about practice. The more you are exposed to English, the easier it will become to stop. First of all make a conscious effort to avoid translation. When you are learning new vocabulary or grammar use only English for the notes, the explanations and examples. When you're trying to work something out, do it in English. As you walk around during the day, think about the things you are doing, and in your head use English - even sing English songs! And try to listen to and read English every day, using a monolingual dictionary if necessary. not a bilingual one. It takes time but if you make these things a habit you'll soon find that you are not translating any more.

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Fatama Elzahraa Hassan

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Mihai Rada

Practice makes perfect Niccolo! Enrich your vocabulary as much as possible and it should come naturally with time to think in English before speaking/writing. In my case I guess I can say it worked

great over the years, considering I've studied English only a couple of years in high school. And you got to love it! It certainly makes it easier if you learn because you want to and not because you feel forced by any circumstance. Best of luck to you mate!

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**Maha El Torky** LearnEnglish – British Council how can I improve my grammar while speaking and writing? And the punctuation and speech marks while writing ?? I feel always my sentences has no sense

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**Julia Robert** A good suggestion also for me. I'll try to practice my daily activities and reduce my thinking in my mother tongue. Thanks Neil

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**Mahmoud Ahmed** Hello, My problem in English is pronunciation how I solve this problem ?

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**Abeer Abd Ellateef** Plz why using monolingual dictionary I think bilingual one is more helpful for learning vocabulary

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**Muhammad Khizar Abbas** i learnt a lot from this answer

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**Muhammad Khizar Abbas** i learnt a lot from this answer

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**Mohamed Gaber** My problem with english is pronunciation, Can you advise me about the correct and simple way to study English and fix my mistakes? Thanks in advance.

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**Reman Afify Mostafa** I feel shy or confused when i try to speak english also I cannot recognise speech of native speaker so I want to understand what do they say ...i know these come with practise but how can i do that

Thanks

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**Mohammed Ibrahim** Great advice, I will work hard to be better in English language 😊

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Abeer, really bilingual dictionaries are not more helpful. They have their uses but there are many things about them that are not helpful. Niccolo was complaining about always thinking in Italian and translating to English. And if your first reaction every time you meet a new word is to translate it then that is not going to improve! And besides, many bilingual dictionaries have much less information about the words, and simply offer a translation, maybe a few different alternatives. This can mislead you and cause you to choose the wrong translation, or to use the word incorrectly in a sentence. A good monolingual dictionary will give you information about the word, its pronunciation, example sentences and phrases, details of other words that go together with it such as prepositions or adjectives and much, much more. By learning and thinking about the word, its definition and use all in English, you're helping yourself to think in English. After you've done that, I often recommend students to translate the word or phrase for themselves THEN use a bilingual dictionary to check they were right. After some time you'll feel the need to that less and less.

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**Mona Ahmed** Tottaly agree 😊

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**Pissy Farghaly** My English is not fluent and to improve it I should do more practice, but because I shy from pronouncing anything wrong so I preferred to keep quiet more than talking and this problem is irritating me too much so please tell me how can I control my problem

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**Lia Roque** Hello everyone, I want to share the way I have improved my English skills. I watch lots of tv series in English. It is way more effective than whatching movies because you get familiar with the characters' pronunciation, vocabulary and expressions.

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**Ahmed Youssif** LearnEnglish – British Council Good answer Neil. I'll recommend it to my students. Thanks a lot.

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**Ahmed Youssif** Maha El Torky It's a very good question. I see that the wording of your question is very good and correct. continue writing questions and simple sentences then you feel confidence.

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**Sarah Sharaf** I think you might get your pronunciation better by listening to American or English natives like listening to movies and TV shows and try to copy thier pronunciation and acting as thiet

pronunciation sounds. For me this technique widely improve my pronunciation it is all depen on what you listen, as you listen the way  
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**Sarah Sharaf** As you listen and so they way you speak  
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**Arch Duaa Tumah** How i can improve my understanding of the English language by listening  
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**Mahasin Suliman** Try to listen a lot to native speakers so you will become familiar to their language.  
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**Mohamed Gaber** My problem with english is pronunciation, Can you advise me about the correct and simple way to study English and fix my mistakes? Thanks in advance.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Mohamed Gaber**, the first step is to practise listening - listen to as much English as you can and pay attention to the way words and sentences sound. Then you need to practise - reading aloud can be useful, and so can just speaking about a topic for a minute and recording yourself. You can use activities from our website, print out transcripts, record yourself reading them, then compare your recording with the original and try and find areas that you can improve. If you check through the answers here you'll find links to other pronunciation activities that will help you.

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**Marilyn Fla** is there an issue with the 1.2 Live event? There does not appear to be a link to the Facebook [Clinic](#) that has started.

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**Jelena Lompar** I can't find it too  
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**Jelena Lompar** or this is already "live event"?  
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**Karen LearnEnglish** This is the live event. It's not video I'm afraid but we are all online now to answer questions.

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**Marilyn Fla** thank you

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Marilyn, the link is there as the capital lettered word [HERE](#)! And here we are!

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**Marilyn Fla** For example a sentence or phrase in the speaking or writing modules such as: "should one however, have determined that one's choice of career does not require further study in general education then one may find .." would be favorably or unfavorably marked?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Marilyn Fla, it's a clear sentence with a high degree of formality, so if that is consistent with the tone used in the rest of the essay then yes it would be good. I'd say it's too formal for normal spoken communication however, and could sound a little stiff.

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**Haneen Abdl Fattah** Hallow Learn English - British coucil .. regrading Marilyn Fla questions my normal spoken English in fine. I need to

improve my formal English. what is the best way to achieve this ?

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**Shwe Yee Htoo** Can I get any grade or feedback after completing this course. I don't care about the certificate but I want to know my result. Is it possible?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Shwe Yee Htoo, I'm afraid we don't give any results but you can try a practice test here:

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Shwe Yee Htoo and if you do practice tests online etc. you can put your Reading and Listening scores in here to see what band you would get:

<http://www.ieltspractice.com/ieltscalculator.php>

You can also try our level test here: <http://bit.ly/TestYourLevel>

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**Iman Ahmed LearnEnglish – British Council** I test my level and get 75 % Is it good ?

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**Si Ki** We will start at here

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**Nadia Hamdy** Can we see models of the exam Just to train and test ourselves

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Nadia Hamdy, yes! Each week in the course we will share examples of questions and papers from IELTS for you to practise with.

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**Nada Nasser** But you didn't share any at week 1

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**Amira Nuri** I think at step 1.13 this week, there will be some parts from the real speaking test.

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**Muhammad Khizar Abbas** when will these example share in future

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**Muhammad Khizar Abbas** when will these example share in future

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**Soknay Chhin** I want to improve my self but how can I improve for all skills as well?

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**Isabel Teresa Zambrano Murillo** I need to practice all the skills to get the B2 level or get the Toefl test grade. I can't get the content of this free course week one.

How I could go on? Thanks

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**Ragheed Alaws** Hello, I'm Ragheed from Syria. I don't have a question in mean time but I want to make my vocabularies wider

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ragheed Alaws, well be sharing suggestions and resources throughout the course to help you with that, so keep following! And also this page shares new activities every day

that can help you.

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**Ragheed Alaws** Thank you so much 🙌🙌

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**Sarah Elkazak** Where is the link of the page ?

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**Elshaimaa Said Aman** Can you suggest for us more books that can help us to practice more for our ILETS exam

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Elshaimaa, if you check at the end of each week we share extra resources for you to practice. There are steps of useful links, plus we will give recommendations in each End of Week video. We don't like to give too many at one time as we'd like you to focus on one skill at a time.

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**Julia Robert** That sound's great Neil.Thank you so much.

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**Elmotaz Bellah** 🙌🙌

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**Møhaññad Tāriq** 🙌 but I can get more skills if I practice a lot 😊

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**Mahmoud Alaa** Hi,i'm interesting with the content of the course at first week,but i need to ask a question.  
In videos I'm always Focused on the translation in the bottom of the Video,don't looking to the face of speakers,is this normal?Or am I wrong on that?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Mahmoud Alaa**, yes that's a bit of a problem. It's only natural - when subtitles are there you're going to read them. I recommend that you turn them off and try to listen a couple of times without them, try to understand the main points and don't worry if you don't understand every word. Then you can watch again with subtitles to check. The videos are very short, so it won't take long - but it will really help you improve!

Neil

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**Mahmoud Alaa** Thank you Neil

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**Aasma Mohamad** Hi every one  
I have already joined the [IELTS](#) course of British consil but i didn't finish the first weak  
what should i do

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Aasma Mohamad**, it's no problem - you can finish the course at your own speed. We understand that people are very busy.

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**EsrĀā SHĀlābi** Hello,  
Thank you for your efforts in the first week of the course. I want to ask about the academic module. Is there a different levels and score to pass the test for diploma or master or Ph.D., or all of them at the same type of test? And what's the score we need to pass the academic module [IELTS](#) test ?  
Thank you!

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **EsrĀā SHĀlābi**, everyone takes the same test for the academic module, but the results that universities ask for may be different, depending on whether you are applying for undergraduate or postgraduate courses and of course depending on what you are studying. You band score you need depends on the university - typically they ask for between 6.5 and 7.5.

Neil .

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**EsrĀā SHĀlābi** Thank you so much

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**Salem Jabira** I have problem in understanding listening part of exam ..., i am sure i need a lot of practice to improve this part ..., do you have any advice ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Salem Jabira, we look at listening in Week 3, so you can either wait until then or you can jump ahead and look at the advice and activities there now.

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**Mohamed Qasem** Hello British council team, nowadays i am taking an English course in an american school, and i am preparing to take ielts test soon, is there any conflict? or could this decrease my score?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Not at all **Mohamed Qasem** - both American and British English are fine in IELTS.

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**Nuttakit Phusattatam** Hello. I have problems about reading. I think I need to read an english fast. Do you have any idea for help me. And Another problem I want to speak english fluently like native speaker how can I practice. Sometime I don't know where I should stress word in sentences.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Nuttakit, these are good questions - but they are too big areas for us to cover here! But don't worry - next week we look in detail at speaking including stress. And in Week 5 we'll be sharing lots of advice on reading.

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**Nuttakit Phusattatam** Thank you so much Neil

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**Fidel Muñoz** Hi, I have a rather silly question, but it's been bugging me ever since i sat a written placement last year. Can you say: 'Look, it rains'? I've been told a more proper way would be: 'Look, it's raining', but the first one doesn't sound bad to me. Thank you!

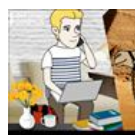
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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Fidel, no you can't! You're describing something that is now, at the moment, so you have to use the present continuous. Present simple is used for something that happens often or regularly - for example, 'it always rains in November' or 'it rains every day'.

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

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### The present continuous

&nbsp; We use the present continuous (am/is/are + -ing) to talk about temporary things which...

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**Fidel Muñoz** Thank you so very much!

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**Nguyễn Minh Trí** Dear Ad, I feel a little confused to start ielts cuz I dont know where I should do. Now I'm studying English Linguistics at university. My curriculum is Cambridge CAE , I study english quite well, but actually i get lost to find the equivalent steps between CAE and ielts. I wanna get 7.5 at ielts. thanks

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Nguyễn Minh Trí**, then you are in the right area. A pass at CAE is approximately equivalent to 6.5 at IELTS, so if you are at the top end of the CAE score then you would be around 7.5. They are very different tests though, especially in writing, so make sure you follow all of our course so you know exactly what to expect.

Neil

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**Nguyễn Minh Trí** Thank Neil million , actually CAE is contained in my university Curriculum, but ielts is more popular in Viet Nam . I intend to take ielts as the requirement for my graduation . Would you please tell me some advice to do good at strategies to ielts when I want to learn ielts

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**TheEnglish Club** Hello I'm an ESL teacher and I've noticed that my students can understand me quite well but when someone else starts talking to them sometimes they have quite a difficult time understanding them what tools could be useful to help in this situation

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **TheEnglish Club**, that's quite common. Students quickly get used to their teachers, no matter what their accent is, but if they meet other people with different accents and different ways of talking, it takes them some time to adjust. The solution is to expose them to as many different real accents as you can, whether it's from websites like ours or TV shows, YouTube videos, radio etc. try to give them as much listening practice as possible. You can start with just understanding the general meaning, but then focus on specific areas. With practice, they'll be fine.

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**Mohamed Aly Elnawasany** Is it possible to finish the online course much earlier and get the certificate?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Mohamed Aly Elnawasany**, you can go as quickly or as slowly as you like!

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**Mohamed Aly Elnawasany** Ok , thank you very much 😊

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**Razaz Mohammed Osman** Hello , lam from Sudan . I want to ask how many score need to pass the exam ? and what is the full score ??

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Razaz Mohammed Osman, you can't pass or fail IELTS. It measures your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, then gives you a score on a scale of 1-9. The level you need depends on what you need it for. For example, most universities want band scores from 6.5 to 7.5. You can find out more on the steps we cover this week.

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**Muhammad Khizar Abbas** thank you very much Neil.i don,t know how much band or score universities want.

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**Vô Thường** how can I improve good my English? I dont have any friends who can practice English with me, I only try to listening E.L every morning for 30 minute to 1 hour. Help me, please?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Vô Thường, keep doing what you're doing - listen to, watch and read things you enjoy in English, then check out these useful tips on how you can practise speaking:

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

You should also check out these great speaking videos:

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**Akilo Bolanle Isreal** Morning, please kindly me out I don't have access to the online materials. How do I go about this thanks

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**Ayman Ghazy** I have missed the first week activities. Please advise how to recover what I have missed.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Ayman Ghazy**, don't worry, you can do the course at your own speed. You can either move on to Week 2 and look back over Week 1 when you have some free time, or you can take your time and do Week 1 first. I'd recommend taking a quick look over Week 1 then starting Week 2 so you can join in the discussions.

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**Maria Luisa Hinostroza** I t is the first time I am taking this course. I got 11 % , is it a bad grade?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Maria Luisa Hinostroza**, don't worry - that's not a grade, it's your progress. It means you have completed 11% of the course.

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**Beshoy Reda Wasef** i want to know the differences between academic and general ielts course ???  
the requested degree for Australia and Canda ?!

