



## PREPARING FOR IELTS

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While it is not necessary to attend an IELTS preparation course, it is of course a good idea to prepare thoroughly for the exam. Good preparation will give you more confidence on the day of the exam because you will know what to expect from each section of the exam, and will have practiced the types of tasks required in each module.

Below we have listed several suggestions to help you to prepare for the exam.

### IELTS website:

The official IELTS website ([www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)) offers sample papers, test day tips, and other information on the exam and institutions where your results will be accepted.

### Official Practice Materials:

There are official preparation materials called Specimen Materials available to purchase directly from Cambridge ESOL on the IELTS website. The IELTS Official Practice Tests have been produced according to Cambridge ESOL's Question Paper Production cycle and are the only preparation resources that are endorsed by all three IELTS partners.

The IELTS Official Practice Tests book was updated in January 2005, and contains a complete new Listening test and nine new Academic and General Training Writing tasks. There is also a detailed explanation of the revised assessment criteria for Writing tests, with ten scripts rated according to the new rating scales plus examiner comments.

### Preparation Course:

At the Instituto Britanico we offer a twenty-hour tutorial course for candidates who want to prepare themselves under the guidance of an experienced teacher. The dates and timetable of this course can be arranged by calling the Reception or writing to us at: [ielts@institutobritanico](mailto:ielts@institutobritanico).



Other websites:

There are many sites on internet offering additional practice exercises, tips and sample practice papers for IELTS candidates. Here are several worth visiting:

[www.cambridgeesol.org/teach/ielts](http://www.cambridgeesol.org/teach/ielts)  
[www.longman-elt.com/exams/IELTS](http://www.longman-elt.com/exams/IELTS)  
[www.examenglish.com/IELTS/default.php](http://www.examenglish.com/IELTS/default.php)  
[www.askynz.com/ielts/preparation.htm](http://www.askynz.com/ielts/preparation.htm)  
[www.4englishexams.com](http://www.4englishexams.com)

[www.examboffins.co.uk](http://www.examboffins.co.uk)  
[www.onestopenglish.com](http://www.onestopenglish.com)  
[www.4englishexams.com](http://www.4englishexams.com)  
[www.www.ielts-blog.com](http://www.www.ielts-blog.com)

Other preparation materials:

There are many publications available from the major publishers in the field of English language teaching to help prepare for the exam. One of our favourite series is the **Insight into IELTS** and **Insight in IELTS Extra** (Cambridge University Press). These books are available at the Reception of the Instituto Britanico and in the following bookshops in the rest of Central America.

**El Salvador:**

ETC Ediciones, S.A.de C.V.  
Blvd. El Hipódromo #2-502,  
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