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IELTS Reading Question Types: Information & Tips

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In IELTS Reading, there are 14 different types of questions that you can be given. In IELTS reading, you will have only one hour to read 3 passages and answer 40 questions. These questions are always divided into different types of questions which you must complete. Each passage usually has about 3 or 4 different types of questions to answer.

In order to prepare well for your test, you must make sure that you practice each type of question. Below is a list of the question types you can get in IELTS reading with information and tips to help you.

1. Matching Headings Questions

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- Task: Choose a heading from the list which matches a section or paragraph in the passage
- Skills:
 - understanding the aim of a section
 - identifying the difference between a main idea and supporting points
 - understanding aims of paragraphs and sections
 - understanding general content of paragraphs or sections
- Tips
 - read the headings before you read the passage
 - there are often more headings than you need
 - analyse the headings before trying to match them to sections or paragraphs
 - answers are often numerals (i, ii, iii, iv etc) – read instructions carefully to check
 - answers do not come in order
- Click to practice a [matching heading question](#).

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2. True False Not Given / Yes No Not Given Questions

- Task: Decide if the information or writer's opinion in the question statements can be found in the passage
- Skills:
 - identifying specific information in the passage
 - scanning and understanding information (T/F/NG questions)
 - understanding the opinions of the writer (Y/N/NG questions)
- Tips
 - Understand the meaning of each answer
 - yes / true = the same information is found in the passage
 - no / false = the opposite information is found in the passage
 - not given = the information is not found in the passage

- paraphrase the statements before trying to locate the answers
- answers come in order
- Click to practice some **true, false not given questions** and some **yes, no, not given questions**.



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3. Matching Paragraph Information Questions

- Task: Matching the information given in the question with information found in one of the paragraphs in the passage.
- Skills:
 - identifying specific information
 - scanning for information
- Tips:
 - paraphrase the information in the question
 - find the information in the passage
 - answers do not come in order
 - the answer is often a letter (A, D, C, D...) – read instructions carefully to check
 - not all paragraphs may be used
- Click to practice **matching paragraph information questions**.

4. Summary Completion Question

- Task: Completing a summary by filling in the gaps using words from the passage or words given in a box
- Skills:
 - scanning for specific information in the passage
 - understanding ideas and supporting points
 - selecting appropriate words
- Tips:

- identify the type of word needed for each gap (noun/verb/adjective etc)
- locate the information in the passage in order to choose the right word
- if you choose words from the passage, check how many words can be used for each answer
- answers usually come in order
- the summary must be grammatically correct which can help you in choosing the right word for the gap
- Click to practice a [summary completion question](#).

5. Sentence Completion Questions

- Task: Completing sentences by filling in the gap with words from the passage
- Skills:
 - scanning for specific information
 - selecting appropriate words
 - understanding information in the passage
- Tips:
 - identify the type of word needed for each gap (noun/verb/adjective etc)
 - locate the information in the passage in order to choose the right word
 - the sentences must be grammatically correct which can help you in choosing the right word for the gap
 - check how many words can be used for each answer
 - answers usually come in order
- Click to practice a [sentence completion question](#).

6. Multiple Choice Questions

- Task: Choose the correct answer to a question or the correct ending to a sentence from usually 3 or 4 possible options.
- Skills:

- scanning for specific Information
- understanding information in the passage
- Tips:
 - paraphrase the information in the question and options
 - locate the precise information in the passage
 - answers come in order
 - answers are usually letters (A,B,C or D) – read the instructions carefully to check
- Click to practice a **multiple choice questions**

7. List Selection

- Task: Choose the correct option from a list of words, information or names.
This differs from multiple choice because the questions all relate to only one long list of possible answers.
- Skills:
 - scanning for information
 - understanding information in the passage
 - identifying ideas relating to others
- Tips:
 - read through the list and prepare paraphrases
 - read through the questions and identify key words
 - locate the information in the passage
 - answers come in order
 - answers are usually letters (A-G) – read the instructions carefully to check

8. Choosing a Title

- Task: Choosing the most appropriate title from a list
- Skills:

- identifying aims of a passage
- distinguishing between detail and main aims
- Tips
 - look at the differences between the possible titles
 - pay attention to the opening paragraphs and closing paragraphs of the passage
 - don't spend too much time on this question – it is only worth one point
- Click to practice [choosing a title](#)

9. Categorisation Questions

- Task: Decide which category the information belongs to from a list.
- Skills:
 - locating information in the passage
 - categorising information
- Tips:
 - find information in the passage
 - decide which category the information belongs to
 - look out for paraphrases

10. Matching Sentence Endings

- Task: Completing sentences by matching the start of the sentence with the correct ending given in a list.
- Skills:
 - locating information in the passage
 - understanding information
- Tips:
 - read through the sentences and then read through the possible endings
 - prepare paraphrases

- find information in the passage
- choose the best ending to match the information in the passage
- the completed sentence must be grammatically correct
- sentence beginnings follow the order of information the passage
- answers are usually letters (A-G) – read instructions carefully to check
- there are usually more endings given than you need
- Click to practice **matching sentence endings** to improve your reading skills.
Answers do not always come in order.

11. Table Completion

- Task: Completing the table using the correct word from the passage.
- Skills:
 - locating specific information in the passage
 - choosing appropriate words
 - understanding details
- Tips:
 - read the column headings in the table
 - identify the type of word needed for each part of the table
 - scan the passage for information
 - answers are often located in a specific part of the passage
 - check how many words you can use for the answer

12. Flow Chart Completion Questions

- Task: Completing the flow chart using the correct words from the passage.
- Skills:
 - locating specific information in the passage
 - choosing appropriate words
 - understanding details and order of information

- Tips:
 - identify the type of word needed for each part of the flow chart
 - scan the passage for information
 - answers do not always come in order
 - use the direction of the arrows and boxes to follow the order of information in the chart
 - select the appropriate words from the passage
 - check the number of words that can be used for each answer

13. Diagram Completion Questions

- Task: Labelling a diagram
- Skills:
 - locating information in the passage
 - relating the information to the diagram
 - choosing appropriate words
- Tips
 - identify the type of word needed for the answer (noun / verb etc)
 - find the information in the passage
 - the information is usually located in one specific paragraph or two in the passage
 - check how many words you can use for the answer
 - answers do not always come in order

14. Short Answer Questions

- Task: Answering questions regarding details in the passage.
- Skills:
 - locating information in the passage
 - understanding detail and specific information

- Tips:
 - identify the type of words you need for each answer (noun,verb etc)
 - paraphrase vocabulary in the questions
 - scan the passage to locate information
 - check how many words you can use for the answers
 - answers come in order
- Click to practice [short answer questions](#)

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Rodrigues says:

[June 13, 2018 at 4:54 pm](#)

In Cambridge IELTS 9 book, there is a question in the reading section (NOT MORE THAN 3 WORDS)

The answer given for this is 15% . Is this allowed and does “not more than 3 words” mean you can safely use numbers for this question type?

Also , is 15 % considered one number or one word?