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Beshoy Reda Wasef**, we cover that in Week One - have you done all the steps? You can find out more here:

<https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/two-types-of-ielts-test>

For the band score you need, you have to refer to the university websites that you want to apply for, as every course and every university can set different levels. If you mean for migration purposes, you can find out more here: <https://www.ielts.org/what-is-ielts/ielts-for-migration>

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**Eman Ragab** Hi I'm eman from Egypt will this course help me improve my fluency or pronunciation?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Eman Ragab**, if you complete all the steps and follow all the advice we share then yes, definitely!

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**Mohamed M Zedan** hello. I want to know if the course lectures is present in form of videos or not and how I can join. What should I do to complete this course . Is there a limited time for me to complete it .

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Mohamed M Zedan**, have you visited the course yet? It has videos, audio, articles and quizzes. There is no time limit - you will still have access to all the activities even after the course has finished.

Neil

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**Mohamed M Zedan** yes I have visited it. thanks alot for you

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**Khin Cho** I have been registered on line course but I can not get in touch your course all the time due to internet connection. I don't want to miss any lesson from you and let me know your kind suggestion for my learning English.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Khin Cho**, don't worry - even after the course finishes you will still have access to all the resources so you can take your time. If internet is a problem, maybe you can find a friend or somewhere with faster internet and download all the videos so you don't have to stream them at home.

Neil

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**Khin Cho** I really appreciate your answer and suggestion. Actually I also poor knowledge in Internet skill so I ask my friend as and when my face the problem. Anyhow I try my best to get in touch lesson everyday.



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**Sayed Abdullah Qutb** Hello,

I had a question regarding the writing task.

Can we use punctuation marks like parenthesis () or quotation marks "" in the writing test, for instance i wanna say, there was an increase in the past years(1990 to 1995) ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Sayed Abdullah Qutb**, you could use brackets if they were appropriate, but I would not recommend it in this way. It's much better to write the sentences in full.

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**Sayed Abdullah Qutb** Thx

Got it

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**Nway Zarchi Ko** Hi,I'm Nway. Can I get my result and what level can I join after this course exactly?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Nway**, it's not really that type of course. You can take the sample tests we share to see how well you do, but really the aim of the course is to help you practise and prepare for the test, whatever your level.

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**Christ Kvg Adrien Kavunga** hi everybody, my difficulty is in the case of phrasal verbs, can you help me please?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Christ Kvg Adrien Kavunga**, see my answer to **Serena Di Gaetano**!

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**Chhunty Tann** Hi I'm from Cambodia and I'm new here

I want to explant me about what is this course talk about?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Chhunty Tann**, it's about how to improve your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to get ready for international exams like IELTS. You can find out more here: [bit.ly/FreeIELTSCourse](http://bit.ly/FreeIELTSCourse)

Neil



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**Zahra Abid** hi m Zahra I want to improve my english specially i want to fill the gap in Writing and speaking as i want to express myself and communicate with fluently in English,What should i do ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Zahra Abid**, if you follow this course you'll get lots of help with these things.

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**Serena Di Gaetano** Hi everyone, I'm from Italy my question is; what is the best way to learn phrasal verbs as more as possible? many thanks

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Serena**, we use phrasal verbs a LOT, so the best way to learn them is to watch, listen to and read to as much everyday English as you can. Then you can practise with our websites: <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../phrasal...>

Neil



Phrasal verb videos | LearnEnglish Teens

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**Serena Di Gaetano** **LearnEnglish – British Council** thank so much

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**Wessam Zalabany** How can improve my English, I'm a pharmacist but my English is so bad my daughter always correct it and feel shamed

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Wessam, don't be shy! If you can spend a little time each day using English for things that you're interested in or enjoy then you will improve. Don't focus on things like grammar and rules, focus on vocabulary and understanding what you read, watch and listen to better. Whatever you really enjoy in your own language, try doing the same things in English. And instead of your daughter correcting you, why not find something you enjoy doing together in English so you can help each other? But the main thing, as I say, is to try and practise every day - and enjoy it! Plus of course our websites and courses will help!

Neil

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**Hristina Kocić** Hi friends:) what does time( european) course start and which days?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Hristina, it's an online course so you can do it at any time!

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**Esmat Mumtaz** Hi, how can I improve my writing skills I am trying but I do not know the best way to be interest for me?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Esmat, these activities area great place to start: <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../writing...>

Neil



Writing skills practice | LearnEnglish  
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**Mina Samwel** I am preparing for IELTS test is this course enough for the test ??

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mina Samwel, I'm afraid we can't answer that as we don't know your current level, especially in speaking and writing. What I can say is that if you work through this course and then practise with all the resources we share, it will go a long way towards getting you ready.

Neil

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**Mina Samwel** Thanks for answering... I will do my best to improve my language

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**Rawan Rawoony** Would you tell me please about the different between the Academic and General training test if I want to have a master degree and I have a BA degree in English language and translation?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rawan Rawoony, if you're planning on further study then you need to take the Academic test.

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**Tasnim Waqar** How can I finish reading part of IELTS within time as I am always late for it

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Tasnim, this is one of the most common problems that candidates face. It's important to practise reading every day to build up your reading speed and confidence, and also to develop you skills in skimming - reading quickly over a text to get the general idea - and scanning - finding specific information in a text quickly. We'll be looking at these things in detail in Week 5, so you can either wait until then or jump ahead now and look at the tips and activities there.

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**Nhật Minh** I am going to participate in an IELTS exam in December...when do I have to register?

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Hi **Nhật Minh**, the registration deadline is about 2 weeks before the test, but it's always a good idea to register early.

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**Hiba Abdorabo** Hello. If I didn't finish the course in this 4 week because I'm always busy what should I do?

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Hi **Hiba**, it's no problem - you can do the course at your own speed!

Neil

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**Makisig Santos** I'm planning to enroll in a IELTS review center and yet this appeared in my timeline all of a sudden. And I find the staff are effectively courteous in answering everyone's queries. I hope this can help me. 😊

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Hi **Makisig Santos**, the course and the resources we share can definitely help you!

Neil

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**Simon Delos Santos** Hi! I'm from the Philippines. Are you going to give examples of excellent answers for the writing portion of the IELTS?

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Hi **Simon Delos Santos**, yes we will.

Neil

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Wow! Thanks sir Neil!

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**ELshimaa A. Khamies** i'm not sure if my english level is suitable to continue in this course.. how can i know this?

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Hi **ELshimaa**, don't worry about it! Just try the activities and see how you get on. Even if you find it a bit difficult it will still be helpful, so don't give up!

Neil

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**Rumi Ahmed** CEF level B2 or C1. If B2 content is too difficult, then try content at B1 level.

Where are these levels?

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Hi **Rumi Ahmed**, do you mean on our websites? You can find the level at the end of each activity, under the text or video etc.

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Thanks Neil

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**Jamil Sultan** What kind of questions they ask? Do they ask only from English language or other other subject also include?

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Hi **Jamil**, it's a test of English language skills so the examiners are only interested in your language ability, not your knowledge of other topics. However the reading test contains texts on a variety of subjects and the writing test could cover many different topics. The Listening and Speaking sections are more about everyday language.

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thanks a lot you solved my problem....

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**Racha Mahmoud** Hi, regarding the speaking test, i will be tested for my pronunciation .. while it is recommended not to worry about your accent, I want to know what is the difference as I feel that accent in a speaking test = pronunciation

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Hi **Racha Mahmoud**, accent and pronunciation are not the same thing. Everyone has an accent, and you can speak excellent, clear and easy to understand English but also have an accent that shows where you come from. Even the educators on this course all speak with very different accents, but no-

one would say we have pronunciation problems. Of course a very strong accent can be a problem and can make a person difficult to understand, so it's important to identify any problems and work on those areas.

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**Rachha Mahmoud** Thank you Neil for the clarification , Best Regards

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**Janiero Bartolome** Hi educators. What personal computer / cellphone applications do you recommend to enhance my English language skills? Thank you.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Janiero Bartolome, there are so many it's hard to choose unless you have some specific skills or areas you want to focus on. But you can check out all our apps here as a good place to start: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/apps>

Neil



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**Sawsan Ali** what is better to start improving the four skills altogether or concentrate on one skill then move to the next one

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Well **Sawsan Ali**, they're often very closely linked, like Listening & Speaking and Reading & Writing, so I think it's better to mix things up and practise all four every week, but spend more time on one or the other depending what you want to focus on.

Neil

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**Mahmoud Abd El-azeem** Hi,

Do you have recommendations for English songs with easy language Thanks

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mahmoud Abd El-azeem, there are many! But the best thing is to choose songs you really like. Try this website - it can help: <http://lyricstraining.com/>

Neil



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[LYRICSTRAINING.COM](http://LYRICSTRAINING.COM)

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**Sajid Ali** Sir i want to ask you a question about writing section.how i check my report(acd task 1) and essay(acd task 2) after completion that it is correct or not.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Sajid, good question! If you don't have a teacher, or friend to review it with you it can be difficult. The best thing, especially for Task 1, is to find model answers and compare yours to them. Look for things you could have done better and try to identify mistakes.

Neil

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**Ahmaid Sanoci** I have problem the net very weak in my country and video tub take a lot of time.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Ahmaid Sanoci**, sorry to hear that! You can try to download the videos, maybe even overnight if it's very slow.

Neil

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**Bassam Allaf** I've completed Week 1 do I continue to week 2 or stop until next week I don't know what to do help

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Bassam Allaf it's up to you! You can go as fast or as slow as you like, just try to make sure you do all the activities.  
Neil  
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**Abdul Al Mortuza** Hi, i am Mortuza. I have a query. Is there any web link to test that how i am fit for IELTS now?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Abdul, you can try these free practice tests to see how you get on:  
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Neil



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**Abdul Al Mortuza** Thanks Neil  
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**Gladys Nada Tetteh** Hi, am enjoying your questions and answers but am anxious about my test in November.... please how can I relax to be able to learn well?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** That's a good question Gladys Nada Tetteh! Try not to worry about the test itself in advance. Just focus on preparation and practice - the best way to reduce your nerves is to be well prepared! Checkout these tips for lots of practical things you can do: <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../exam...>  
Neil



### Exam study tips

Lots of things will help you to get better marks in your exams. Getting enough sleep, eating well...

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**Kavin Kumar** Hi I'm from India Is "Understanding IELTS" course alone sufficient or are there anything else we can do additionally to maximize our score?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Kavin Kumar, Understanding IELTS is an introduction and a guide to how to prepare for each section, but there's much more you can do. We give guidance on this throughout the course.  
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**Ahmaid Sanoci** Hi I'm Ahmeed I have problem in listening and learn some English with wrong method and I could understand when I read text and I can have to speak with him I have some course in English like English for you and English today and I have BCC business language I read it and translate all word I don't understand them but my problem I don't have a chance to speak with the other person please help me to solve this problem. than you

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ahmaid, if you look through our answers here you will find lots of tips and resources to help you!  
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**Amina Amina** Thank you for this helpful for courses. I have difficulties in writing. I need your help how to write an application letter for an internship.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Amina Amina, I like this website for helping with various types of cover letter:  
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/cv/standardcovlet.htm>  
Neil



### Example Covering Letter

I was very interested to read your advertisement for a Graduate Trainee on the University of Kent...

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**Solongo Munkhjargal** I finished Week 1, but my progress is - just 3%. It's so bad or normal ?, and what i must to do ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Solongo Munkhjargal**, you need to go back and make sure you have clicked 'Mark as Complete' on each step you have done. That's how it will measure your progress. Once you have done all the steps for Week One it should say around 15%.  
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**Solongo Munkhjargal** Thank you

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**Doaa Ragab Orya Tourk**

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**Edilam Tages** Hi Neil, I ordered IELTS material from British council south Africa and it says IELTS material 2.is there IELTS material 1 ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Edilam Tages, yes there is. There are two separate sets available.  
Neil

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**Ibrahim Omar** Hi, My name is Ibrahim I want to ask about the best way to get high result in the test

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ibrahim, lots and lots of practice and preparation! There's no other secret, and there are no shortcuts I'm afraid!  
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**Aishah Zakaria Srour** I would like to ask if there is British council review center for IELTS here in UAE?

Thanks...

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Aishah Zakaria Srour, check the details here: <https://www.britishcouncil.ae/en/english/adults>  
Neil



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**Aishah Zakaria Srour** **LearnEnglish – British Council** thanks 😊

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**Heba Safwat** what is the difference between academic and general training module in reading and writing ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Heba**, in the General module you have to write a letter of at least 150 words and an essay of at least 250 words. In the Academic module you have to write a description of some data, for example graphs or charts or processes, then an essay. The tasks are the same length, but the content is different. In Reading, in the Academic Module you read typical academic style texts, from journals, textbooks etc. whereas in General you read everyday things like brochures etc.  
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**Hadeer Mohamed** my progress in 1st week was 14% is that ok ? and how i can improve it?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Hadeer**, the progress scale shows how much of the course you have completed. It's a six week course, so after one week 14% is about right yes.  
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**Hadeer Mohamed** Thanks 😊

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**Márcia Vidal** Other question, to listening very well, I can read much and listen the word while I listen? Help!!!

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Márcia Vidal, yes reading along as you listen can help, but first you should listen without reading a few times, try to get the general meaning, then listen for detail, then check by reading along.

Neil

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**Márcia Vidal** Thanks!!!

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**Ahmed Magdy** will be their any chance for us to share in speaking??How??

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ahmed, yes! In Week 2 we'll be asking you to record yourself and share it with us and we'll give you feedback.

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**Мрс. Энжи** hello, greetings from Mongolia. i have a few question. do we need to take our course by this group? also how to contact our teacher?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Мрс. Энжи, no the course is on FutureLearn <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/understanding-ielts> This is just an extra feature for you to ask questions directly to the educators. You should also ask questions on the course of course!

Neil

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**Rahaf Qht** Hi, I hope to improve my english language in these course. i want to ask you what we should to do now?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rahaf, just keep following the steps in the course. Do it at your own speed - there's no hurry! But make sure you complete all the activities and check out the other resources we share and it will help you a lot.

Neil

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**Adel Muse** Hello, I'm Adel and my question is are you going to show some previous question of [IELTS](#)? my main problem in mean time is essays. Are you going to cover that?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Adel Muse, yes to both questions!

