

# **IELTS Reading**

## **Semester 6 - Employability Skills**

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# Learning Objectives

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By the end of this session, students should be able to:

- ✓ Understand the structure and format of both IELTS Academic and General Training Reading sections.
- ✓ Identify different types of questions commonly asked in the IELTS Reading test.
- ✓ Apply reading strategies such as skimming and scanning to locate information efficiently.
- ✓ Interpret and analyze texts to answer comprehension questions accurately.
- ✓ Demonstrate an understanding of band score conversion and marking criteria in the IELTS Reading test.
- ✓ Develop vocabulary-building strategies relevant to academic and general reading contexts.

## **Topics to be Covered**

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- Duration of IELTS Reading Exam
- IELTS Academic Reading Format
- Format for IELTS Academic Reading
- Format for IELTS General Reading
- How is it marked?
- Tips for IELTS Reading
- IELTS Reading Question Types
- Classroom Activity
- Conclusion
- Learning Outcomes

## **Duration of IELTS Reading Exam**

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- **TIME DURATION:** 60 MIN.
  
- **NOTE:** Reading section of the IELTS will be different for General training and academics.

## IELTS Reading Description

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- The given topics will vary, encompassing general subjects crucial for aspiring students intending to enroll in undergraduate or postgraduate courses.

## IELTS Academic Reading Format

Format	3 Passages
Time	60 Minutes
No. of Questions and Marks	40 (1 Mark each)
Task	Text can be from newspapers, magazines, fictional and non-fictional books for non-specialist aspirants. All are based on general interest

# IELTS General Reading Format

Format	Section 1: 2-3 short texts Section 2: 2 texts Section 3: 1 long text
Time	60 Minutes
No. of Questions and Marks	40 (1 mark each)
Task	Section 1: texts based on social survival Section 2: workplace survival Section 3: general reading

## **How is it marked?**

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- The General Training Reading test is assessed by certified markers who undergo regular monitoring to ensure reliability. Following the initial marking, all answer sheets are additionally analyzed by Cambridge Assessment English.

### **Band Score Conversion**

- For each version of the General Training Reading test, a band score conversion table is generated. This table translates scores, ranging from 0 to 40, into the IELTS 9-band scale. Results are reported in both whole bands and half bands.

# Tips for IELTS Reading

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- Timing is the key
- Read the instructions carefully
- Skim for overall idea
- Scan for keywords
- Don't panic
- Expand vocabulary
- Use context for unknown words
- Prepare for paraphrases

# IELTS Reading Question Types

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- Short Answer Questions
- Multiple Choice Questions
- True/False/Not Given

## **Classroom Activity**

- Read the paragraphs attached in a separate file and answer the questions using effective reading strategies.

# Conclusion

- The IELTS Reading module equips students with essential strategies to enhance comprehension, accuracy, and time management during the test.
- By practicing techniques like skimming, scanning, and contextual analysis, learners can effectively handle diverse question types.
- A clear understanding of test formats, marking schemes, and vocabulary development ultimately empowers students to achieve higher band scores and succeed in global academic or professional pursuits.

# Learning Outcomes

By the end of this session, students will be able to:

- ✓ Differentiate between the Academic and General Training IELTS Reading formats.
- ✓ Employ effective reading techniques (skimming, scanning, and contextual understanding) to comprehend passages quickly.
- ✓ Accurately respond to various question types such as multiple choice, short answer, and matching tasks.
- ✓ Apply learned strategies to achieve a higher band score in the IELTS Reading test.
- ✓ Exhibit confidence in tackling unseen reading passages with appropriate strategies and time management.

Thank You