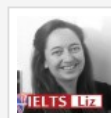


Reply

Liz says:

June 13, 2018 at 5:36 pm

Please check again. Does it say "No more than 3 words and/or a number"?



Reply

Rachael says:

May 27, 2018 at 11:37 pm

Good day Liz, I am a native speaker and I really want to improve in my Ielts reading, speaking and writing.. I want to evaluate my writing...



Reply

Sandeep singh says:

April 12, 2018 at 2:01 pm

Hi Maam,

Hope you doing good, I would like to thank you for your excellent work as far as IELTS study materials are concern I highly appreciate it .

Maam , Could you please tell me if , I only practice Cambridge listening test 1-12 and your website collection , will that be fine. Since I am not doing IDP listening practice test which are very difficult for me.



Reply

Liz says:

April 12, 2018 at 2:36 pm



There is not limit to practice. If you are repeatedly getting the score you want in your practice tests, then it's enough. If you are not hitting that score, then it isn't enough. Be logical in your approach to training for IELTS.

Reply

Abdur Rauf says:

April 6, 2018 at 9:36 pm

Hi,

Please make video of each type of reading questions and post it on youtube.

thanks

Reply

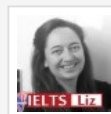


Liz says:

April 7, 2018 at 11:41 am

I hope to make many videos next year 😊

Reply



Kamala says:

March 16, 2018 at 9:14 am

Hi Liz,

Can we write True/False/Not Given instead of TRUE/FALSE/ NOT GIVEN? in the answers of cambridge ielts test book are given with CAPITAL letters

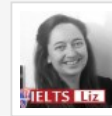
Reply



Liz says:

March 16, 2018 at 1:30 pm

It is best to use ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.



Reply

Zinny says:

March 7, 2018 at 11:19 am

Hello Liz,

I am really happy with your teachings, it has made preparing for my exams easier.

Thanks alot.



Reply

Doan says:

February 25, 2018 at 1:03 am

Hi Liz,

Your website is useful for me. Thanks for your efforts.

In the type of question 8 above, might be the word 'spend' is needed in the following sentence 'don't too much time on this question'

Once again, thank you!

Best wishes!

Doan

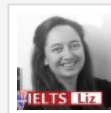


Reply

Liz says:

February 25, 2018 at 12:16 pm

Thanks – you're a good proof reader 😊

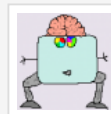


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Sorab says:

January 31, 2018 at 5:09 pm

Thank you so much for your awesome website.

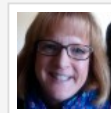


Reply

linda Probert says:

January 27, 2018 at 3:23 pm

Hi Liz,



My EAP class has greatly benefited from your website. Thank you for your time and dedication. Do you have materials available for teachers or a class to use?

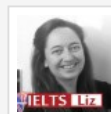
Many thanks,
Linda

Reply

Liz says:

January 27, 2018 at 5:52 pm

I'm really pleased you've been able to use my website. I don't have lessons for teachers at present. I got sick a few years ago and it slowed down my plans considerably. Once I'm recovered (this year or next, if I'm lucky), it'll be one of the things to sort out. I was hoping to get some handouts for teachers only and possibly a homework section as well. Any ideas are always welcome 😊



Reply

Claire says:

February 3, 2018 at 3:16 am

I hope that you will have renewed health especially this next three months. You have been a wonderful teacher to everyone and you have helped a lot of people. Thank you so much! God bless you!



Reply

inno says:

March 12, 2018 at 6:36 pm

I wish you speedy recovery Liz. as you change the destinies of people for Good. you will live to be honoured. I appreciate u. Inno from Oz



Reply

Liz says:

March 12, 2018 at 8:22 pm

Thanks 😊



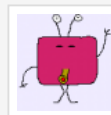
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Rachel says:

January 20, 2018 at 8:54 am

Hello Liz

First, I wanna thank you for your teaching, either in Youtube or this web.



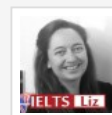
Liz, I had my Ielts simulation a few months ago and I got very bad score for my reading. I try to do some exercise from Cambride Ielts till now, but again I got unsatisfied. I'm so confused even sometimes I feel I'm a looser. I will have my Ielts test in March, have you some other tips for me to increase my reading skill ?

Thank you 😊

Reply

Liz says:

January 20, 2018 at 1:13 pm

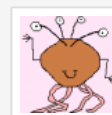


You are either getting answers wrong due to technique or due to vocabulary (language). If it is technique, you can improve quickly, if it is due to language, it will take much longer. See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>

Reply

Uche Ngadi says:

January 20, 2018 at 3:59 am



Hi Lizzy,

On the second tip of list 7 (List Selection), you wrote "dead through..." instead of "read through ...".

Though I should point this out to you.

Reply

Liz says:

January 20, 2018 at 12:18 pm



Thanks – much appreciated 😊

Reply

Vasko says:

January 19, 2018 at 10:45 am



Hi Liz,

I love your website, it's very detailed & useful.

At the moment, I'm preparing for Academic IELTS, and I really like to download or buy and practice actual, full IELTS tests (including speaking, reading, writing & listening). Do you know a website where we can download or buy practice tests or do you have any? I think it will be really useful to do practice tests within the IELTS timing, before I book again.

Thank you,

I'm looking forward to hear from you,

With Regards,

Vasko

Reply

Liz says:

January 19, 2018 at 1:16 pm



Go to BC ielts website – they offer one free test that you can download.

Reply

Rahul Dutta says:

January 17, 2018 at 10:28 am



How do I pay you for this fantastic service?

Reply

Liz says:

January 17, 2018 at 11:43 am

My website is free.

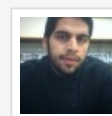


Reply

Shoaib Khalid says:

January 16, 2018 at 3:24 pm

Hello Ms. Liz,



First of all, really appreciate for your efforts that you put this content online.

Mam, would tell me, I practiced the reading questions which are available along with every question type. I found them easier. Do I expect the same level in IELTS exam?

Lastly, in matching heading or matching information type of question, would you advise me whether I read the passage first and then read the question step by step or I highlight the question keywords, scan the passage?

Thanks

Reply

Liz says:

January 16, 2018 at 3:45 pm

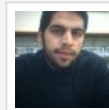
You need to get the IELTS Cambridge test books which contain real tests from IELTS. You must judge your level from them. Matching headings requires you to skim read the questions first and then find the answers. Matching paragraph information requires you to skim read the passage first.



Reply

Shoaib Khalid says:

January 12, 2018 at 5:35 pm



Hi, the passage contains three question part. Match the heading, answer the question with limited words and last, true, false and not given.

Query: Should I continue the 2nd and 3rd part of the passage question from the beginning of the passage?

Reply

Liz says:

January 12, 2018 at 6:12 pm



With each question type, you start at the beginning of the passage. Matching headings – you skim read to locate key words to match headings. Short answer questions, you start from the beginning of the passage and locate answers. TFNG you again start at the beginning of the passage.

