

IELTS Score Explainer and Candidates Feedback

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Your Score

Listening 8.5	<p>Test takers at this band can typically follow extended speech involving complex and detailed argumentation. They can identify and process language and grammar automatically, and so are able to concentrate on the development of the overall meaning of what is said by a speaker or speakers. They can understand a wide range of vocabulary, including idiomatic language and fixed phrases or unusual collocations, as well as technical and academic language.</p> <p>Test takers at band 8.5 demonstrate these listening skills more strongly.</p> <p>How to improve: Listen to discussion programmes, especially those on abstract topics you're less familiar with, without pausing or repeating the recording. Try to predict how the conversation might develop, then see if you're correct. Make it a point to notice how the speakers express and qualify their opinions, noting ways they say things that make their arguments particularly effective. Where speakers have different points of view, notice how they respond to one another's comments. Use strategies to infer ideas and meanings that are not directly stated. Afterwards, try to reconstruct the discussion to yourself, to check how much you have understood.</p>
Reading 9.0	<p>Test takers at this band can typically deal with ease with a variety of factual and opinion-based texts that are complex and dense with information. They are proficient at using their extensive vocabulary knowledge to create meaning, from sentence level to text level, on a broad range of general, specialised, and technical topics. They are highly skilled at following complex arguments and distinguishing between main ideas and supporting details, and at understanding attitude, opinion and implication. They are skilful at choosing and using reading strategies, including skimming and scanning, in order to successfully deal with texts.</p> <p>How to improve: Not applicable</p>
Writing 7.0	<p>Test takers at this band can typically produce a clear overview of the graph or a clear viewpoint throughout the response. All parts of the task are covered. (GT) The letter has a clear purpose and a consistent, suitable tone.</p> <p>Test takers can support their main ideas with details and examples, although these might be too general and lack focus. The writing is well-organised and leads logically to its conclusion. They can use a variety of linking words, with some over- or under-used. In Task 2 every paragraph has one main topic. They can flexibly use a range of vocabulary and some less common words with some style, despite occasionally choosing the wrong word or making mistakes in spelling or in the form of a word. They are able to use a variety of complex sentences, and many of their sentences are correct. However they still make a few mistakes with grammar and punctuation.</p> <p>Test takers at band 7.5 demonstrate these writing skills more strongly.</p> <p>How to improve: Practice producing different types of writing. When writing informational and argumentative pieces, take care to develop your points thoroughly, providing as many relevant supporting ideas and details as necessary. Don't develop your points separately. Instead, ask yourself: how might I develop my idea so that it logically leads me to my next idea? Then, also ask yourself: does my use of paragraphing help to highlight the flow of my ideas? Have I also used other means besides paragraphing to do this? Use a good variety of structures, choosing appropriate ones to help the overall effect of your writing. Also try to use a wide range of vocabulary when you write, always using the best possible word. For words and phrases that are newer to you, look them up online to see how other writers use them and what other words they often appear together with. Finally, check your writing, paying special attention to those words and grammar structures you're not as confident about.</p>
Speaking 6.5	<p>Test takers at this band can typically speak at length, although they are sometimes less clear or fluent because of repetition, self-correction, or hesitation to search for words or grammar. Speaking is generally well-organised, and ideas are generally well linked, but with some errors. They have enough vocabulary to discuss topics clearly and at length, although there are often errors, and they can usually paraphrase well. They can use simple and complex grammar structures but with limited range. There may be frequent grammar errors, particularly in more complex structures, but language is usually easy to understand. Pronunciation can be clear and effective, but there may be problems. They are usually easy to understand, although words may be unclear at times.</p> <p>Test takers at band 6.5 demonstrate these speaking skills more strongly.</p> <p>How to improve: Talk to other English speakers about more abstract topics or more difficult current topics. Keep the discussion going for as long as possible. At the same time, try to express your ideas as accurately as you can, using the best words you know. Many of your ideas will also require the use of complex grammatical structures. If you're using several simple sentences, try to join them up in a way that makes your point clearer. Listen (and read) in English more to help you pick up natural and idiomatic phrases. When listening, note the rhythm and also the words that the speaker stresses. Is your rhythm similar? Are you putting the stress on the right words?</p>