Neil

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**Gladys Albert** Hi, how much does it cost to do the exam? I am from Tanzania.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Gladys, the exact fee varies from country to country - click here to find out about yours: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/ielts-mooc...>

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**حاتم الروصي** Hello our educators team ,First of all i want to thank you for all the effort you are making to make the [IELTS](#) test as simple as possible for us .



I have some questions for you :

what are the skills we can develop after finishing this course ?

How can we achieve the most benefit of this course ? I mean what is the best way to deal with courses content in order to achieve the maximum benefit ?

And for people who are not thinking to pass the IELTS exam ( unless these two comin years ) . what are your advices for them ? Should they stop following the course ?

Thank you once again dear tutors .

Best regards .

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **حاتم الروصي**, I can answer these questions quite simply - the course gives you advice on how to develop your skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing so it's useful for everyone, whether they plan to do IELTS or not. The exam skills we look at can be used in other tests as well, so they are also useful. So really it's up to you!

Neil

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 **حاتم الروصي** Thank you **LearnEnglish – British Council** ❤️

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**Aina Deng** I'm bad in grammar. is there any formula to understand better? Or suggested links for grammar exercise?

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Aina, check out our grammar sections here:

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

<http://learnenglish.teens.britishcouncil.org/.../grammar...>

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

Neil



### Quick Grammar

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

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**Rasha HG** Hello Neil, I'm Rasha from Egypt. I have no questions. i want to thank you for helping us. Many Thanks and Good Luck

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Thank you **Rasha HG**! We're glad you're finding it useful!

Neil

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**Fady Raafat Elgawly** i need to know about the speaking sector and how to be well prepared for it??

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Fady Raafat Elgawly**, we're looking at that in Week 2, so all you have to do is follow all the activities!

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 **Fady Raafat Elgawly** thank's neil

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**Aina Deng** Hello Tina and Freddie. I'm Aina from Beijing. I want to take IELTS test for continue study. My question is how long the IELTS test result can be used for applying university?

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Aina, the test result is valid for two years.

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**Rafayel Ononto** Hello Tina.. I am very poor in speaking and writing.. I want to sit in the IELTS exam on November Session. My goal is to achieve CLB-8. Is that possible to achieve that mark only to prepare myself in the online course study..?

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 **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rafayel, I'm afraid that is impossible for us to say as we don't know your current level. Make sure you try the practice activities on the course and see what your results are like. Getting as high a score as that is not easy and takes a lot of time and

practice, so it really depends on you!

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**Mohammed Krar** The most important question at all is : Do we will get any certification after finishing the course??

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mohammed, you can find out about the Statement of Participation here:

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And if you'd like to book an IELTS test, click here:

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**Muhammad Khizar Abbas** i think we need improvement in english speaking, writing and listening skills. these will help us in any kind of english language test and give us full confidence

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**Carla Meneses Carrera** Hello, I'd like to know what can you recommend to practice and improve my speaking and my writing

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Carla, if you check through the answers here you'll find lots of tips and resources to help you, but really the best thing is to follow the course - we share lots of advice there!

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**Carla Meneses Carrera** Thank you very much for your answer

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**Pa Ki** I joined this course with my fb account  
So, How can I get my certificate after this course?

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**Márcia Vidal** Hi! I have problems listening and sometimes speaking. What do I do to get better? Every day I listen TED, but I don't understand anything. Help me!!!

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**Alister Widdowson** Do what you are doing! TED is great and you can watch difficult parts again to check your understanding. Listening is hard to develop but if you keep going you will get there

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Márcia, I'd just add to what Alister has said, if you really don't understand anything then I would try something else for a while before going back to TED. It can be demotivating if you feel you're not making progress and listening is like any other skill - you have to build it step by step. So try these TED Ed lessons instead - they're interesting, they're short, and they have activities to help you understand:

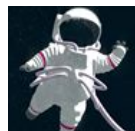
<http://ed.ted.com/>

Plus of course you should visit our websites and try the activities there:

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

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

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**Márcia Vidal** Thanks!!!

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**Márcia Vidal** I have a question! The listening exam in [IELTS](#), is it possible to hear just one time?

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**Saeed Fadul** One time !

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**Márcia Vidal**

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Only once I'm afraid.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Márcia, don't worry! It's all about practice!

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**Márcia Vidal** Thanks

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**U. Haha** i am NANA and 12th grade. I wanna to get IELTS score but i dont have much time to spend it. So what should i do to prepare myself. AND i have to get a scholarship so can u give me more information about how to get a scholarship and how to choose the city. THANK U SO MUCH TO SPENDING UR GOLDEN TIME TO ASKING ME QUESTIONS.

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**U. Haha** by the way i m from MONGOLIA

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi there. Unfortunately, it does take time to improve language skills, particularly listening and reading. Work out which your weakest skill is then focus your time on that.

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**U. Haha** thank u am upper inter level in english HOW LONG TIME does it jst focus on it?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Haha, I'm afraid it's impossible to say - it depends on many things like your level at the moment, how motivated you are, how much time you can spend every day and many other things. Try taking some practice IELTS tests and see how you get on and that will give you an idea of how far you still have to go. As for scholarships, you can find out about them in our website here: <http://www.educationuk.org/global/>

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**Fares Fahmy** Hello Neil..I have different questions if you do not mind.

1) What is the Difference between IELTS and TOEFL !?

2) I wanted to go through the IELTS Exam as evaluation for my English at the first place and as a certificate for general cases as applying for multinational vacancies or in case if I decided to immigrate to a foreign country one day. The problem is, some people told me that I should not be taking the exam like that, i should take it when I am asked for. So;

a) What do you recommend ?!

b) Is the IELTS certificate with validation date !?

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**Sameh Embaby** Follow

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**Sameh Embaby** I think they are too busy right now to answer. I know that TOEFL is American English but IELTS is a British English.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Fares Fahmy, well both are internationally recognised and respected tests, used by universities

and other official bodies. But the tests themselves are quite different. You can find out more about the differences here:  
<https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/two-types-of-ielts-test>  
<https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about>

As Sameh has said, IELTS is preferred in the UK, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and most European countries, while TOEFL is preferred in the US etc.

For your other question, yes you've been given good advice. People normally take IELTS for a specific purpose - because they need it to go to university or to practise their profession in an English speaking country, or they need it for migration purposes. Because it is important for these reasons that the results are up to date, the test is valid for two years (although some places accept up to three years). If you're doing it so you can apply for jobs, you will be fine - two years is a long time! But you might also want to think about Cambridge English exams like First Certificate and Advanced. They do not have an expiration date.

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**Camal Memmedov** Hello! I would like to know how can we know about the topics which used in real IELTS exam for speaking section?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Camal, there are many books available with sample tests, like the Cambridge IELTS series. Also this website has a lot of typical speaking questions to help you prepare;  
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**Liuda Cern** Can we refer to a circus animal as who. For example: Who's pulling a carriage? It's a goose. Could you answer my question, please? Just one!

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**Mukul Dhiman** Yes. "Who" is used for he/she/it.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Liuda Cern - check out this link on 'who' or 'that' for pets - <http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/.../pronouns-for-people...>

Tina



### Pronouns for People and Animals: "Who" or "That"?

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**Liuda Cern** Tina, for the public in a circus the animals performing in the arena aren't pets, are they?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Liuda, no and that's the point. We would not use 'who' for a circus animal unless we knew their name and gender - if they had a name. That's why it's different with pets - once we name them we call them he or she and use who rather than what or that. But in your example it's just a goose. So we'd use 'what/not 'who'.

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**Liuda Cern** LearnEnglish – British Council Thank you!

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**Mna Aar** Do we will get any certification after finishing the course

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**Ali Amir** Follow 😊

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Mna Aar, you can buy a certificate of participation or achievement from the Future Learn team.  
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**Aisha AlHashemi** LearnEnglish – British Council Where can we attend the live event?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** This is it now

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**Iman Ahmed** I need some recommendations for applications or websites to talk easily without thinking what i should say

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**Rofayda Abdelmonam** LearnEnglish – British Council is this Accredited certification ?

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**Rofayda Abdelmonam** and if this certification prove only what the content that i learned ; what about the certification that prove i pass the ilets exam . how i can get it

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**Hoda Youssef** Is this certification enough or should i ve to take the test ?? Am thinking of immigration. Is this course helpful enough or do i ve to attend the course at a center ??

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**Manjula Sam** the week 1 i tried to do all the activities on that page but still i reached only 22 percentage ,what i should do now.can any one help please

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Manjula, that's fine. That figure is your progress, not a mark so you're doing fine!

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**Omar Boshra Ahmed** further more can i keep a soft copy of the course for my revision in the future ? .

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Omar Boshra Ahmed, yes. Even after the course is over you can still access all the materials.

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**Kwenda Anna** hello, just joined now . i have a problem with reading because of big texts

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Kwenda, it's true that the texts are quite long and complicated, but with practice you can do it! We look at reading in Week 5 and we'll be giving you lots of tips and practice activities there.

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**Julia Robert** I want to know just one thing without taking the IELTS test, how can I know my level?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Julia, you can get an approximate idea of your level by using our level test: <http://bit.ly/TestYourLevel> And for higher levels if you want to check how you get on in IELTS, you can try practice tests we share on the course then enter your score here to see what band you would get:

<http://www.ieltspractice.com/ieltscalculator.php>

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**Julia Robert** I'll try it. Thanks for your suggestions.

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**Mohamed Abdalla Yasin** my problem in spelling how can i prove it ,wich the peter way

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mohamed Abdalla Yasin, check out these links for lots of useful spelling resources:

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>

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**Ahméd Jâmëşý** i'm 15% only on the progress page, what can i do now? please help

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ahméd Jâmëşý, that's right - it's a six-week course, so after Week One you have completed 15%. All you have to do is keep going through the remaining 5 weeks!

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**Linus Edem** Hello Tina, He lives ON airport road or He lives AT airport road. Which one is correct?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Linus Edem, we'd use on there.

And unless the NAME of the road is airport road (in which case it needs capital letters Airport Road) then you'd say 'the airport road'.

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**Ahmad Attya** I followed the steps on the sites of the first week till I have finished when will the next week will be available ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ahmad, all the weeks are available now. But I'd recommend not going too quickly - the most important part of the course is the social element and exchanging ideas, opinions and feedback with others. Plus of course trying the practice activities and extra resources we recommend. So by all means start Week 2, but keep an eye on the discussions etc. and try to join in as much as you can.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Ahmad Attya - you can already start Week 2 if you like, the course is available to do as quickly or as slowly as you like. We, the educators, will only start on Week 2 next Monday though! Did you enjoy week 1?

Tina

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**Ahmad Attya** Hi LearnEnglish Tina - yes I like the first week alot and I will not go so fast in order to socialise with others and not miss any thing

I really appreciate your responses thanks very much

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-  **Mukul Dhiman** LearnEnglish – British Council Do you have the schedule of all live events so as to get informed in advance? And what are the activities whereby we students and teachers engage in exchanging our views?  
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-  **LearnEnglish Tina** Hi @Mukul Dhiman! The information about the live events is always on the second step of each week so you can check there to see what is happening during that week. You can exchange your ideas throughout the course by leaving comments on the steps, participating in conversations by leaving questions for other participants and reading as many comments as you can! I hope you enjoy the rest of the course  
Tina  
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-  **Kalpana Nallasamy** Where do i get links?  
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-  **LearnEnglish Tina** Which links **Kalpana Nallasamy**?  
Tina  
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-  **Nadeen Osman** beautiful course  
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-  **Kalpana Nallasamy** IELTS course link..evryone says abut hve followed links .. i too want to follow  
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-  **Practice English** Hi all  
I have two questions  
First one what does this sentence mean ?" Although perhaps I should cut down on the amount of tea I make, otherwise my whole day will be one big revision break!" what will happen if he doesn't cut down the amount of tea I need more expalin  
Second questions is in page " Life events" they wrote outline " Facebook Clinics" is write to use word Clinics here or just related with hospitals and what does clinics in this outline mean  
have a nice day/night  
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-  **Roshan Ghimire** Hey! Mate ,in my point of view the first question meaning would be if you will drink too much of tea you will be very active,so you will keep on revising a day before your exam,and you won't be able to relax.  
Reply to your second question would be,the word clinic literally means a place where problems of patients are solved,so we just have to think it like synonyms where we are the patients,we have problems,and the tutors are like doctors who help us out solving our problems,got it?  
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-  **Karen LearnEnglish** Thanks for the explanation Roshan. Spot on  
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-  **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Practice English**, clinic has more than one meaning in English. Look at the second definition here:  
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-  **Kamran Khalid** Few trainer say read passage first and then answer question and few say read questions first then go to the passage  
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-  **LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Kamran, that's true, there are different opinions about this. Personally I think that with some types of task it's better to read the questions first, but for others it's not helpful. So for example, in tasks where you have to complete some information it's useful because you can then skim the text and get a clear idea of where exactly you will find the information you need, so you may not need to read the whole text in detail. But in multiple choice questions, for example, it doesn't make sense to me and might even confuse you. There I think it's better to skim the text first, then look at the questions (without looking at the A, B, C, D options) then go back to the text, identify where the answers will be and try to work out the answers first, then check the options. So really there are different approaches - we talk about this more in Week 5, and you should try different ways to find out what works best for you.  
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**Arif Almizjajy** Dear aducator, I have seen at the end of the first week of the listening that a lot of people talking in their comments about the mark scores they got .

The question is -how I can I know the mark scores that I got ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Arif Almizjajy, they're making a mistake. That's not a score, it's how much progress they have made in the course. To keep track of yours, you need to make sure you click 'Mark as Complete' every time you finish a step.

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**Hiba Ghassan** Hi, I want to know can I continue in this program cause I'am not good enough like other

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Hiba, it's completely up to you. Remember you can do the course at your own speed, so don't worry if you have to spend longer on different parts. Just try the bits you are interested in, take your time and see how you get on.