Reply

Ahmed says:

January 1, 2018 at 12:49 pm



hi liz

i wanted to know what is the difference between list selection and multiple choice questions

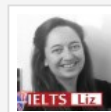
many thanks 😊

Reply

Liz says:

January 1, 2018 at 2:52 pm

List selection is when you have a long list and the answers to more than one question are found in that one list. With multiple choice, each question has three or four different options.



Reply

Ahmed says:

January 2, 2018 at 10:21 am

Thank you so much, that was helpful



Reply

amal says:

December 26, 2017 at 6:45 pm

Dear Liz, Many thanks for your efforts

I have concerned, should I answer all the questions with words from the passages?
or can I paraphrase it with my own words?

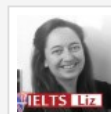


Reply

Liz says:

December 26, 2017 at 6:57 pm

You can't paraphrase the answers. Read the instructions and it shows "using words from the passage".



Reply

Kristel says:

December 25, 2017 at 8:44 am

Hello, Liz! Thank you for this website. It's really helpful. More power to you~



Reply

Liz says:

December 25, 2017 at 11:44 am

I'm glad it's useful 😊



Reply

Dina says:

December 20, 2017 at 12:50 pm

Hi Liz!



I am just wondering if you are allowed to read through the question before you read the passage, or do you have to read the passage first and then look at the questions?

Reply

Liz says:

December 20, 2017 at 12:57 pm

You have one hour to find the answers to the questions and also to write them on the answer sheet. It's your choice how to use that hour. You can read the questions first or not – your choice.



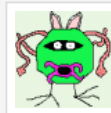
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Dina says:

December 20, 2017 at 1:04 pm

Thank you for the quick answer.

Do you recommend to fill in the answers on the working paper and then the answer sheet, or directly on the answer sheet?

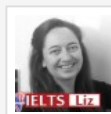


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Liz says:

December 20, 2017 at 1:09 pm

You do not have time to write the answers twice.



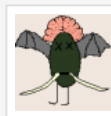
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saaurabh bhalerao says:

December 5, 2017 at 9:43 am

hallo liz,

i have one doubt regards to reading section . I'm always confusing during answer of true false and not given type of question. which is the best solution to solve this question with minimum time.

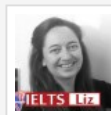


Reply

Liz says:

December 5, 2017 at 11:48 am

Did you check this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-true-false-not-given-essential-tips/> and also this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>

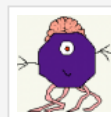


Reply

Shahid says:

December 3, 2017 at 7:54 pm

If i don't have enough information about essay topic, what would i do ??



Reply

Liz says:

December 4, 2017 at 11:40 am

I suggest you start preparing ideas for topics asap. If your ideas are off topic, you will get a lower score for Task Response which is 25% of your marks.

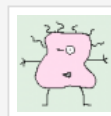


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David says:

November 15, 2017 at 8:07 am

Thanks Liz for your tips . If I got score 7 in general reading at home under exam conditions but when I had a real exam , the score was 5.5 , what is the mistake ?

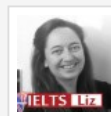


Reply

Liz says:

November 15, 2017 at 11:29 am

Scores can vary depending on topic and your performance on the day. This is why students often take more than one test.



Reply

Amado says:

November 14, 2017 at 6:48 am

Hi Liz.

Thanks for your helpful material.

You have written, scan the passage before reading the questions. But, what should we do for matching headlines?



Reply

Liz says:

November 14, 2017 at 8:42 am

Matching headings are always given before the passage – because you should read them first.



Reply

Amado says:

November 14, 2017 at 9:53 am

Thanks a lot. You are a wonderful teacher.



Reply

Abhinav says:

November 3, 2017 at 10:36 am

Hi Liz,

I loved all your lessons and I am pretty confident of my preparations for the test.

I have a very silly doubt though, which I want to clarify as it may affect my score. In multiple choice “select two answers” type of questions, how to mark the answers?

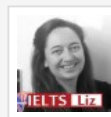
If the answers are A and C, shall I mark “A,C” or “A or C” for both questions? Or, shall I write A for one question and C for another ?



Reply

Liz says:

November 3, 2017 at 10:58 am



If you have to select two letters from the same list and the answers cover questions 12-13, then each answer is worth one point. There are 40 questions and 40 answers – one point for each answer. This means you write A for answer number 12 and C for answer number 13. The letters do not need to be in that order.

If you have to select two letters from the same list for only one question, then the whole answer is worth one point and you must get both letters correct for one point. You can write it as “A C” or “A,C”. You CANNOT add a word. Two letters means two letters. You don’t need a comma but it isn’t a problem to put it in. As long as the examiner can read two letters and only two letters, it is correct.

Dos this answer your question?

Reply

Abhinav says:

November 3, 2017 at 11:01 am



Yes, it does. Thanks a lot 😊

Reply

Usha says:

October 28, 2017 at 12:18 pm



Hi Liz, it's a very great help you'r giving . Can you suggest me a website where we can download all the test papers of Cambridge IELTS papers from 1-12. It will be very helpful.

And also suggest a Grammar book which suits for preparing the ielts.

Reply

Liz says:

October 28, 2017 at 1:11 pm

You should buy the IELTS test books.

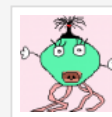


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Emelia says:

September 29, 2017 at 5:10 pm

Hello, Liz. I just finished practising on the IELTS 9 Reading test 1 and I got one wrong answer. However, my answer to another question was “dolphins, turtles” and the answer key provides only “dolphins” as the answer (note that I didn’t write more words than necessary). My question is, will my answer be marked entirely as wrong? Or will I get half a point, as I got half of it correct? Thanks in advance 😊



Reply

Liz says:

September 29, 2017 at 5:25 pm

There are no half points in reading – either your answer is 100% correct or it’s wrong.



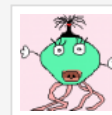
Reply

Emelia says:

September 29, 2017 at 5:28 pm

Okay, thank you for letting me know 😊

8.5 in academic reading is still more than satisfying



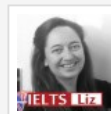
Reply

Liz says:

September 29, 2017 at 5:51 pm

It's excellent !! 😊

Reply



Abdo says:

September 21, 2017 at 11:10 am

My admiration for your personality and appreciatiob for your great help to ielts applicants.

Reply



Liz says:

September 21, 2017 at 1:58 pm

Thanks 😊

Reply



Kany says:

August 9, 2017 at 11:58 am

Among all English skills, reading has been the most difficult skill for me to improve. I'm getting little nervous because my first attempt on IELTS is coming next week, and I have no idea yet how many scores I could make. My strengths are speaking and listening, and writing is moderate. So, what I'm extremely worried about is only reading. I have a week left before the test, so I'll try to practice more to develop my weakness. Well, I don't expect to get a high band score for the first attempt. If I fail, I



would never quit giving another try. By the way, thank you for sharing many informative tips. Wish me luck!

