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There is one benefical effect I didn’t predict when I have been preparing for IELTS, which is that I am able to read English weighty tomes and listen English news 30 percent of which I could understand before. As a matter of fact, I haven’t sit any IELTS examination yet but I will take one in the near future. When I was a student, I had to cram for exams and what I only cared about is the results. Learning for tests is what Chinese students are told; we barely think about whether we can improve ourself by taking these exams since the score is the only thing we want. Consequently, we take aiming high score is the only goal for granted. Unlike IELTS, taking those exams does not necessarily guarantee that you can harvest benefits for your life. For instance, gaining high scores in physics and chemistry mighty help you to be admitted by a prestigious university and then you don’t learn them any more. Why should you waste time on them?

Although it is not easy to obtain high band scores in IELTS for a candidate and it is also difficult for a native speaker who are not well educated and don’t prepare for it, as aforementioned, I find a new world after learning more and more English. The more I learn, the bigger the world is. On the other hand, I realise that the more I learn but the less I know. Than is confusing. Perhaps I am not as ignorant as I was.