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**Hiba Ghassan** thank you for answer me

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**Joy Karmy** I find difficulties in using tenses what should I do?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Joy Karmy, practise listening and reading as much as you can and pay attention to how tenses are used. When you find something that you're not sure of, you can check and get more practice in our grammar sections here:

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

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**Joy Karmy** Thank you

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**Bismillah Ahmadi** Hi sir

i would like to follow this course is it possible to get 7 band?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Bismillah Ahmadi it's possible for anyone to get Band 7, but it requires lots of work, practice and preparation. I don't know your current level so I can't know how long you need, but take the practice tests we share during the course and see how you get on that will give you an idea of how far you still have to go,

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**Sayed Abdullah Qutb** Is humor allowed in the speaking section?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Sayed Abdullah Qutb, absolutely! I mean I'm not suggesting you should treat it like a standup comedy routine, but the best thing you can do is be natural, so if you want to say something that is funny, and that is relevant and appropriate to the questions etc. then go ahead!

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**Yara Abou Saab** i was wondering about the same thing ! i guess that is a strength if you can use humor that means you're relaxed and able to say what you think of

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**Sayed Abdullah Qutb** Without any humour, the interview is gonna be cold and reluctant and also the candidate will get under heavy pressure. Thats the way I am while speaking with others.

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**Asmaa Mohammed** What is the program or plan of Course?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Asmaa Mohammed, if you click on 'To do' at the top of the course page you can see all the weeks and check what each one contains.

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**Syed Mohsin Ali** My hand writing is bad, it will effect?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Syed Mohsin Ali, you're not marked on your handwriting so you shouldn't worry. However, if the examiner can't read your writing that could cause problems, so try to be as neat as you can. You can also choose to use all capital letters if that would help.

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**Rony Zúñiga** Hi , I from Chile , I want to know how do I speak fluency if I don't have how speak with somebody

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rony Zúñiga, try these videos to help you: <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/.../speaking...> and these great tips and resources:<http://britishenglishcoach.com/33-ways-to-speak-better.../>

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**Mohamed Nassar** how can I get certification after finishing the course

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mohamed Nassar, you can find details of the Statement of Participation here:<https://www.futurelearn.com/.../5/statement-of-participation>

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**Rhea Evangelista Aclan** Is it OK to address our examiners as Sir or Ma'am?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rhea, I would not recommend it. IELTS interviews are not very formal, the examiner wants you to feel relaxed and comfortable and will call you by your first name. It would be far too formal to call them Sir or Ma'am.

Neil

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**Rhea Evangelista Aclan** Thank you so much Neil.

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**Lamiaa Mohamed Elfeky** can i join this page I'm a new member on the IELTS course

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Lamiaa Mohamed Elfeky, yes you can!

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**Eunice Liew** Hello, i m Eunice. wat can we learn in this clinic?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Eunice Liew, a lot! We have hundreds of good questions here about the test, study skills and

preparation, and if you read through them and the answers and links, I'm sure you'll find lots that will help you.

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**Reham Khaled** Hi,  
I want to improving myself in English

So I want your help

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Reham Khaled, that's what the course is for, so if you complete all the activities each week, it will help you a lot!

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**Reham Khaled** **LearnEnglish – British Council** thank you , I am following the course to the end

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**Mohamed Alnaeim** Hello all  
I'm ready what should we do exactly?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mohamed Alnaeim, as it says in the post, write your questions in the comments here.

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**Rose Marry** Hello Everyone, I want to know how can I improve my accent?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rose Marry, if you check through the answers here you'll find lots of good advice and different resources to help with that.

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**Mohammed Hegazy** What is the deference between everybody and everyone?

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**Lena Ann** Everyone is a little more formal than everybody. Everyone is used more in writing than everybody.

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**Mohammed Hegazy** Lena Ann I understand from you that they are both the same meaning????

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**Lena Ann** Yes. Everyone and everybody mean the same.  
<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/.../everyone-everybody...>

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**Mohammed Hegazy** The formal of them is everyone Right??

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** That's right Mohammed!  
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**Şenol Bayır** Is there a level exam on your web site

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Şenol, yes - just click here:  
<http://bit.ly/TestYourLevel>

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**Şenol Bayır** thank you

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**Alaa Younis Abu-naja** where is the link to the live event???

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** This IS the live event [Alaa!](#)

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**Alaa Younis Abu-naja** No link was there

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**Alaa Younis Abu-naja** How can catch up what I have missed in the event?

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**Mohamed Galal** How I can take certificate in my country Egypt?!

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mohamed Galal, just follow this link to find out about booking a test: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/ielts-mooc...>

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**Mohamed Galal** Thanks again

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**Archna Rani** how to in can increase my reading speed

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Archna Rani, check in Week 5 for good advice and practice with this.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** We'll be looking at reading in Week 5 Archna Rani! And we will give you tons of tips and extra links to help you improve. In the meantime, try and read every day, even if it's only for about 10 minutes - you'll soon notice a huge improvement. Also take a look at our Magazine section for some interesting articles to read! <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/magazine>.

Tina

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**Ekram Ahmed** Hi,does IEITS score expire within limited time?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Ekram Ahmed, yes - it's valid for two years.

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**Amenah Andy** Hello

Is there any live video today?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Amenah Andy, not this week! This week it's only text here.

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**Amenah Andy** Thank you for replying

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**Rajeswari Gajendran** Am I eligible to go to 2 nd week class?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Yes!

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**Zaw Lin Tun** Hello!

How can I get sample test questions?

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Hi Zaw Lin Tun, we share links to sample exams all the way through the course, so make sure you check each step.

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hi where can i enter the live session

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Hi Sahar, this is it!

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Aljwhara Almutairi hi

where is the clinic?

thank you

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Hi Aljwhara Almutairi, here!

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Aljwhara Almutairi can not join what is the problem?

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Zainab Selahdar How many steps do we have per week ?

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It varies from week to week Zainab

Selahdar

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Mohamed Helmy Is this course for beginner ?

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Hi Mohamed Helmy, no it's for learners at B1 (Intermediate) and above.

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Vijay Raj how to join road to ielts

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Ahmed Mostafa After we finish the six weeks how can we get the certificate?

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Hi Ahmed Mostafa, you can find out more here: <https://www.futurelearn.com/.../5/statement-of-participation>

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<https://www.britishcouncil.org/ielts-mooc...>

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Muhammed Mustafa how i could to prepare to IELTS test in steps ?

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Hi Muhammed Mustafa, if you follow the advice we give each week on the course then it will take you through step by step preparation.

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**Rabbad Ali** When we gonna started

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Rabbad, sorry, you're late! We just finished! Sorry!!  
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**Urooj John** I want to get band 7

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Urooj, it's all about practice! If you follow the advice on this course and practise every day, then you can! It's impossible to say how long you need to practise for, but you have to judge that yourself.  
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**Mida Siahaan** I have big problems in grammar. How many tenses that are often used in ielts? And what was that?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Mida, all tenses can come up in the test, especially in the reading and listening sections. And in speaking and writing you need to be able to use a range of tenses, and to choose the most appropriate. So it's not possible to make a simple list I'm afraid!  
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**Pretty Spirit** AND ALSO FOR THE LISTENING PART HOW IS IT CONDUCTED? DO WE LISTEN AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AT THE SAME TIME OR WE CAN READ THE QUESTIONS FIRST AND AFTER THAT WE START LISTENING AND ANSWERING?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Pretty Spirit, you get a little time to read through the questions, yes. Then you listen and answer as you listen. You then have ten minutes at the end to transfer your answers to the answer sheet and tidy up/check spelling etc. We cover all these details in Week 3.  
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**Pretty Spirit** LearnEnglish – British Council thank you for your kind reply

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**Nouf Abdulaziz** hello ,

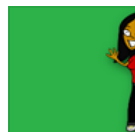
so my question is how can i improve my grammar ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Nouf Abdulaziz, the best way is in context by reading and listening to English then thinking about how the language is used. You can check anything you are not sure of in our grammar section here: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar>  
Neil

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### English Grammar

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

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**Nouf Abdulaziz** LearnEnglish – British Council thank you

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**Usri Elhag** Can I get any grade or feedback after completing this course. I don't care about the certificate but I want to know my result. Is it possible?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Usri Elhag, we include links to practice exams later in the course, so you can try them then enter your scores here to find out what Band you would have got:

<http://www.ieltspractise.com/ieltscalculator.php>

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**Noreen Thu** I am now attending the IELTS express course at BC. I have plan to sit IELTS exam on coming December. Can I apply Chevening scholarship for 2017-2018? At that moment, I didn't have IELTS record?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Noreen Thu**, the deadline for applications is 8 November, but you have until next July to meet the language requirements so that is not a problem at all!

<http://www.chevening.org/apply/eligibility-criteria>

Neil

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**Noreen Thu** Thank you very much. Neli.

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**Noor Mustafa** Hi, I enjoyed last week feuturelearn , it such an amazing experience, I found it useful for me, actually I can't wait for the next week to start, but I would like to be advice, how can I prepare for speaking fluency skill?.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Noor Mustafa**, we're glad you enjoyed it! We'll be looking at speaking in detail next week.

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**Rajeswari Gajendran** I would like to know why my progress of this week test shows only 14%.

But I went through all the stages one buy one.

Moreover I felt satisfied when I went through all stages and also in the question and answer stage.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Rajeswari**, it's a six week course, so 14% is about right after one week! Glad you're enjoying it!

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**Lun Shan Nan** Hello, I have something to ask you. I am worried about my writing skills. Can you suggest any good writing books for IELTS? Especially for academic module.. please

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Lun Shan Nan**, we share lots of resources for this in Week 6, but in the meantime, you can start with the B2 writing activities here:

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

and this website: <http://www.dielts.com/ielts-writing-guide/>

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**Yahia Awad** Hi iam yahia from sudan ,will you advice me a fast way to improve my writing skills

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Yahia**, try these great activities on our websites to practise all kinds of writing:

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

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-emails>

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## Writing skills practice | LearnEnglish Teens

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**Khan Shahan** Will this course help me to improve my vocabulary and english accent because i want to speak english with good fluency and most of the time i foud difficulty in understanding others accent.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Khan Shahan**, yes! If you follow the advice we give in later weeks it will help you with all of these things.

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**Brahem Harbaa** hello,thanks for you for this course ,i m from Syria, how can i get IELTS certification? and after this course ends what is the next step?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Brahem Harbaa**, you can read about possible next steps on this stepfrom the course:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/.../5/steps/110100>

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**Brahem Harbaa** thank you Neil

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**Omar Boshra Ahmed** how could i pass the listening test if it fast can i ask them to repeat it again or it only for one time ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Omar Boshra Ahmed**, you only hear it once, so it's very important to follow our advice in Week Three and practise as much as possible before you take the test.

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**Omar Boshra Ahmed** Thanks alot

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**Rami Mohamed** Hi everyone

first of all I would like to thanks all teachers work in this course, i am pleased to be learner with great team like you.

i had finished until step 1.9 and may be I will close others today, Please advise about any more learning material to get more improve.

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Rami**, the best thing is to keep going as you have been.We share lots of new resources each week

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**Amany Abed** Hello.

Really I can not decide which is suitable for me in IELTS.general or academic ?

I finished my academic studies with higher diploma in clinical biochemistry .

But I did not got work yet .

Any advice?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Amany Abed**, you have to ask yourself what you want to take IELTS for. If you're planning to go onto further study, then you should take academic.

Neil

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**Khadija Danish** I want to ask that whether you will give us some helping material like adjectives, vocabulary etc for improving English or not?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi **Khadija**, we don't focus so much on grammar in this course, more on skills, but you can find out everything you need to know and do practice exercises on our websites here:

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

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

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

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**Om Hozayfa** Hi sir... i really want to improve my vocabulary by giving me reference book , website or andriod application

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Om Hozayfa, don't worry - we'll be doing that every week throughout the course. Just make sure you complete all the steps!

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**Menna Almohamadi** Hello , I'm in a secondary school now and I am preparing to go to the university in the second two years so from now I'm preparing to improve my English language and to take the IELTS test that's why I joined this course I am looking forward to be a great course and thanks for gave us this chance in Understanding IELTS course my question is there a new vocabulary we will learn and how we can deal with the exam ?!

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Menna, that's great - and good luck with your preparation! In answer to your question, yes we'll be sharing lots of new vocabulary and resources and advice to help you prepare.

Neil

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**Omer Ali Aldood** Hi, I am Omer from sudan ,

I have a serious problems with spelling, nowadays with continuous use auto correction and auto suggestions in my mobile phone and laptop make me forget the spelling of even dialy used word, how can I return my spelling skills back because I know spelling mistake decrease my score

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**Omer Ali Aldood** Note : all words in my comment above completed by auto correction

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Omer Ali Aldood, practise with these resources and it will help:

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>

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## Vocabulary and spelling | ESOL Nexus

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**Abeer Al Haddad** I am here again

I used to know that after to there is no ing it should be after for but I found some using ing after to. Please advice

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**Lena Ann** <http://www.englishteachermelanie.com/grammar-can-a.../>

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Abeer Al Haddad, in expressions like 'looking forward to...' then 'to' is a preposition, like 'for' 'in' etc. After prepositions we have to either use -ing or a noun. So for example: I'm looking forward to Christmas/my birthday/the party/going to the cinema etc.

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**Abeer Al Haddad** Thank you for your answer as I found the answer in the shared link very complicated

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**Abeer Al Haddad** So whst are the cases that I cant use ing with to

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**Azhar Alkhusaibi K K** can you give us a website so that we can practice the IELTS ?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Azhar Alkhusaibi K K, that's what the course is for!

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**Meherez Kader** can i ask about this exam , is it paper or computerized exam or it is about interview .

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Meherez Kader, [IELTS](#) is a paper-based exam with a face-to-face component.

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**LE Freddie** Hello Everyone. I'm Freddie, one of the educators on Understanding IELTS. I'm really looking forward to answering your questions on this live clinic.

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**LE Freddie** Hi Mohamed. Complete all of the steps and use the comments sections to respond to the content and other people's comments. The more you participate and interact, the more you will learn. Also, follow the educators and review as many as their posts as possible.

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**Mohamed Affy** LE Freddie very thankful to you

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**Sayed Abdullah Qutb** What if someone misses the speaking test?

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**Rēhāp ZiḌār** well thankyou I have a question about pronunciation, it's actually made me crazy the last few days 😊 i wanna know on what basis and what are the rules which makes digraph "ea" sounds short "e" , long "ee" and long "a" ?