Reply

Liz says:

August 9, 2017 at 2:02 pm



Did you read this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/how-i-scored-9-in-ielts-reading/>?

Did you complete all exercises and read all tips on this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>?

Reply

Karan says:

September 16, 2017 at 5:43 am



Hi Liz,

Thank you for all the wonderful insights.

I will be giving the exam by the end of September and wanted to know during the reading section could I start reading the last passage first?

As its usually the hardest of all the passages provided

thanks

KT

Reply

Liz says:

September 16, 2017 at 11:56 am



The passages are of similar difficulty in the academic test but in the GT test, the passages get increasingly difficult.

Reply

Grace Anyanwu says:

July 16, 2017 at 11:25 pm

You are an excellent teacher. 💋



Reply

Jude Onyemairo says:

July 28, 2017 at 3:23 pm

You are very correct my sister. I greet you.



Reply

Srishti Sharma says:

July 14, 2017 at 1:25 pm

Hi Liz



I followed your blog and got L8.5 R5.5 W7 S7.5

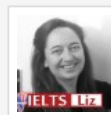
My reading score is very low and I'm retaking IELTS Academic on 3 Aug. Can you please help me with more practice questions for reading. The ones on the blog I have already done. Please help me, I need a good score in reading for admission. I'm really struggling with reading portion.

Reply

Liz says:

July 14, 2017 at 2:29 pm

It is essential to do authentic reading tests published by IELTS in their IELTS Cambridge Test books from 1 to 12. Each book contains 4 full tests. See this page to see a picture of them: <http://ieltsliz.com/recommended-books-for-ielts/>



Reply

jjyoti says:

August 4, 2017 at 3:21 am



Hi Lizz... I have accidentally wrote names instead of letters in reading passages... Can you please tell me about the checking criteria..? Will they cut my bands for this 🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄

Reply

Liz says:

August 4, 2017 at 11:07 am

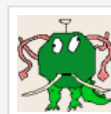


If you are asked for a letter, you must write a letter.

Reply

Anish bartaula says:

July 12, 2017 at 2:47 am



Your website is very helpful for a student
Who is going to give a IELTS exam
Thank you liz

Reply

ravinder says:

June 29, 2017 at 6:52 am

Hi liz,



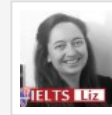
I found your site very useful for the candidates who want to appear for IELTS. Actually, I m finding the reading section more difficult. Main reason is true/false questions, despite of the video watched I am unable to gather the correct information from the passage. Could you please help me as how to practice and find out the exact answer from the passage, Is there any trick?

Reply

Liz says:

June 29, 2017 at 12:50 pm

See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>



Reply

ravinder says:

June 30, 2017 at 3:37 am

Hi Liz,

Thanks a lot for the link you provided. But , I already have a look at the link which you provide me but still unable to find the suitable answer from the passage of TFNG questions.

I know vocabulary should be strong enough to get a correct answer ,however my vocabulary is not so strong , but still I look at the questions first and then try to find the answer from the passage which again not giving me the relevant answer.

I don't know where I am actually lacking,,Is it vocabulary or what else ?

Please guide me !



Regards
Ravinder

Reply

Liz says:

July 1, 2017 at 11:36 am



If your vocabulary is not strong, you will struggle to get a good score. IELTS is a language test – it is testing the level of your English. If you check and double check the right answers but you can't understand, then the problem is that your understanding of English is not strong enough. In this case, you need to study more English before taking IELTS.

Reply

Rahim Bukhari says:

June 23, 2017 at 6:39 pm



Hello Liz,

I have a question regarding the 'Match the following' type questions.

Can there be the same answer for more than one question?

For example.

Paragraph:

A Multiplexes are currently booming in India. However until recently movie theaters in India were single screened and played one movie all day.

B Some of these single screened theaters played two movies by equally dividing show times allowing the people to have more choices.

C Today at multiplexes movie goers have a variety of movies to choose from at a single location without having to wait for other shows to complete.

D Tickets can be booked online which made it easier for movie goers watch movies sparing them the pain of waiting in long queues.

Match the statements

1 People had more than one choice in these theaters. B

2 Evenly divided the show timings. B

It's a crude example but I hope it gets the message across.

Reply

Liz says:

June 23, 2017 at 6:52 pm



These types of questions are asking you to find the information in the paragraphs. Usually they will say "A letter can be used more than once". You can also count the number of options and the number of paragraphs. Check the instructions carefully. But yes, usually a paragraph might be selected twice which contains different information.

Reply

Ekene says:

June 5, 2017 at 11:06 am



Thanks Liz, you are the best!!!

Reply

Khaled says:

June 1, 2017 at 12:44 pm



Hello Liz

You're the best, I wish my teacher has a good skills as you have.

Reply

Nuwan says:

May 21, 2017 at 2:24 am

Hi Liz,



This is a really worth website making a significant impact on our band scores. Your effort is highly commendable Liz , Thank you for all these.. I'll be coming back to you soon.

Reply

Liz says:

May 21, 2017 at 9:57 am

You're very welcome. I'm so pleased my website is useful 😊

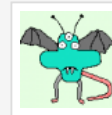


Reply

Nuwan says:

May 29, 2017 at 4:46 pm

Hi Liz,



Please let me know..

Can we use some words from American English interchangeably in our essay or letter? As I've been familiar with some American English words, those could have been used unawares in writing. Is that would be an issue for the band score?

Reply

Liz says:

May 29, 2017 at 4:59 pm

You shouldn't mix languages. If you want to use American English, then use it and only it for writing. In speaking, which is informal, you can mix them.



Reply

Nuwan says:

May 29, 2017 at 5:01 pm

Thank you Liz..



Reply

Miloni says:

May 10, 2017 at 5:26 am

Hi Liz,

Your website is very helpful. Thank you for your tips!

I have a query.

In Sentence completion, does one have to write the missing words in the answer sheet or the entire sentence?

Thanks much,

Miloni

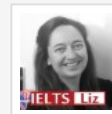


Reply

Liz says:

May 10, 2017 at 11:24 am

Only the answer!!! Wow, I'm so glad you asked before your test. If you wrote the whole sentence, it would be marked wrong.



Reply

Amin says:

May 24, 2017 at 4:38 pm

Dear Mrs Liz,

I am so grateful for your matchless useful and helpful ILETS learning website.

Best regards.

Amin

**Reply**

Simran says:

March 15, 2017 at 10:11 am

Hlo liz

I have confusion in false and not given

For e.g. if paragraph says that: she got highest marks in english.

And question:She got highest marks in science.

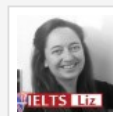
Is it false or not given.

**Reply**

Liz says:

March 15, 2017 at 10:30 am

The passage is saying that she got highest marks in English, which also means that she didn't get highest marks in any other subject. So, she didn't get highest marks in science. The answer would be FALSE. See below:



Question: She got highest marks in science.

Passage: She enjoyed both science and English the most.

The example above illustrates that the passage does not give information about her highest marks in a subject, only what she enjoyed most. This is NG.

