



Needs analysis for the IELTS Step-by-step Mastering Grammar course

Select the correct answers from the choices. Do not check your answers until you have completed the whole test. If you are not sure of the answer, select—I'm not sure—. DO NOT GUESS THE ANSWER!

When you have finished, print a copy of this so that you can focus on the sections that need your attention. (Remember to select all the text and choose 'print selection'.)

1. Most university students **live** on campus in their first year. [see Section 2](#)
2. From this graph we can see that the economy **is improving** at the moment. [see Section 2](#)
3. They **-I'm not sure-** personal computers when my father was a student. [see Section 3](#)
4. I **-I'm not sure-** want to be a practising doctor but now I'm more interested in research. [see Section 3](#)
5. The teacher **was showing** us how to do the experiment when the fire bell rang. [see Section 3](#)
6. I finished my essay yesterday but **I haven't given** it in to the tutor yet. [see Section 4](#)
7. **-I'm not sure-** the experiment three times now with different results each time! [see Section 4](#)
8. When I arrived the lecture **had started** so I didn't find it easy to follow. [see Section 5](#)
9. She **had been doing** well at school but that changed when she became friends with a different group of girls. [see Section 5](#)
10. **I'm seeing** the doctor at 2.00 this afternoon so I can't go to the lecture. [see Section 6](#)
11. My sister **studies** economics and politics when she goes to university. [see Section 6](#)
12. While we're working on the project our boss **-I'm not sure-** on a beach in Greece! [see Section 7](#)
13. If the trend continues, the average income **will increase** by 107% by 2020. [see Section 7](#)
14. You can base your geography assignment on **any** country — it doesn't matter which. [see Section 9](#)
15. There aren't **many** places left on the course so you'd better apply soon. [see Section 9](#)
16. I don't know whether to accept the job offer. It's **a difficult decision**. [see Section 10](#)
17. For those of you new to the company, this leaflet is full of **valuable information**. [see Section 10](#)

18. The manager interviewed **each of the** candidates in turn. [see Section 10](#)
19. I know it's not much of a present but I made it **by myself**. [see Section 11](#)
20. You should visit Bath. It's **a historical and interesting** city. [see Section 12](#)
21. The government has released some **shocking** data showing how schools are not providing an adequate education to our children. [see Section 12](#)
22. You really should go to Namibia. The scenery is **absolutely** stunning and the people are very friendly. [see Section 12](#)
23. This factory produces some of **the best** cameras in the world. [see Section 13](#)
24. **Fewer** people live in the countryside than 100 years ago. [see Section 13](#)
25. The bookshop **at** the end of the road is excellent. [see Section 18](#)
26. There were millions of people around the world **watching** the football match live on television. [see Section 18](#)
27. Scientists finally **-I'm not sure-** find a cure for the disease after years of research. [see Section 14](#)
28. She got a terrible mark in the exam so **-I'm not sure-** she very hard at all. [see Section 14](#)
29. What **-I'm not sure-** in order to get a permit to work in your country? [see Section 15](#)
30. When you write your essays you **mustn't** copy ideas from books without referencing them properly. [see Section 15](#)
31. Doctors have **advised** us to cut down on salt in our diets if we want to reduce the risk of getting heart disease. [see Section 8](#)
32. **According to** this newspaper report, more women smoke than men nowadays. [see Section 8](#)
33. My parents encouraged **me to do** this course. [see Section 16](#)
34. What will you do if **-I'm not sure-**? [see Section 20](#)
35. A recent government report has warned that **unless** we act immediately to reduce pollution, there will be serious consequences for the planet. [see Section 20](#)
36. If I didn't have to work tonight, **I'd be able to relax now**. [see Section 21](#)
37. I wish that man **stopped** tapping his fingers on the table. It's really annoying me. [see Section 21](#)
38. I'm aiming **for** a band 7.5 in IELTS. [see Section 17](#)
39. Do you have any knowledge **on** how our education system works? [see Section 17](#)
40. The minister is **-I'm not sure-** responsible for education has just resigned. [see Section 22](#)

41. The University of St Andrews **-I'm not sure-** is the oldest university in Scotland. [see Section 22](#)
42. Many children these days do not have a healthy diet. **It** is possible that this is because less healthy foods are cheaper than healthy ones. [see Section 23](#)
43. The charity is trying to find ways to save and **protect** the world's endangered animal species. [see Section 23](#)
44. In the past we threw a lot of our kitchen waste away, but today many items such as plastic bottles and newspapers **are recycled**. [see Section 26](#)
45. I can't pick you up from the station on Wednesday because on that day **-I'm not sure-**. [see Section 26](#)
46. These drugs are the best medicine available as a treatment at the moment, **although** they are expensive, unfortunately. [see Section 25](#)
47. Learning a foreign language is important because it helps you to understand other cultures better. **In addition,** it can be a useful skill in many areas of work. [see Section 25](#)
48. **Unfortunately** I can't go to the conference as I've got to go to Sydney on business. [see Section 24](#)
49. **Personally,** I think it's useful to write an outline of your essay before you start to write the first draft. [see Section 24](#)
50. The **appearance** of dark red spots is one of the first signs of the disease. [see Section 19](#)

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