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**Rēhāp ZiḌār** Also I'd like to know when i start to study english, what is the perfect steps should i follow ? grammar, vocabluray, pronunciation and spelling , with what should i start ?

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**Tania Sy** Hi, sir! Can you share some tips on how to write better essays for the writing task 2 of the academic module? What are the common topics asked in WT2? Thank you!

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**LE Freddie** Hi Sayed. If you miss the Speaking test and you have a valid reason, e.g. illness the test centre will allow you to reschedule it but you'd have to check with them their exact policy regarding this.

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**Ludovick Peters** My progress shows that i have covered 8% of the lesson this week. How many more lessons am I supposed to cover? Is there a consistent pace to be applied by all students? Some have finished even week 3 lessons. Is that allowed?

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**Ragheed Alaws** Would you do live videos? LE Freddie

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**LE Freddie** Hi Rehap. There are no rules for this. You just have to learn which words correspond to which sound. Try and study a little of everything but prioritise the skills you think you could improve most. We'll be sharing lots of great links during the course which can help you in all of the different areas so be sure to complete all of the steps.

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**LE Freddie** Hi Tania. I would suggest practicing as many different questions as possible and using the following approach: analyse the question, plan your answer, write your answer and then check carefully for mistakes. Learning the public marking criteria and trying to improve your skills in each area is also important. We'll look at academic writing in detail in Week 6 of the course:

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**LE Freddie** Ludovick Peters you should complete all of the steps and if you want to jump ahead that's fine. However, we educators will focus on the current week and so it is best to just complete the steps during the week highlighted as there will be more discussion and input from the educators.

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**Omer Ali Aldood** Hi, I am Omer from sudan , I have a serious problems with spelling, nowadays with continuous use auto correction and auto suggestions in my mobile phone and laptop make me forget the spelling of even dialy used word, how can I return my spelling skills back because I know spelling mistake decrease my score

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**LE Freddie** Ragheed Alaws We'll be recording a video where we answer questions left for us on Step 2.2 next week.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understand.../5/steps/129175>



Video Q&A - Understanding IELTS - British Council

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**Ragheed Alaws** Thank you VERY MUCH **LE Freddie**

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**Anjana Ajith** Sir. Thank you for taking up this initiative. I have attended ielts twice. But lost for writing 6.5. Can u please help me out.

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**LE Freddie** Omer Ali Aldood - Try and learn the most common sound to spelling correspondences in English. This link can help:

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/.../TEphonemic...> There is a good course on Memrise to practice spelling too:

<http://www.memrise.com/course/84877/ielts-listening-2/> You'll need to create a free account and take a tutorial to understand how Memrise works.

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**LE Freddie** Anjana Ajith We'll be looking at writing in detail on the course in both Week 4 and Week 6. Be sure to complete all of these steps and you will have a much better chance of improving your scoreL <https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understanding.../5/todo/7143>

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**Anjana Ajith** Sir will I receive any sort of practice material to improve my language.

I have no practice materials. Can you please suggest me some of that

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**Anjana Ajith** Oh thank you sir.

Sir one more thing. Is there any provision for getting our papers corrected in writing. I really don't know when and where I make mistake.

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**Munkhjargal Landscape** Hi **LE Freddie** is there any specific level of English such as intermediate or upper intermediate to take ielts exam? How should I know my English skill is enough to take the ielts ?

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**LE Freddie** Hi Anjana. In week 4 and Week 6 of the course you'll have a chance to share your writing and the educators and other participants will be giving feedback on as many as possible.

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**LE Freddie** Munkhjargal Landscape There is no minimum level for taking the test but you need to find out what score you need to achieve if you are applying to a university for example.

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**Jeemol Jee** Hai everyone, I'm jeemol. Work as a staff nurse in Delhi. I'm first time to this course. I don't know that much of English. please help me to improve my language.

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**Amal Omar** I also need to know if the comments on each step in the list to do are checked or not(so any mistake in our writings can be corrected or not)?

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**Alister Widdowson** We look at as many of your comments as we can but we don't have enough educators to look at them all I'm afraid. We do, normally correct mistakes because there just aren't enough of us!

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**Amal Omar** So, what about your personal pages. I follow them so, if I write any comment on them can be more likely corrected or not?

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**Aya Hekal** Hello everyone am aya and it's really helpful to participate in such course , my questions is ,, 1 : I need to improve my speaking skills is that enough at online courses ? 2 : I need to know if it will be an extra advantage if I take academic not training even if am not going to study at university ? thank so much in advance .

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**Mihai Rada** Hey everyone, Mihai from Romania here , I really hope to gain some recognition for my current level. Good luck everyone!

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**Khaine San Thwel** Hi everyone! Although i m interested in learning english language, i haven't got very well in English. So i want to join this class

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**Mridul Roy** Hello.. I m from Bangladesh. I feel uncomfortable to speak in English. How can I remove it??

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**Alister Widdowson** practice is the only real answer! The more you speak, the more comfortable yo will feel. I suggest practising at a slow speed and building up to a more natural speed.

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**Mridul Roy** Thanx a lot Alister Widdowson for ur valuable suggestion

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**د. النمر** I'm Hisham from Egypt, I care about course for immigration.

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**Ahmed Boss** Hi, I'd like to thank you for all your efforts , this time I intend to complete the course and improve my English , all the best

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**Lae War Win** Hello everyone, I have joined in this group as I want to have many friends who interests in learning English which help me to have a good learner in English. Thank you!

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**Mohamed Rawash** At least I'd like to join you and thank you for your effortful study you present for learners

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**Nasrullah Tamim** Hi, I'm Nasrullah . I'm little bit confused about this course . Like, is it totally customized ? I mean, is it prepared for all on our own wish - course pages, time etc. I found yesterday that if i want , i can finish all 2 weeks / 3 weeks- pages/videos etc. at a time taking 1/2 hours long. Please give me some proper instruction to follow your course in a perfect way to improve myself. Kindly reply sir / madam .

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi there, we can 't change the content of the course for different people but you can certainly go at your own speed. If you need to go a bit faster then you can jump ahead. The only thing is that the educators are going are the weekly rate so there will be noone to answer your comments

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**Nasrullah Tamim** thank you very much, sir .

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**Nasrullah Tamim** I'm very much worried about my speaking skill . It's too poor to describe, kinda embarrassing . Because I didn't study in English medium/version - school/college/university ; as well as I think my brain filters & takes so much time to translate my views/ideas/opinions perfectly through my expression - may be it sounds pretty funny , but it happens. I'm introvert type & from Bangladesh . How can i improve myself , sir ? Is it through practice or something else ?

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**L.A. Sibunga** Hello!! I'm Leony Ann from Philippines. I don't have question so far but I want to improve my grammar and vocabulary.

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**Narendra Rathod** Thanks for providing such a nice opportunity to learn new things about English.

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**Abdelsalam Helaly** HI every one this my first course for me But i have problem for reading and writen englesih i hope to get bettr with this team  
Thank you

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**Mahbubul Huq** Thanks to all educator. It's really amazing and full of information !

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**Bói Trần** Can I film myself a video and upload on this Facebook site regarding about my questions? Thanks team.

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**Meher Muhammad Zeeshan** My name is Zeeshan. I am from Lahore, Pakistan. Recently studying in Hungary (Bsc Nursing 1st semester - Total duration 4 years). Please pray for my 1st semester exams that are going to be held in this December. I want to prepare in advance for [IELTS](#) so that after finishing my studies i could work in UK Any advices would be appriciable Thank you! 😊

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**Shamaila Sarwar** Hlo  
Im advocate by profession  
Doing my llm  
Want to do specialization in some law prg  
So want to do ielts  
How i improve my speaking

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**Lisa Simpson**env Thanks very much for the online course .. it helps much to get a high score in ILETS certificate

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**Nguyễn Hồng Liên** Hello, Neil and everyone. I come from Vietnam. I want yours help me speak english

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**Ruth Amoakoa** Hello am Ruth, thank you very much for introducing this course online. I think it should be compulsory for everybody to participate in order to boost ones confident level whenever there is the opportunity to travel to any English speaking country. My question is programme has been ongoing for sometime, do you get feedback from people who joined and have written the test.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ruth,

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Generally we don't because it's difficult to track that kind of information and we don't have a formal way of collecting the data so any information we have is word of mouth.

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**Ruth Amoakoa** Karen, maybe you have not considered it but I suggest if that is done a lot of people will patronize because it will motivate them.

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**Ahmad Sajjad** Hello!

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hello Ahmad Sajjad!

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**Ahmad Sajjad** Hi ?

How are you?

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**Ahmad Sajjad** I am from Pakistan. And what about you ?

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**سوسن مسعود** Hello I am Sawsan Masoud Iam happy to join your

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**Abraham Amponsah** I am really happy to join this dynamic program.

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**Myriam Alvarez** Hi thanks for the opportunity to learn something with you

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hello Everyone, I'm Tina one of your educators on Understanding [IELTS](#) - welcome to our [clinic](#) today Tina

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**Ragheed Alaws** Hello, nice to know you 🙌

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**عبدالله غزالي** Welcome , is there life stream ?

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**Mema Key** Hi . iam gonig to attend an IELTS exam soon but i haven't self trust to pass it easly .. any advice?



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**Eman Torky** Welcome tina

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**No Reen Akbar** this clinic is only regarding question answer session? as we can't see live video. the given link isn't working.

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**Ali Jafari** Thank you

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**Julia Robert** Hi Tina, you are one of my educators in this course. I need to improve in all skills of the language. I can listen fifty percents to the native speakers but I can't catch some of their words. In my speaking also, I need fluency.

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**Mahbulul Huq** Hello Tina ! You look like a powerpuff girl...

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**Tania Sy** Hello Ms. Tina! Can you share tips on how to improve our outputs for writing Task1 of academic module? Thank you!

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**Elmotaz Bellah** Helloo Tina 😊😊. I am Mona from Egypt .

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**Sayed Abdullah Qutb** Hello,

I had a question regarding the writing task.  
Can we use punctuation marks like parenthesis ( ) or quotation marks " " in the writing test, for instance i wanna say, there was an increase in the past years(1990 to 1995) ?

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**Myat Su** Thanks Neil

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**Lucia Duma** Hello everybody!

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**Ahmad Attya** Hello lucia

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**Hamdy Fares** Hi eveyone I enjoy with this course

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**Franchette Duka** Im so excited to learn....

Unlike · Reply · Message · 1 · October 20 at 9:26pm



**Zukashi Nashi** I love this ah!

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**Kamran Khalid** hi there!

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**Liuda Cern** Hi!

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**Asia Aburidi** Hi.

I'm Asia, from Palestine.

I'll do IELTS exam on Nov, 19, 2016.

and I want to get a high score but I still need some improvements so help me, please.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Asia Aburidi! This course is a great way to pick up loads of really useful tips and ways to improve your English level. You'll also find some good advice here: TakeIELTS - <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare>. Good luck on tgh 19th!  
Tina



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**Asia Aburidi** Thank you so much Tina 😊

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**Yara Abou Saab** hello, I'm Yara, thank you for this interesting course. mmm I live in Syria .. and sometimes i have difficulties with internet network here so i was wondering if perhaps i was late to watch the videos or to submit answers will they still be available for me ?



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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Yara Abou Saab! Welcome to the course  
Don't worry, the course materials are available to you for as long as  
you want, to do, when you want and when you can. I hope you enjoy  
the course and find it useful!

Tina

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**Yara Abou Saab** oh that's a relief thank you Tina . and i enjoyed the  
first week a lot

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**Mehdi Humdum** Hi sir, its so nice having online and free IELTS understanding  
with u. As i think six session course is not enough for a test like IELTS. To be  
full fledge prepared we need some books to study. So, which books would u  
prefer and how do u help me in this term??

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Mehdi, Here are some sites to help:  
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**Karen LearnEnglish** <http://www.dcielts.com>

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Mehdi Humdum! Welcome to the clinic! This is  
a great website to check out which books would be good to use -  
<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../ielts-preparation...> - I hope you find  
it useful

Tina

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IELTS test

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**Mohamed Hassan** Hello , i would like to know if lam planing to study my Phd  
abroad so i need to take the academic Ilets , but at the same time i think i may  
need to immigrate or travel abroad , so do i need to take the other kind of Ilets  
test (training one) ?

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**LearnEnglish Tina** This link will help you to find out about which one is  
the best for you **Mohamed Hassan**!

Tina

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**Mohamed Hassan** Please post the link . Thanks

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**LearnEnglish Tina** So sorry **Mohamed Hassan** - here it is:  
<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../ielts-academic-or...>

Tina

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**Anywar Martin** Hi, this is Martin from Uganda. It is my first time in IELTS live  
clinic what should is expect and how do I participate? Is there in live video that  
shows how administer the tests and guidance on responses?

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Anywar Martin! Welcome to the clinic. This live event doesn't include a video. All you need to do is if you have a question about IELTS, leave it in a comment below and one of the educators will answer it for you!

Tina

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**Anywar Martin** Thank you Tina. What type of questions are asked in the IELTS tests? Can I get samples? Is there something to gauge my performance in this course?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Anywar, have a look here to try some examples: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare>



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**Fernando Thiesen** What is the difference between Past Simple and Present Perfect, because in Portuguese we can translate each verb tense to the same verb tense, which is (pretérito perfeito)? And what is the difference between present perfect and present perfect continuous, when we use it?

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Fernando! Welcome to the clinic. Why not have a look at our LearnEnglish grammar section on these tenses? You find plenty of explanations and activities to do too!

LearnEnglish: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../english.../verbs>  
Tina



**Verbs**

Verbs in English have four basic parts:

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**Fernando Thiesen** Thanks, it will very usefull!

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**Fernando Thiesen** It will be...

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**LearnEnglish Tina** 😊

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**أبو محمد السلفي** Hi,

I'm Abdullah from Egypt. Actually, I don't have a question, but I'd like to appreciate the people who are giving us hands here or on the website and thank them for their great efforts.

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**LE Freddie** Thanks Abdullah. We appreciate your feedback

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Thanks Abdullah!