Reply

Eli says:

April 26, 2017 at 1:48 pm

That was a clear example, thanks. This kind of question is one of my weaknesses, thanks for your website useful tips.



Reply

Tsige says:

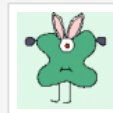
March 4, 2017 at 8:35 am

Hi Liz,

I have been studying your lessons and they are amazing!

But I am confused the difference between Summary completion and sentence completion questions of the reading section?

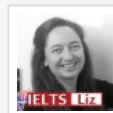
Reply



Liz says:

March 4, 2017 at 11:38 am

There is little difference. Summary is a paragraph and sentence completion are unconnected sentences – that's all. The technique for answering them is similar.



Reply

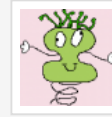
Vinay Yadav says:

April 21, 2017 at 11:42 am

Hello Liz',,

I have a query would u solve it for me ??

I wanted to ask I want to study as well as settle in an English speaking country
which type of ielts should I take ??



Reply

Liz says:

April 21, 2017 at 6:55 pm

If you want to study at University, you will need Academic IELTS.

However, you must confirm this directly with the university to see their entry requirements.



Reply

Chinmay says:

September 22, 2017 at 9:18 am

Hi Liz,

I'm unable to find videos on every question type of each section. Same like TFGN videos.

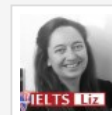


Reply

Liz says:

September 22, 2017 at 11:08 am

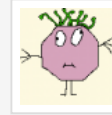
I only have one reading video available at the moment.



Reply

SONIA says:

March 1, 2017 at 2:19 pm



Dear LIZ,

Your work is really appreciative. Thank you so much for your help and support. I have a query regarding the use of BLOCK letters in reading and listening. If the question says, write the correct numbers i-ix in the boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet and we are writing rest of the answers in block letters, should we write 1. I or 1. i for such question.

Reply

Liz says:

March 1, 2017 at 2:25 pm

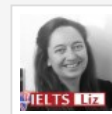


You can choose which one you want. Capital letters are not marked in reading or listening.

Reply

Liz says:

March 1, 2017 at 2:25 pm

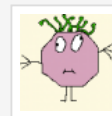


You can choose which one you want. Capital letters are not marked in reading or listening.

Reply

SONIA says:

March 1, 2017 at 2:32 pm



You mean, we can write I II III (BLOCK LETTERS) even if the question says, write from i-ix (small letters) if all other answers are written in block letter or

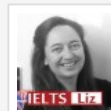
writing i, ii, iii will be appropriate?

Reply

Liz says:

March 1, 2017 at 2:39 pm

You can write it in anyway you want – it won't affect your score.



Reply

Sarah says:

February 27, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Hello Liz,



In almost all of the reading question types you mentioned that the questions come in order. Do you mean they come in order in they type or the hole questions regardless of their type in one section come in order?

Reply

Liz says:

February 27, 2017 at 3:11 pm

Each type of question will come in order. Each time the question types changes, the rules change too.



Reply

Amith says:

February 10, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Dear Liz,

I have a question about below type of reading questions.

Question 32 – 36

Choose FIVE letters, A – H. Write the correct letter on lines 32 – 36 on your answer sheet.

Which FIVE of the symptoms of SAD are mentioned in the passage ?

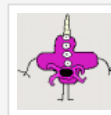
- A. Uncomfortable crying
 - B. feeling tired
 - C. eating more than usual
 - D. thinking dark thoughts
 - E. increased weight
 - F. unhappy feelings
 - G. frequent bad temper
 - H. inability of sleep
-

lets assume that, in this case standard answer will be as follows ;

- 32 – B
- 33 – C
- 34 – E
- 35 – F
- 36 – G

But what will happen if I choose the same CORRECT answers in a different order as follows ;

- 32 – E
- 33 – C



34 – G

35 – B

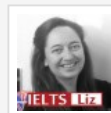
36 – F

Will it be totally wrong. ?

Reply

Liz says:

February 10, 2017 at 6:36 pm

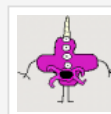


For these questions, as you can see in the IELTS Cambridge Test Books, the answers can be in any order.

Reply

Amith says:

February 11, 2017 at 9:42 am



Thanks for the answer.

Reply

Dimitris Stavropoulos says:

February 1, 2017 at 8:10 pm

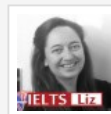


Hi liz and thank you for your extremely helpful website! I wanted to ask you whether it is possible to proceed to the writing part if I finish the reading part in less than 60 minutes, and thus having more time to write the two essays, since writing is my Achilles' heel.

Reply

Liz says:

February 1, 2017 at 8:53 pm



No, you can't. The time is controlled for each part of the test and you can't change it or save time in reading to use on writing.

Reply

Dimitris Stavropoulos says:

February 2, 2017 at 9:44 am



I understand. Thanks for the answer!

Reply

bhavya says:

February 1, 2017 at 6:06 am



Hi Liz,

Please solve my query.

Is it that the table, maps, diagram questions are applicable only to academic reading and not general reading test?

Thanks in advance!

Reply

Liz says:

February 1, 2017 at 12:30 pm



See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-general-training-reading-information/>

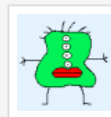
Reply

Harshil says:

January 24, 2017 at 10:37 am

Hi Liz

I want to know about reading that is it OK that we don't use article (A,An,The) in the answer or it is mandatory ?



Reply

Liz says:

January 24, 2017 at 10:55 am

The rules about using articles is the same for listening and reading. So, pleased watch the video on this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-listening/>



Reply

Namrata says:

January 22, 2017 at 5:38 pm

Hi Liz,

I am taking the IELTS exam next month. I have a question regarding reading section. Is it ok if I complete the last section first. I mean to say in reverse order of the sections.

Regards,
Namrata

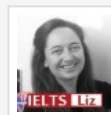


Reply

Liz says:

January 22, 2017 at 7:04 pm

Sure if you want. The academic reading passages are essentially the same difficulty level. With the GT test, the passages get harder and harder.

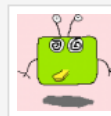


Reply

PRADIP says:

January 20, 2017 at 1:36 pm

dear mam,
thank you for such a wonderful website.....
i just wanted to ask something.....
what happens if i write T, F, NG instead of true,false,not given.....
i m really worried.....plz let me know,.....i m going to get penalized for dat.....



Reply

Liz says:

January 20, 2017 at 3:00 pm

It's fine to write the letter instead of the word.



Reply

fellix says:

January 5, 2017 at 2:14 pm

very helpful. thank you....



Reply

Haider Rasel says:

December 25, 2016 at 4:56 am

Specially madam I don't understand when I do my listening part. Could you tell me any special advice for me?

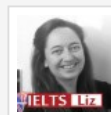


Reply

Liz says:

December 25, 2016 at 1:50 pm

Please see this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-help-faq/>



Reply

Gopal Sarkar says:

December 22, 2016 at 8:07 am

Hi Liz,

For some answers for some questions [such as short answer Questions], I see that if the questions asks for no more than 2 words, for example; many times I see part of the words are put in parentheses. This is seen in many standard IELTS textbooks such as Cambridge. My Question is: do we need to use parenthesis at the 1st place? Or is it like answers put in parentheses optional.

Appreciate your response.

Thanks..

Reply



Liz says:

January 3, 2017 at 11:49 am

You don't use brackets. The brackets in the answer key are to show possible answers to the questions. The brackets are used in answers keys only. You must decide



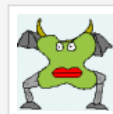
what your answer is and it will either be right or wrong. Never put words in brackets for listening or reading.

Reply

Rawand says:

December 11, 2016 at 10:50 am

hi Liz Thanks for all the work and everything you've to done.. i was wondering, should we read the questions before reading the articles or the other way around?

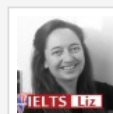


Reply

Liz says:

December 11, 2016 at 11:48 am

It is recommended to read the passage before the questions except for Matching Headings. You will find this is the reason why the exam papers print the questions after the passage, but put the Matching Headings before the passage. However, it is entirely your choice. You must decide what works for you.



Reply

naser says:

November 29, 2016 at 9:13 am

Hello – Elizabeth i want ask you about i thought to buy keywords for IELTS book for learn keywords to helping me in IELTS exam and is that useful to learned me supporting points also.because i found parts of three books to teach the key words for IELTS starting from the level of (starter – improver – advance) my level of language is elementary 3



best regards ,,,

naser

Reply

Liz says:

November 29, 2016 at 11:44 am

A book of key words for IELTS reading will not help. The topics are so varied, it is impossible to predict them. They might be about history, biology, ecology etc.



Reply

naser says:

November 28, 2016 at 12:24 am

hello ,, Elizabeth could you please explain me what is meaning " supporting point " ?

best regards ,,,

Reply

Liz says:

November 28, 2016 at 10:52 am

Supporting points usually refer to information in a paragraph which supports and explains the main idea.



Reply

naser says:

November 24, 2016 at 10:04 am

thanks for all this is effort its amazing work , fact i dont show like that before >
thank you very much , you are professional.

best regards ,,,,

Reply



princess says:

October 11, 2016 at 4:46 pm

dear mam,

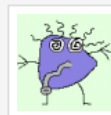
thank you for such a wonderful website.....

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what happens if i write true,false,not given instead of yes,no,not given....

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Reply



Liz says:

October 12, 2016 at 10:40 am

The answer will be marked wrong if you write True instead of Yes. See this video lesson to learn more about these types of questions: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-true-false-not-given-essential-tips/>

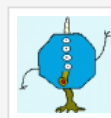
Reply



Arjun Singh Rawat says:

September 25, 2016 at 6:06 am

Hi Liz,



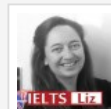
Can you provide practice exercise for list selection ?

Reply

Liz says:

September 26, 2016 at 10:49 am

So you mean multiple choice: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-vocabulary-gm-foods/??> See all my practice lessons: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>



Reply

Rafiga says:

September 11, 2016 at 3:37 pm

Hi Liz.

First of all thank you for this support. Your blog is really helpful.

I have a question. Is it possible the same match to be the answer of two questions in matches list questions of a reading passage?

Thank you in advance.

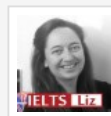


Reply

Liz says:

September 12, 2016 at 10:15 am

Sorry I don't understand your question. Please write it again more carefully.



Reply

jubin says:

September 1, 2016 at 7:09 pm

hey liz i am jubin
i am really poor at reading i could not do reading in one sit because i am not
enjoying it do you have a way out so i could do well in reading. if you can do
this for me that would be glad to me.
jubin bhatt india



Reply

Liz says:

September 1, 2016 at 8:29 pm

See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-tips-how-can-i-improve-my-score/>. Also watch this video: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-true-false-not-given-essential-tips/>. Then review all pages and practice on this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>



Reply

Vipul says:

August 6, 2016 at 8:01 am

Mam i want to know mostly answers come in order or not???



Reply

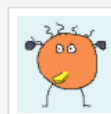
Youmna Gamal says:

July 30, 2016 at 3:22 pm

Hi, Liz

I want more practice lessons on writing and listening

Thanks in advance



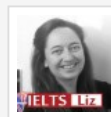
Reply

Liz says:

July 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm

<http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-writing-task-2/>

<http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-listening/>



Reply

walter says:

July 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Hi Liz, Thank you for your tips and postings, God bless you, may you have peace, prosperity and good health. I have a question is it good idea to read the whole passage and understand it and then read the questions? could you please help me out. thank you,

Walter

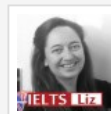


Reply

Liz says:

July 19, 2016 at 5:03 pm

See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-tips-strategies-and-comprehension/>



Reply

Paula says:

June 23, 2016 at 4:08 pm



Hi Liz,

What a great page, thank you for putting so much effort into it!

I have got a question regarding the rule of being consistent with either using upper case or lower case exclusively on the answer sheet. I have decided it is safer for me to only use upper case, but there are questions where lower case roman numerals are predefined as answers, like iii or vii. What do I do in this situation to avoid receiving punishment for being inconsistent with my letter case? Can I just change vii to VII or would it be marked as wrong since it is predefined on the question sheet to be lower case numerals?

Thank you in advance and kind regards,

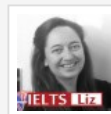
Paula

Reply

Liz says:

June 23, 2016 at 5:23 pm

Roman numerals are actually counted as numbers and can be written either way. The CAPS rule applies to letters and words.



Reply

kapil says:

June 20, 2016 at 8:38 am

Thank you Madam, really you done a grate job .super duper ..thanks a lot..:)

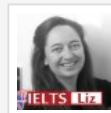


Reply

Liz says:

June 20, 2016 at 12:58 pm

You're welcome 😊



Reply

AMMAR SAND says:

June 18, 2016 at 12:20 am

VERY NICE JOB DONE LIZ !



Reply

monaliza says:

June 12, 2016 at 5:32 am

I've been following your blog and Youtube channel ever since i started reviewing for my IELTS exam. Honestly, writing and reading are two of the most difficult subject areas for me. I've tried several techniques that I've learned from the Internet at the same time I've been practicing a lot too and yet I'm still disappointed with the scores that I get. I am aiming for a band score of 7 that needed for my employment. I find it ironic that i usually obtain poor scores on my reading even though reading is my ultimate hobby. I feel so hopeless, my schedule for the exam is one month away.



Reply

Ema says:

May 21, 2016 at 5:56 pm

I would like to ask you another question. I read in IELTS web site the hyphenated will be marked as a single word ? What is that mean ?

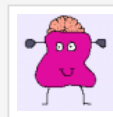
Thank you in advance



Reply

Taras says:

May 15, 2016 at 6:02 pm

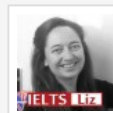


If I find any mistakes (random ones) anywhere in the website, how can I quickly report that to you, Liz? I don't mean grammar mistakes, rather some typos etc. (I've seen some).