Tina

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**Lamees Mamoun** Hi , I want ask who can I improve my listening I am weak in listening and speaking . In this days Iam trying to lessen for English music but I want more effective way , can you help me.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Lamees Mamoun! Listening to music is a really good way to improve ... well done, this website is excellent to use with music: Lyricstraining - <http://lyricstraining.com/>  
Try these links for listening:

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

Professional Podcasts -

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../professionals...> and these for speaking:

ESOL Nexus activities Build your speaking skills -

<http://esol.britishcouncil.org/.../lear.../skills/speaking-0>

Pronunciation activities -

<http://esol.britishcouncil.org/.../skills/pronunciation>. Good luck

Tina



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**Lamees Mamoun** Thank you so much . 🌹

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**Mohamed Khaled** You say for Ahmed attya "trying the practice activities and extra resources we recommend " sorry where can I find these resources or how?!

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**LearnEnglish Tina** We normally add extra activities on the steps in the SEE ALSO section, which is normally under the text on the steps. Also do follow the educators on the course as very often throughout the course we will be adding extra links in our comments  
Tina

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**Mohamed Khaled** Thnx

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**Munkhjargal Landscape** How should I know if my English level is enough to take ielts exam? Is there any specific level such as intermediate or upper intermediate for ielts?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** You can try a practice test here:

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Munkhjargal Landscape! Take a look here:

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare/road-to-ielts> and have a go at this - <http://www.roadtoielts.com/testdrive/index.php?pc=53>.

I hope they help

Tina



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**Amal Omar** Please, can you clarify more about how live clinic is going on? We just write our questions and wait for the answers or what?

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**LearnEnglish Tina** That's right Amal Omar! I hope you enjoyed reading the questions by everyone else 😊

Tina

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**Omidiji Aminat** Hello, I am Aminat from Nigeria. i will be writing the IELTS soon. So i need to broaden my knowledge with all that it entails

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi @Omidiji Aminat - as well as doing this course, do have a look at <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare> for ideas on how to prepare for your IELTS.

Tina



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**Stella Sit** Hello, I am Stella from Hong Kong.  
Is there any method to make my oral English better within 2 months? I found it's hard because nobody around me speaks English..

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**Eleonora Porena** I have your problem too. I have no one to talk with but I need to improve my speaking. Maybe we can find someone here.

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**Mukul Dhiman** I think this is the problem many of us riddled with. I hope we'll build up a platform here.

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**Esraa Elareef** hello, i am esraa , i may wonder of the course outcome , what i should be ended up with ? , also i have a small problem of vocabularies and a little bit scared of speaking confidently , thanks

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Esraa, follow the course as you are and take your time. There will be a lot of links you can use to practice. Good luck

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**Iman MB Samir** Hello and thank you for your help. I'm a good listener (English YouTube channels) and I understand 90% of what I hear. And I always read web articles in English in different topics. Can this help me with the test? And is there any differences between American and British English in preparing for the IELTS test? Thanks.

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**Iman MB Samir** And if there any channels that you recommend to listen to or watch either on YouTube or Podcast?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Iman, Congratulations on understanding so much of what you hear Sounds like you are doing all the right things. There is no difference for US and British English for the IELTS but the main thing is not to mix the two. -

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**Iman MB Samir** Thanks a lot. That encourage me to go forward with the preparation for the test 😊

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**سليمان ع. عبد** my own problems are listening and speaking the most problem i have is i cannot understand the pronunciation of the others as well as my big problem is to pronounce the words correctly, but i am good for reading and writing..  
please i need easy steps to improve my listening and speaking skills if possible thank you.

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi, many people have the same problem. The answer is to practise - speaking in real time with someone can really help and it doesn't need to be a native speaker. If you can find someone, preferably who doesn't speak your own language then half an hour practice per day can be really effective

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**سليمان ع. عبد** thank you very much for helping Dear Alister Widdowson

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**Ahmed Masoud** when i watch the videos in the first week course i can't understand easily ,, so i have to read the script to understand ,, i think i have a problem in listening so can i overcomes that ?  
thanks in advance

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**Alister Widdowson** All you can really do to improve listening is to listen! By listening to the BBC news for half an hour every day, you'll notice some improvement but it does take quite long time .the same goes for reading comprehension and speed. Read half an hour per day and in a few months your seed and understanding will really start to develop .

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**Ahmed Masoud** okay i will try ,, thanks

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 **Marwa Awadly** Thanks for your advice  
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**Osama Hamdi** Hi

So I think that I'm good in English but .. my weakness is that I can't make a good conversation !! So how can I improve my speaking without being afraid of shy ?

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 **Karen LearnEnglish** 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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<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../ielts...>



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 **Osama Hamdi** Karen LearnEnglish thanks a lot  
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 **Marwa Awadly** Thanks Karen LearnEnglish  
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**Pat Ferret** Can you clarify how much misspelling a word can affect the band for the writing exam? I am quite worried about this because I don't have that many opportunities to write in English here in Brazil. I'm studying by myself and, although I don't train writing in the essay format demanded by the test, I don't have anyone to correct and evaluate what I write.

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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Pat, I'm afraid spelling is taken into account under accuracy. This will be dealt with more later in the course.

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**Abd ElRahman Abd ElLattef** Thanks for video of Nancy and Anita, the Q here, does exam will be like this typically? or it is just a simple example?

Also thanks for audio, I could know 4 words correctly from 10, is it a bad start? especially that I think, exam will be more difficult.

My English words are little!, how can I increase them to help me in forming different sentences and paragraphs?

I'm happy to be here, especially it is my first experience

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 **Abd ElRahman Abd ElLattef** thanks  
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**Tarek NouNou** Hi, thanks for your effort. I want to know more about the differences between the Academic and the training IELTS tests formats in the reading and writing parts.

Adding that, what is the easiest format because I am not quite sure which one to apply for?

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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Tarek, it depends what you want to do. If it for study, usually the academic module is the one to do.

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 **Tarek NouNou** Osama Nounou  
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**Retno Tri Astuti** Hello, I'm Indonesian and would like to ask some questions:  
 1. What the meaning of big word in task especially in reading for Yes/No/ NG?  
 Why should test taker need to understand this word? How to mark the big word?  
 2. Why some non native speaker could not able to speak English even they have learnt since elementary school?  
 Thank you

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Retno, I'm not sure what you mean about big words - do you mean long words or difficult words or technical words? The level of English ability depends on a lot of different factors, not only learning it since primary school. If there is little opportunity to practice, or little exposure or motivation, the level will remain lower. Hope this helps answer your questions

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**Retno Tri Astuti** Well, I definitely find difficulty in this type questions (yes/no/not given). I hope the course will be helpful and thank for your tips, Karen

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**Lilian Nasr** Hi there , I am LILIAN ,I am looking for resources to practice reading and listening ... I already have the IELTS books .But the thing is that ,they are not up to today's test difficulty "quite misleading "especially that I need to achieve a band score of minimum 8 .Any suggestions please?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Here are some videos for reading and listening:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrATVKQ9yNg>



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**Karen LearnEnglish** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_3qJbmgmFQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_3qJbmgmFQ)



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**Lilian Nasr** Thanks very much

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**ابو احمد عبد الهادي** Hello everyone .  
 This yaseen from Egypt . I am working here in Qatar ..i am 52 years old .  
 Accountant ..

The English language here is the common business language .

Thanks for our educator and for British Council as well ..

I am only trying to improve my language . Not need any certifications but if i have the opportunity to complete any course . I will sure request the certificates . Whatever the cost is ..

Thank you all .

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**سليمان ع. عبد** Thank you i wanna ask two question, i am planning to travel to abroad and prepare MBA, for me which kind of IELTS fits my needs in English? Academic or general IELTS and how i can improve easily?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi, I'm pretty sure you will need Academic but check with your MBA institution. They can tell you for sure.

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**سليمان ع. عبد** thank you

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**Yen Ozarraga-Colaynay** Hello. I would just like to ask what are the necessary preparations we need to make if we choose not to enrol in any review center

for IELTS? I think for us here in the Philippines, budget is really tight so if there are cheaper options for Review, we will gladly welcome it!

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Yen, there are a lot of online resources available and this course will help. Follow the links provided to find lots of resources. Here's one to get you started:  
<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../british-council...>

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**Yen Ozarraga-Colaynay** Wow. Thank you so much!

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**Aniefiok Akpasa** Hello Neil, I am Aniefiok from Nigeria. I have a good command of English Language but have never attempted IELTS or its equivalent. How long do you suggest as the minimum period for my preparation to achieve a high band in the test?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Aniefiok, It's hard to say exactly but the more practice tests you do, the better prepared you will be. A certain amount of success in IELTS is being prepared for the test format and timing. Try some here: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../free-practice-tests>  
This course will also help a lot in preparing you for the test.



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**Aniefiok Akpasa** Many thanks Karen.

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**Ludovick Peters** My progress shows that i have covered 8% of the lesson this week. How many more lessons am I supposed to cover? Is there a consistent pace to be applied by all students? Some have finished even week 3 lessons. Is that allowed?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ludovick, as this is an online course, you can go as slow or as fast as you like. There is no specified time frame although most of the moderators stick to the current week to comment and interact with participants. You can skip sections to return to later or not at all if you feel they are not useful to you.

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**Ludovick Peters** Kindly tell me the difference between IELTS, TESOL and ESL

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**Zeeshan Saleem Siddiqui** Hey, if someone gets baffled during speaking in IELTS test, especially, in cue card and realises after a while that he forgot to mention one of the questions. What should he or she do?

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**LE Freddie** Hi Zeshan. If you do not answer every part of the Part 2 Speaking card do not worry - you will not lose any marks.

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**Zeeshan Saleem Siddiqui** LE Freddie wow that's a fabulous news.

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**Ahmed Saleh** i want to be qualified for ielts specially speaking but my study in college is difficult so the period of summer how can i use it and with my study how can i improve my english and i want to know my level in english i dont know how i hope u respond and thank you alot

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ahmed, take your time and use this course to help you practice. Go slowly and listen a lot. You can listen here and then you can record your self saying some of the sentences:

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**Firas Saleh** Hello,

I am thinking to complete master degree in construction management school at UK, so can you advise which university is better that depends on many things as you know such as university ranking / professional educators / ....etc

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**LE Freddie** Hi Firas. You can have a look at ta detailed overview of U.K. university and department rankings here:

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/>



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**Luana Venâncio** Hi everyone

I live in Brazil and I am studying for the exam ielts, I need to improve my English and here in this conversation I found many important tips on pronunciations, says that it's great

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Great Luana

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**Amal Omar** Hi, I am Amal from Egypt. I want to ask if I passed in the academic IELTS then I decide to immigrate to Canada for example (not for study) so, should I repeat the exam but the general type or it can be acceptable?

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**Alister Widdowson** Academic is fine for both university entrance and immigration. The general paper is not so useful for academic entrance so I would recommend the academic version.

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**Amal Omar** Thanks a lot for your advice

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**Walaa Bahajri** Hello there,

according to the course specs, it's 2 hours per week. I'm just wondering when are those 2 hours going to take place?

Is there a steadily specific time for it? Say every Tuesday like today!

And are those clinics like this one on facebook or are there lectures here and there from time to time?

If there are I'd like you to address them for us, please!

Best regards.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Walaa, There isn't a specific time you need to do your 2 hours. It's an online course so you can complete the sections when you have time. There will be some live events such as this one, usually at this time. Others will be videos we post answering your questions. These you can watch whenever you are free.

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**Walaa Bahajri** I see. Thanks for clearing that up! 😊

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**Ahmed Mostafa** What is the best way to enhance my pronunciation to talk English fluently?? and if this online course sufficient for this or I need to attend a live course with you in British council??

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ahmed, this course does look at speaking but it's hard on a course like this. It might be an idea to take a course at your local British Council as you will get much more individual attention and help.

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**Ahmed Mostafa** OK thank you for your help 😊

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi everyone! Nice to see so many people with us already. Looking forward to some great questions

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عبدالله غزالي Will you make life stream?

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**Alister Widdowson** I'm not sure what you mean, what is a life stream?

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عبدالله غزالي Facebook online live video

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**Alister Widdowson** I see! For this clinic we will not have a video. We have another event next week where you can ask questions and we'll answer them in a recorded video but we can't do it live I'm afraid.

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**Mahrugh Tariq** Hi! What would be your advice to those who want to boost their speaking power?

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عبدالله غزالي Ok sir .. so can you tell me how to pass IELTS test ?

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**Alister Widdowson** Mahrugh Tariq this depends on what your strengths are. If you can speak fluently then you might need to focus on accuracy. you can do this by memorising useful phrases for speaking (I see what you mean, I'm not sure I agree with you about that etc.) which can really help. For fluency, I recommend practising at much slower speeds and gradually building up to normal speed.

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi there, Your question is enormous! which part do you عبدالله غزالي feel least confident with?

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**Mahbulul Huq** Hello Alister ! I have sent you a friend request. I think our friendship will help me to improve my english skill level.

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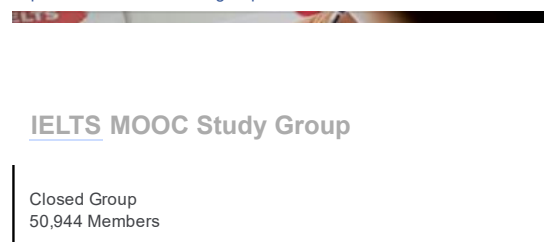


عبدالله غزالي I guess in listening 😊

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi Mahbulul. That's very kind of you! I am flattered. Unfortunately, we have many thousands of participants on our course and we don't have time to interact with all of you I'm afraid. Why don't you join our Facebook page where there are lots of people who want to help each other and practice their English. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1612481695682158/>



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**Fatty Ma Maubin** hello sr Alister Widdowson

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**Alister Widdowson** I think that listening is the hardest skill to develop because it involves real time comprehension at full speed. The only real solution is to get into a good listening habit - a certain amount of time every day listening to useful thing s- the BBC news is the best option for me. It takes a long time ( a number of months) to really improve but if you keep going then you will feel good improvement in the long run.

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**Alister Widdowson** Fatty Ma Maubin Hi there! do you have a question?