Reply

Liz says:

May 15, 2016 at 8:04 pm



Just drop me a comment on the page. I'm always grateful when someone spots a typo because I don't have time for proof reading, unfortunately.

Reply

Ruben says:

May 4, 2016 at 7:45 pm



Hi Liz,

Just want to correct the 11 instead of 111 (Table Completion).

Just noticed it's not that important.

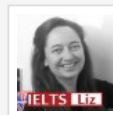
What important is you are helping us/.

More power, I am learning a lot.

Reply

Liz says:

May 4, 2016 at 8:02 pm



Thanks so much. I don't have time for proof reading so I'm glad you spotted it and told me 😊

Reply

deepu says:

April 23, 2016 at 5:30 am

Hi Liz,

Could u make an video on sentence completion type of questions from Reading section please. 😊



Reply

Liz says:

April 23, 2016 at 10:20 am

Sure but I'm taking a break from filming at the moment 😊



Reply

Amanpreet singh says:

April 19, 2016 at 10:53 am

Hi Liz, How are you ? Your Reading Tips are fantastic to me, that makes me your fan.

Thank you.

i have my IELTS exam on 19th may 2016 of British Council.

LIZ, would you tell me please how can i improve my vocabulary easily and fastly what should i do,so i can get good overall score and tell me about noun,verb,adjective type of vocabulary or where i can find synonyms for ielts.

I am awaiting for your reply because your help will make me my career.

thank you,

Aman.

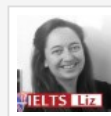


Reply

Liz says:

April 19, 2016 at 2:47 pm

See the useful websites page in the right hand column.



Reply

Avelino Thomas says:

March 8, 2016 at 6:28 pm

Nice , Nice tips its being useful to me , thanks a lot but I have a problem , I can't find the exercises for List selection ,Categorisation Questions , table completion , flow chart completion questions and Diagram completion questions



Reply

Nagaraj says:

February 26, 2016 at 8:54 am

hi Liz,

Thanks a lot for these tips. Its very helpful.

I have question: IELTS is very new to me and this could be basic one.

What does it mean when you say answers are in order for "T/F/NG" section and answers are not in order for "Matching heading questions".



Reply

Liz says:

February 26, 2016 at 11:48 am

See this video lesson to learn about answers being in order:

<http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-true-false-not-given-essential-tips/>

All the best

Liz



Reply

Salah says:

January 27, 2016 at 8:14 am

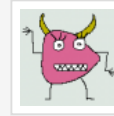
Hi liz,

Thank you for these very useful tips, they're very helpful.

I just would like to inform you about a little typo on the tips of question type 7 LIST SELECTION. The second tip, it's written "dead through" instead of read through.

Best regards,

Salah



Reply

Liz says:

May 1, 2016 at 9:47 am

Thanks 😊



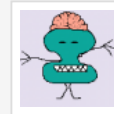
Reply

Muhammad Shaaban says:

January 10, 2016 at 9:03 pm

Hello Liz,

I have a question about reading. In this past test, there is complete (no more than three words) the chart from the passage. In the passage it says "The average size of rockfish has also declined by several inches since 1970s." In the chart it says "Rockfish caught today is than rockfish caught in the past" I answered "several inches less" but the key is smaller. Would that be considered a wrong answer even though it is mentioned in the passage literally except for the "less" and is grammatically correct?



Reply

Liz says:

January 12, 2016 at 6:05 pm

<http://ieltsliz.com/liz-notice-2015-2016/>



Reply

Ananth says:

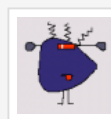
December 31, 2015 at 6:32 pm

Hi Liz,

First of all, Thank you so much for all your help and guidance. Your blog helps me a lot to prepare me for my exam.

I would like to ask you a question. could you please tell me the order of the Reading writing and listening tests? Which one is first?

Thanks,
Ananth



Reply

Liz says:

January 7, 2016 at 6:01 pm

<http://ieltsliz.com/liz-notice-2015-2016/>



Reply

Narender Kumar says:

November 30, 2015 at 2:39 pm



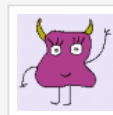
Thanks for providing excellent platform for IELTS preparation. I came to know some useful tips related to Reading

Reply

Sreekanth says:

November 26, 2015 at 2:28 am

Hi Liz,



You are an amazing person and it's so easy to follow your tips. My exam is on 12th of Dec, but I find difficulties in reading, the video on T,F,GN was so understandable and you have explained it so clearly. Could you please upload few videos of GT reading for other sections too, that will be more helpful for my exams. I could find only one video on reading and that was T,F,GN.

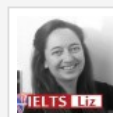
Yours sincerely,
Sreekanth

Reply

Liz says:

November 26, 2015 at 7:13 pm

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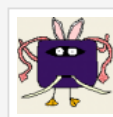


Reply

Ewadh says:

October 26, 2015 at 7:14 am

Good morning dear Liz,



I have also this question : The history of Europe have been documented since 3000 B.C.

Passage: Conventional historical sources begin only with the introduction of written records around 3000 B.C. in western Asia , and much later in most other parts of the worlds.

I answered with NG but the key says F 😞 .. should I consider Europe as part of the “most other parts of the world”? but the passage does not say “all other parts of the world” .. What do you think , can you explain please?

Sincerely,
Ewadh

Reply

Liz says:

October 26, 2015 at 1:14 pm



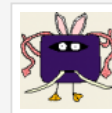
It depends on the main aim and content of the paragraph and the sentences before and after this one. Don't just look for your answer in one sentence. Post the whole paragraph with the question again and I'll have a look.

Liz

Reply

Ewadh says:

October 27, 2015 at 4:03 pm



Dear Mrs.Liz,

As per your suggestion, this is the whole passage with the question:

Passage: If arachaeology deals with the past , in what way does it differ from the history? in the broadest sense, just as aracheology is an aspect of anthropology, so too is it part of history? wgere we mean the whole history of humankind from its beginnings over three million years ago. Indeed for more than ninety nine percent of that huge span of time , aracheology- the study of past material culture – is the only significant source of information .Conventional historical sources begin only with

the introduction of written records around 3,000 BC in western Asia , and much later in most other parts of the world.

Question: The history of Europe have been documented since 3,000 BC.

Thanks again Mrs.Liz for your response

Sincerely,
Ewadh

Reply

Liz says:

October 27, 2015 at 6:07 pm

Yes, I have your comment but I am not working full time. Please be patient for an answer.

Liz

Reply



Ewadh says:

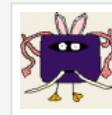
October 26, 2015 at 2:28 am

Dear Liz,

I've following your tips and lessons to improve my reading skills , whenever I face T,F,NG questions I've started to apply your tip to assume the opposite as well and then look for the answer, but today I could n't apply this tip appropriately, would you kindly help me?:

The question: Industry in the Arctic has increased over the last 20 years.