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**Maha El Torky** Alister Widdowson I have poor vocabulary? How can I improve myself to speak accurately and the important thing the confidence while speaking

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**Alister Widdowson** Maha El Torky Hi there. Vocabulary is the key to a lot of what you need to do in the IELTS test. If you develop your vocabulary then reading and listening become much more manageable. The first thing to do is to read a lot - half an hour a day, ideally something a bit academic in style - a quality newspaper or the BBC. you will learn lots of relevant vocabulary just by reading in

context. The other thing to do is to get academic word lists and to sit down and memorise them. This is very boring indeed but sometimes you just need to learn the words.

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**Alister Widdowson** Noha Mohamed Hi. I'm not sure I understand your question. If you want to know if you can keep doing the course after it finishes then the answer is yes! You can work at your own speed.

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**عبدالله غزالي** Which accent do you advice me to listen .. English or American ? .. Alister Widdowson

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**Mahrukh Tariq** Thankyou so much Sir!

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**Alister Widdowson**

Any listening practice is good listening practice! In IELTS غزالي عبدالله you will hear accents from a number of different countries, English, Scottish, Australian, Canadian and so on. All the accents are soft though and it will not be a problem for your understanding. American .is fine for practice

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**Tania Sy** Hello, sir! I need a 7 for my writing. I want to ask how good should my output be to acquire the target grade? Can you give me like the standard requirement for a 7 in writing in academic module? Thanks!

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**Alister Widdowson** Tania Sy Hi there. We will look at writing in detail later on in the course and we will be considering a number of example writing scripts as well as the examiner marking criteria which should give you a good idea of the required standard.

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**Maha El Torky** Alister Widdowson Thanks a lot very very useful answer. And about the grammar do you have any link to improve myself while speaking I always forgot speaking in the past and my sentences always no senses

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**Fatty Ma Maubin** Share you idea i want to learn more english

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**Tania Sy** One more question, sir. Will idiomatic expressions help me achieve higher speaking and writing grades?

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**Alister Widdowson** Tania Sy Be careful with idioms! we use them in normal speech but unless you are careful with the ones you learn it can make your speech sound strange or old fashioned. I think the best thing is to learn them so you understanding them when others speak but I wouldn't use them yourself.

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**Tania Sy** Okay, better not use them then. I have one last question, sir. What are the common topics for writing task 2? Should we expect topics we can totally be unfamiliar with like Biochemistry, Space Exploration, etc.?

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**Alister Widdowson** Topics for part 2 are normally appropriate for the general educated reader. The kinds of topics you get in newsworld, time or a quality newspapers. Biochemistry, Space Exploration are probably a bit too specific but education, health care, nuclear power, the environment, crime and punishment are very possible.

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**Amira Nuri** Hi, first of all thank you for this opportunity. I would like to know how can I improve and practice my writing? especially that I can't get a feedback on my writing at home.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Amira, do a lot of examples and read sample answers to get ideas. <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../writing-practice...>

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**Amira Nuri** Thank you so much Karen LearnEnglish

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**Ahmed Emad** - is there any source or website or whatever to practice more for the test ?

- any tips & tricks or hints for the Exam ?

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**Mahrose Gilani** hi...I have completed bsc Mechanical engineering last year, now I am going for Masters... what band is required to get admission in postgraduate studies?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Mahrose, you will need to check with the university you are applying to. Each one is a little different.

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**Rana Bahaa** hello everyone ,, i want some advice to improve my listening as many times i can't do it perfectly and also speaking i can speak well but sometimes i afraid of saying something wrong ,, thanks

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Rana, 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:

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**Rana Bahaa** Thanks alot .. i 'll do this sure 😊

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**Oscar Iván Ordúz** What strategies would you recommend to practice listening skills, I feel this is my weakest area, I want to take [IELTS](#) in a near future, thanks!

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Oscar, 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: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_3qJobgmFQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_3qJobgmFQ)

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**Dasha Serbina** In Listening task we need to listen and make notes at the same time, to complete the task. What will you advise to improve this skill? I have a problem with it.

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**LE Freddie** Hi Dasha. It can be tricky trying to listen and write notes at the same time. However, I think the most important time to make notes is actually before you listen. You have around 30 seconds to do this and you do not have to worry about following the audio. Then, during the listening you can just focus on following the audio and trying to pick out the correct answers.

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**Velislava Raykova** Hi, I am struggling with the writing part. Would you please advise how I can improve in it and is there any place/website where I can send my essays to be graded.

Thanks

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi Vlislava (are you Bulgarian?) I don't know of sites where you can get an essay graded. IELTS examiners aren't allowed to give practice grades for students.

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**ایمان محمود** this course is live video or not , my second question , i want many vocabulary too and i want to practicing to speaking the language and hear more it with ,sorry for disturb

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi, I'm afraid there is no vide but we will have a video next week where we answer your questions. Here is a website that might be useful: <https://esol.britishcouncil.org>



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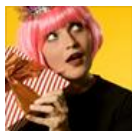
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**Karen LearnEnglish** <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org>



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**ایمان محمود** thanks alot

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**Kristine Pamela Perez** Hi.. in listening exam, do we listen to the audio just once or they will repeat it? and in taking them we are looking at the answer sheet already to fill in or we write the answers first in a blank paper?

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 **LE Freddie** Hi Kristine. You only hear the listening audio once but you'll have time to analyse the questions beforehand and try to predict possible answers. You have ten minutes after the end of the listening to transfer your answers from the question booklet to the answer sheet.  
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 **Kristine Pamela Perez** I see. Thank you  
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 **Kristine Pamela Perez** The usual duration of the audio is 5 mins? or do they exceed?  
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 **Waleed Edwan** Hello, I'm Waleed Edwan from Jordan should I have to book the book this week ??!  
I want to book it after finishing the course  
I attempt the missions of first week ...  
what I have to do know??!  
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 **Alister Widdowson** It's best to book the exam when you feel ready to do it. Don't feel pressured into doing it before you are ready but you must prepare early and be realistic about the amount of work you need to do.  
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 **Fatty Ma Maubin** I want to learn more English how do I start? share your idea  
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 **Ahmed Emad Soliman** Is the certificate which we can get by the end of course helps in IELTS exam ( gives me a score somehow) or no ? . And is it for free or paid ?!  
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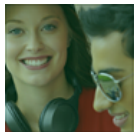
 **Alister Widdowson** Our certificate shows that you have completed the course but it won't add to your IELTS grade.  
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 **Ahmed Emad Soliman** Is it paid or for free ?  
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 **أحمد التهامي** Hello everyone, I am Ahmed EL-Tohamy from Egypt I know that this course is about the IELTS exam my question is how to improve my English language skill in parallel to this course  
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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ahmed, have a look at these websites to help:  
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en>  
<http://premierskillseenglish.britishcouncil.org>



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 **Pacho Sputnik** Hi, I would like to get a great performance during this course. Thanks in advance for the tools that you can provide me in order to enhance my English skills  
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 **Islam Walied** Hello, my question is, I can listen very well but I can't answer the question in parallel with listening. I lose my concentration quickly, how can I overcome this problem?  
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 **Mostafa Mohamed** try focusing in a several keywords each guide you to a certain phrase or part of whatever you listening to.  
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 **Mostafa Mohamed** & try to focus & hear every single word just so you don't lose focus.  
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 **المريميه هدير** I can't remember my new vocabulary, And I try to know the right pronounce for words then I can't remember also and say it wrong.. Do you have advice?  
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**LE Freddie** A great site for remembering vocabulary is Memrise - [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com). There are lots of IELTS courses you can take. Learning the phonemic chart might help with pronunciation of words. <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/.../TEphonemic...>



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**LE Freddie** You can check the pronunciation of words using a learner dictionary too. They have both audio and phonetics: <http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/>

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**Karim Muawiya** hi, i'm planning on talking the IELTS academic test soon, so i was wondering if this course will get me fully prepared for the exam. thanks

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**Karim Muawiya** taking\*

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**Karim Muawiya** LearnEnglish – British Council can i get an answer please 😊

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Karim, it's hard to say whether this course is enough or to because there are so many factors to take into account. You can try a practice test to see how you do:

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../free-practice-tests>



IELTS Free Practice tests to develop your exam technique

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**Karim Muawiya** thanks for the reply, i'll try it + anything else you advice beside this course to help me out?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Follow the links on the course

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**Shery Khalil** Once I Start speaking English I stutter, i don't know why .speaking continuously makes me confuse sounds (I know it is a bit irrelevant, but this is very important for me, and thanks in advance).

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Shery, Do you stutter in your own language or is it only in English? Singing can help - think about about what you want to say and try saying it with a bit of a singing sound in your voice. The other thing is probably confidence so try to repeat some sentences every day to become more familiar with English. Good luck

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**Shery Khalil** Hi Karen LearnEnglish, Unfortunately, I stutter in my own language too.

But I'll follow your advice, actually I am already doing it. Thanx a lot.

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**Umair Kayani** I can understand, learn , and explain gammer the only major issue is [ielts](http://www.dielts.com/ielts-vocabulary/) vocabulary??? Help to sort this out.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Umair, have a look here.

<http://www.dielts.com/ielts-vocabulary/>

IELTS vocabulary -





IELTS vocabulary for different topics in [IELTS](#), functional vocabulary, and specialist...  
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**Umair Kayani**

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**Nno Mohammed** Hello my name is nno, i welly want to thank you alot for this effort that all of you do for us.

I know that we didn't start yet but i feel so hopeful 😊

Wish to you all the best.

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**Alister Widdowson** Thanks NNO!

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**Mahrose Gilani** how to remain calm in listening skills.....if u cant understand a sentence bcz tape will not repeat for second time....and how to overcome nervousness in speaking part?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Mahrose, this comes with practice and experience. The more you listen to, the easier it becomes. Don't focus on the word you didn't understand but keep listening. We will be looking at this in the coming weeks. Have a listen to these:  
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../elementary...>

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**Ahmed Khaled Awwad** i really just need some British friends here in Cairo, which will help practice English and be good at listening 😊  
Could you help in that ?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ahmed, I'm afraid I'm not in Cairo so I'm not sure but if you got to the British Council office, they can help you.

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**Ahmed Khaled Awwad** Karen LearnEnglish May chatting help a little ?

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**Jamil Sultan** first of all i want to thanks British council to providing such a sufficient free online learning program it is my first time that i am joining online learning program and its pretty good. it is my last year in university i am doing my undergraduate in law and political science, I am a little weak in english grammar how can i resolve this problem?

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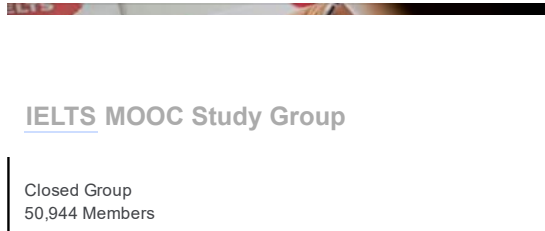


**Alister Widdowson** You are welcome! Grammar needs practice - have a look at these sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1612481695682158/>

[uncil.org/en/grammar-and-vocabulary](http://uncil.org/en/grammar-and-vocabulary)

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../adjectives>



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**Rahma Chikh** Hello, thank you for the "IELTS Language Clinic".  
My question is about the difference between [IELTS](#) and TOEFL and the recognition of diplomas in UK and USA.

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**LE Freddie** Hi Rahma. The IELTS and TOEFL are both widely accepted across the world by institutions in both the U.K. and U.S. but if you have a specific one in mind you should check with them first. There are differences in the formats of the tests. For example, in [IELTS](#) you do the speaking with an examiner whereas in TOEFL you speak to a computer.

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**Retno Tri Astuti** One more question, how to reduce my Javanese accents when I speak English or pronounce English word? Is there any solution? Thanks

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**LE Freddie** Retno Tri Astuti The following site might be able to help you with this: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../grammar/pron/unit1/start.shtml>

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**Hany Shaaban** Is there any exam simulator available after the course so we can measure or level as the questions included in the course is very naive

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Hany, You can try a practice test here: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../free-practice-tests>



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**Sarah Rabih** Hi guys thanks for your time to answer our questions, actually i have only one question is there a test at the end of the course????

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi Sarah, no we don't have a test for the course but actually, IELTS is like an end of course test!

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**Pa Ki** So how can we get certificate without exam?

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**LearnEnglish – British Council** Hi Pa Ki, the certificate is a Statement of Participation to show you have completed the course, not a statement of your language level. You need to take the [IELTS](#) test for that.  
Neil

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**No Reen Akbar** hello sir. my question is that in the speaking session does video call is necessary or we can give speaking test through voice call only? [LearnEnglish – British Council](#) i also want to know about the procedure of our result and certificate. How our scores will be mentioned in it? as well as we will be given bands like in [ielts](#) test?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi No Reen, We don't do any video speaking sessions in this course I'm afraid nor is there any band scores given because there are too many different factors to give any accurate scores. However, you can buy a certificate of achievement or participation if you like: <https://about.futurelearn.com/about/faq/...>

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**El Bourkiny AhLawy** Hello, I'm Hussein from Egypt. i just want to improve my speaking and listening.

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi El Bourkiny AhLawy - have a read of some of the other comments today as many people are asking about how to improve their speaking and listening ... I hope you find the answers useful!

Tina

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**El Bourkiny AhLawy** thank you!

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**Elasmy Seliem** are there any agenda for Course explain lessons , exams , etc

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**LearnEnglish Tina** Hi Elasmy Seliem - throughout the next six weeks the course will give you an insight to the four sections of IELTS, each week you'll be able to learn more and more about it and also we will share extra materials to help you improve. I hope you enjoy it and find it useful

Tina

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**Bechara Chemaly** hi, is there any video to watch for this step in the course?

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**LearnEnglish Tina** No, this was a live language clinic on Facebook without a video. Check out the other comments as you will find all the questions and answers really useful

Tina

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**Bechara Chemaly** i found the video about exams, the introductory one

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**أساتك الفردوس** Hello, I am Aisha from Libya. first, thank you for the effort that you are making to help us improve our English Language Skills and ielts exams experience. I liked the advice that you had given about improving our speaking skill, so thanks Rob. My question is~ will the materials, articles, and videos be available even when the course end? because I really like to go through the course whenever I would like to review the lessons. thanks again

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**LE Freddie** **أساتك الفردوس** , the course will remain accessible after we finish as long as you do not delete it from your list of courses.

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**Ahmed Ibrahim Alnaili** Have a blessed day and night everyone

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**Tamuno Omineorisa** Hello, I'm Tamuno, from Nigeria. I must confess confess, I'm a bit scared about [IELTS](#), though I have registered and have some materials.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hopefully this course will help put your mind at rest

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**Hādīl Bādwy**

حان عطية

If you have any questions you can ask here at the live [clinic](#)

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**حان عطية** Thanks i don't have any questions right now 😊

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**Manar Mohamed** could you help me to find website for films with English subtitle to improve my listening and reading together, please?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Manar, Most dvds have subtitles you can turn on. Choose a movie that you already know and then watch it with

English subtitles or you can watch it in English with your own language subtitles.

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**Han Zada** Peace be upon u every one... What is the difference between "could" and "should" ?.. thank u

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**Lena Ann** <https://www.espressoenglish.net/difference-between-.../>

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**Han Zada** Oh ... Thank u so much

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**Nermeen Fawzy** its all about speaking exam...how can i improve speaking skills?

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi Nermeen, speaking is all about thinking quickly. you need to manage grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, listening and having ideas really fast. The best thing for me is practicing speaking really slowly. Do the same activity half speed, three quarter speed and then full speed an you might feel an increase in fluency.

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**Nermeen Fawzy** thanks alot Mr.widdowson,i really appreciate your advice,,and i'll keep it in mind

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**Maha El Torky** Alister Widdowson how can we improve all what you mentioned up ??

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**Abdelhāk Apotheker** i have a problem with the employment of perfect tenses and the fluidity when speaking.^^

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**Karen LearnEnglish** The best way is to practice. Here's some information to help: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../present...>



## Present Perfect Simple and Present Perfect Continuous

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**Aleena Haq** What is the difference between syllabus and curriculum?

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**Lena Ann** <http://www.differencebetween.net/.../difference-between-.../>

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**Bahjat Daoud** i do not know whats the differient btween american and british language?

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**Lena Ann** <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/.../british...>



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**Nehal Ibrahim Khaled** I have a study-cum-bedroom.

• She is a kind of secretary-cum-receptionist  
i don't understand this two sentences

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**Lena Ann** <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/cum>

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**Nehal Ibrahim Khaled** thanks for help by the way but i dun need dictionary i need more examples some one tell me why they use - dash between the word cum in the sentences

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**Lena Ann** <http://grammarist.com/usage/cum/>

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**Ahmed Kazzem Jaliel** Thank you for this helpful for courses. I have difficulties in how to speaking proff and how to sum the word before speak

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**Rēhāp Zīḏān** so this post for asking about [IELTS](#) exam only or we can ask about English in general ?

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**Alister Widdowson** you can ask about the [IELTS](#) test and about English and learning - whatever you like!

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**Rēhāp Zīḏān** well thank you I have a question about pronunciation, it's actually made me crazy the last few days 😊 i wanna know on what basis and what are the rules which makes digraph "ea" sounds short "e", long "ee" and long "a" ?

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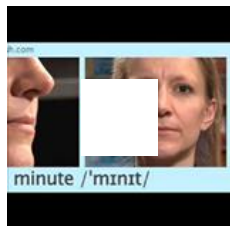


**Rēhāp Zīḏān** Also I'd like to know when i start to study english, what is the perfect steps should i follow ? grammar, vocabuluray, pronunciation and spelling , with what should i start ?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi, they all go together so it's best to combine everything if you can here's something from the abc <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNFKG0yvDx4>



Short Vowel. Pronunciation Tips.

YOUTUBE.COM

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**Rēhāp Zīḏān** yea it's good for learning pronunciation thank you ... But it doesn't give spelling or phonics rules ... my question was about the digraph "ea" which sounds long "ee" in these words " meat - dear - seat " and at the same time it sounds long "a" in these words " great - steak - yea " so what is the rule ?

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**Shwe Yee Htoo** Hello, I'm from Myanmar. My question is whether I can write over 200 words for task 1. Give me some suggestions to write concretly under the limited time.

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**Alister Widdowson** Mingalar ba! There is no limit to the number of words you can write but it is a very good idea not to write too much. if you write 200 words then you will take time you need for part two. The questions are designed only to need around 150 or 150 words (for part 2) sop any more is likely to be unnecessary.

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**Bilal Mohammed** So does this live event take place once per week at the same time?

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi Bilal, not every week but we have a few more and we also have video question and answer sessions for you to participate in. have a look in the live events section each week.

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**Bilal Mohammed** Thank you sir

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**Thúy Trương** I just really want some tips and stragies for [Ielts](#), I'm very new with it.

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**Alister Widdowson** Do yo have a specific question?

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**Mohamed Abdel Aziz** Hi, Should i finish each week in a specific time or i can finish it as much as i can ?

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 **Alister Widdowson** Hi Mohamed, you can go as fast as you like. the only thing is that the educators will be focusing mostly on the week we are on so there's a bigger chance of getting an answer to a comment if you stay with us.

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 **Ahmed Khataby** hello .. i ask about the different ways can i learn English and will be good in speaking and listing and writing

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 **Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ahmed, this course will cover all 4 areas of the IELTS exam. For more, have a look here:  
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 **Ahmed Khataby** Karen LearnEnglish thank you

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 **Lama Wael Fathy** Hi Neil,  
Just wanted to say hi and thanks alot for your efforts !!

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 **أحمد نبيل حسن** How can i improve my speaking skills to the degree of obtain 7 degree in IELTS ? Is it very difficult to obtain it? can you tell me if there is any sites or mobile Application to improve speaking ?  
the last thing is how also to improve the pronunciation ? is pronunciation equal the accent or it different things ? is there is any marks for accent or it is not involved in evaluation ? Thanks a lot

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 **LE Freddie** Have a look at the public marking criteria and you'll get an overview of the key skills needed to achieve a 7 in speaking.  
Pronunciation is assessed but really this relates to how clearly you produce sounds, words and sentences rather than accent.  
[http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../IELTS\\_Speaking...](http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../IELTS_Speaking...)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../grammar/pron/unit1/start.shtml>

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 **أسماء ممنوح** Sorry becuase I am late .. I just want to be sure that this course will help me to improve my fluency

Am I in the right place ?

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 **Karen LearnEnglish** You are but I'm afraid we have already finished.

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 **أسماء ممنوح** Do you mean that you finished the course ? 😞

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 **Lena Ann** 😊!Not the course! The clinic **أسماء ممنوح**

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 **أسماء ممنوح** Oh ,, thank you lena so much

I apologized cuze I was asking in the last minute of the clinic

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 **يوسف يوسف** when i speak with my friends i feel not good i think with my self maybe i am wrong and i become silence so this satiation become nervous.

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 **رحمت الله رحمت** You are late. Try for the next time!

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 **Hala Rose** Thanks a lot & I want more examples for the exam especially speaking part.

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 **Nazma Pervin** Hi ! I am Nazma from Bangladesh. My exam is on 29th october. How can I prepare myself within this time?

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 **LE Freddie** Hi Nazma. Try and complete as much of the course as you can. If you want to jump ahead and complete the upcoming weeks that is fine. <https://www.futurelearn.com/.../understanding.../5/todo/7140>



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**Nazma Pervin** Thanks

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**Pat Ferret** Hello, my name is Patricia and I am from Brazil. Do you have any reliable online IELTS training resources (sites, downloadable books, video reference, mock tests), besides what's in the British Council website, to recommend?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** <http://www.dcielts.com> and <http://www.flo-joe.com>

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**Pat Ferret** Thank you so much! ❤️

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**Yasmin Mohammd** Hi i have problem ,I joined the course but I don't know when it starts can anyone help me please?

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**LE Freddie** Hi Yasmin. Here is the main page for Week 1 <https://www.futurelearn.com/.../5/todo/7140> If you need some help understanding how to use the learning platform have a look at this video <https://www.futurelearn.com/about/how-it-works>



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**Yasmin Mohammd** Thank you

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**Esraa Salah** How i can improve my speaking , listening and i need material to be as guide for me ?

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**LE Freddie** **Esraa Abu Alfaiat** In regard to listening, 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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**LE Freddie** 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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 in the post is a great way to communicate with...  
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**Esraa Salah** Thank you LE Freddie

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**Nguyễn Quốc Tài** For speaking part, do I need to address fully by saying full and long sentences?

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**LE Freddie** Nguyễn Quốc Tài Yes, you should expand your answers whenever possible in the speaking test. The examiner will politely interrupt you if he/she needs to move on to the next question.

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**Elyse Nassif** hi i will have my IELTS test soon so i need to know more about speaking test

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**Alister Widdowson** What would you like to know?

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**Elyse Nassif** what kind of questions i must prepare for ( usual and unusual questions ) if this is possible ?

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**Aya Ezat** Hi .. I need help to find link of 1st step in the course ?? And want to know it's video or what

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Aya, no video I'm afraid and the [clinic](#) has just finished.

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**Ludovick Peters** Kindly tell me the difference between [IELTS](#), TESOL and ESL

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**Alister Widdowson** IELTS is an exam while the other s are ways to describe teaching and learning English. We have many abbreviations which even the teachers don't always understand! EFL (English as a foreign language), TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) ESL (English as a second language) EAL (English as an additional language). It's very confusing.

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**Ludovick Peters** Thank you sir. Now what is the best for me as a teacher who wants to teach in another country? My command of English is quite pleasing

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**Rana Osman** Hello everybody my name is Rana from Egypt , my big problem is in listening and speaking any suggestions to improve them ? ,thanks in advance 😊

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**Alister Widdowson** you really need to do lost of speaking and listening practice I'm afraid! there are no real shortcuts but if you put the hours in then you will definitely benefit.

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**Rana Osman** Is there any materials that can help ?

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**Dasha Serbina** Hello everyone! My question is: Are videos of native English speakers on youtube (actors, tv programs, adverts) good enough to improve listening or do we need to listen some specific material to succeed in [ielts](#)?

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**Alister Widdowson** All listening practice is good and you tube has some great stuff to listen to.

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**AimVisioner Maylin Deocaris** Hi everyone, im Planning to apply job in london which require [IELTS](#).. What test should i take?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi, You need to check with the company. They can tell you which one you need to do.

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**AimVisioner Maylin Deocaris** Oohhh ok. Thank u.

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**Tota Kharboush** I followed the steps course record, but I was not start on October 18, Could i start again to complet the course?

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**Alister Widdowson** No problem, you can start when it's convenient for you

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**Tota Kharboush** Ok ,thank you

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**Ahmed Mahmoud** I am Ahmed Mahmoud. I am a clinical instructor and I need to improve my level in speaking English

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**Ahmēd Jāmēṣy** No, go away

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**Khin Cho** Dear Ms Neil

Thank for your reply and encouragement.

I want to practice every lesson by on line, because English is essential for daily life.

So I want to make friendship with English spoken people. Please advise us how to make friend with those person,

I look forward to seeing your reply soon.

With kind regards,

Khin cho

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**Abdel Rahman Ragab** why it's known that speaking is the hardest exam in IELTS

what should i do to avoid this

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**LE Freddie** Hi Abdel. I think different people find different parts of the [IELTS](#) test difficult. Speaking can be hard if you do not have time to prepare thoroughly. Practicing IELTS question can help a lot. You can record yourself doing this using your phone or Vocaroo and try and get some feedback from your English-speaking friends and teachers.

<http://vocaroo.com/> <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/.../speaking-practice...>

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**Mohammad Afzal Safi** Dear sir

I was not able to see the first week program and I want to continue it in the second week is there any thing important that I should take from the first week

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**Debbie-megan Barton** when doing the listening test , can you write notes. when you are listening to the voice?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi, you can write notes but you don't have time so it's not really recommended. You need to answer the questions while you listen. We will be looking at listening in the coming weeks

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**Ashur Feisal** hello.....do we get the IELTS certificate after completing the course?

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**Ashur Feisal** or if not....how do we get to apply for an IELTS exam

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ashur, You don't get an IELTS certificate but you get a certificate of achievement from Future Learn:

<https://about.futurelearn.com/about/faq/...>

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**Karen LearnEnglish** to apply for an IELTS exam, have a look here.  
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**Mohamed Moharm** How can I improve my accent and fluency and best sources of preparing to IELTS

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**Karim Fekry** Nice question !

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**Phat Oro** Which way can me enhance Listening IELTS Test ? Could LearnEnglish – British Council help me answer my question ?

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**LE Freddie** Hi Phat. We'll look at listening in detail in Week 3 of the Understanding IELTS course. Be sure to complete all of the steps and you'll learn a great deal about the listening test and tips for how you can improve your listening skills

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**Victor Chidiebere** what is the best way to actualize my dream of making band 8 result

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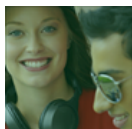


**خالد الجريوع** Pls,I want you tell me some website to help me to improve my language.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Here you are:  
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en>



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**Abeer Al Haddad** Hello am Abeer from Egypt and I need ielts for scoring are we going to take printed certificates with our score details

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**Alister Widdowson** Hi Abeer, if you do the IELTS exam through the British council then you will receive a certificate with a score for each test paper and an overall band score. We don't give certificates like that for the Understanding IELTS course I'm afraid.

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**Islam Nada** Hi i don't have any question but i would like to welcome you 😊.

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**Aasma Mohamad** Please ,give me the link for applying this course

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**Ahmed Tarek** Thanks alot

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**သန့်စိုး ထိုက်** Hello,  
thanks for all teachers

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**Prophète Roger Joa Nash** Hello! I like more phonetic to practice my English course.

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**Ruth Amoakoa** What is the range of their scores.

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**Karen LearnEnglish** Hi Ruth, IELTS band scores are from 0-9.

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**Siham Mostafa Abdul Rehim** It's very interesting

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**Wafa Al-Mekhlafi** When start please ?

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**Karen LearnEnglish** I'm afraid it's finished

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**Imran** How to improve my english speking?

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**Elshaimaa Said Aman Up**

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**Brahem Harbaa** thanks very well

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**Mohamed Basem Hemedh** Hi wonderful team,

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**Jory Saleh** Thanks a lot

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**Simohammed Sympa** hi ,thank you for that ..

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**Abeer Rnaa** Geat job. Well done

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**Rosa Alamal** Hello every body ;

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**Taghreed Alsaqer** Hope to improve my English with u  
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