I prepared the opposite: ===== decreased =====.



The passage says :

Our perception of the Arctic region is that its distance from the industrial centers keeps it pristine and clear from the impact of pollution. However , through a process known as transboundary pollution, the Arctic is the recipient of contaminants whose sources are thousands of miles away. Large quantities of pollutants pour into our atmosphere ,as well as our lakes ,rivers and oceans on a daily basis. In the last 20 years , scientists have detected an increasing variety of toxic contaminants in the North , including pesticides from agriculture ,chemicals and heavy metals from industry .These are substances that have invaded the ecosystem virtually worldwide but they are especially worrisome in the Arctic.

Shall I say NG : because there is no mention to whether the industry increased or decreased?

or F : because the passage states that the Arctic receives the chemicals from industrial sources thousands of miles away (and hence the industry is not in the Arctic itself?)

I'll really appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Ewadh

Reply

Liz says:

October 28, 2015 at 12:01 pm



This is a very tricky one. The idea is that pollution comes from industry. However the Arctic has a distance from industrial centers and their pollution comes from industry outside the Arctic. Then it says that "scientists have detected an increasing variety of toxic contaminants in the North". This sentence means that there is an increase of pollution in the Arctic (the North) from industry. Of course we know that the increase of pollution from industry is not in the Arctic because we know that the pollution comes from industry in another region. So, this whole paragraph explains that the Arctic has increased pollution due to increased industry from outside the

Arctic. For that reason, the answer is FALSE. The increase in industry is from outside the Arctic, not inside in the Arctic.

All the best

Liz

Reply

rakel says:

October 22, 2015 at 2:08 am



Hi liz, i am so glad that im watching your video's. but i have one question about the classification could you please place a video of how to solve it because im finding it very hard to solve it that's because i don not know the technique. And is it a common question ?thanks in advance 😊

Reply

Liz says:

October 24, 2015 at 11:07 am



It is quite common but not one of the most common. I will certainly add that lessons to the list of videos that I hope to make next year.

All the best

Liz

Reply

yasee raies says:

October 18, 2015 at 12:10 pm



Hi dear Liz

I just be here for offering my gratitudes for your gracious talented nature as a model of

being a real human and a real teacher. That's all my heart words.
Thanks very much

Reply

Kanwalpreet says:

October 10, 2015 at 12:54 pm

Hi Liz

I'm struggling with reading, please help me how I can improve me reading scores.

Looking forward soonest reply.

Regards

Reply



Liz says:

October 10, 2015 at 3:29 pm

See my page about improving reading on the main reading page.

Liz

Reply



Sailesh says:

October 8, 2015 at 6:58 pm

Hi Liz,

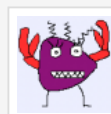
I'd first applaud you for this site for helping to crack IELTS with good score

My exam is on Dec19.Would you give me suggestions/tips regarding the Speaking n

Listening sections..I was tensed to speak in english abit. Is there any redcution in bands in

Speaking if I use A instead of An,The or relating to Tenses.On what parameters are my

Speaking skills tested and judged



Thanks in-advance Mam,Hope U'd reply me

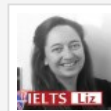
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Liz says:

October 10, 2015 at 11:26 am

Grammar counts for 25% of your marks in speaking. You can see the band score criteria here: <https://www.ielts.org/pdf/SpeakingBanddescriptors.pdf>

Liz

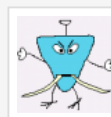


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Muhammed Shamsuddin says:

October 6, 2015 at 9:43 am

What type of question are more easy and I should answer first.



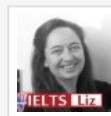
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Liz says:

October 6, 2015 at 11:17 am

Do question 1 first. Follow the questions in order.

Liz

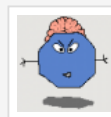


Reply

Jasiel says:

September 29, 2015 at 4:08 pm

Hi Liz



Where can i get the tips on how to tackle a question including maps

Reply

Liz says:

September 29, 2015 at 4:12 pm

You get diagrams rather than maps in IELTS reading.

Liz



Reply

jarvis says:

September 22, 2015 at 3:24 pm

good evening mam i exam is on 26th of september and you suggest me for reading,writing,listening,speAKING material for study to get good bandscore in ielts i required overall 7band plz help me.....



Reply

Liz says:

September 22, 2015 at 3:27 pm

You can get practice tests from the IELTS Cambridge books from 1 to 10.

You can get a book called "Improve your IELTS Reading Skills" for reading and the same one for listening. For speaking, prepare topics, ideas, vocabulary and practice answering questions. For listening, practice, write word lists and learn about question types.

Liz



Reply

Prudhvi Raj says:

September 19, 2015 at 7:27 am

Hi Liz,

I need a small help from you, i am struggling to score 6.5 band in writing and 8 in reading.

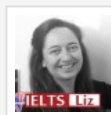
Please suggest me how can i score the required band.



Reply

Liz says:

September 19, 2015 at 12:10 pm



For reading, you would need excellent understand of vocabulary, the ability to analyse questions and speed in scanning for information. For writing, you would need to learn more about how to structure your writing, linking words, using ideas or information correctly and having strong English.

Liz

Reply

Amir says:

September 16, 2015 at 1:09 pm



Dear Liz,

I would like to ask you that there is a student who able to understand all training material and video in your website, would you mind telling me what is the English level for IELTS?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks a lot.

Yours sincerely,
Amir

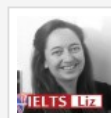
Reply

Liz says:

September 16, 2015 at 1:39 pm

My site is aimed at students who have band 6, 7, 8 and 9 level of English.
This site is for them to review known language and also learn new language.

Liz



Reply

Syed S,Ahmad says:

September 13, 2015 at 9:37 pm

Hi,

What are this logos placed on the right top corner? Do they have a meaning or grading?
I see your pic also occurring at the same place in some.

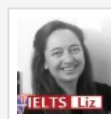


Reply

Liz says:

September 14, 2015 at 12:01 pm

These logos are automatic for wordpress websites.
All the best
Liz



Reply

syed s. ahmad says:

October 10, 2015 at 6:25 pm

Hi,



I read some FAQs on your site and learnt a lot about reading and listening tests and your valuable tips and suggestions. i could not access the videos as Youtube is prohibited in my country. Can you please load or provide links on Dailymotion if you have your videos there?

I also read the scores and opinions of those who took the last September test. I found some high achievers with non-uniform performances through different categories. Was it the exam or the individuals for this disparities? Your comments, please.

Reply

Liz says:

October 12, 2015 at 3:32 pm



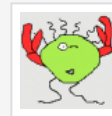
Sorry, all my videos are on youtube and that won't be changing for the foreseeable future. There are many reasons for differences in band scores between skills, all related to student performance and luck with topics.

Liz

Reply

Syed S,Ahmad says:

September 13, 2015 at 8:14 pm



Hi Liz,

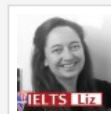
When does one come to "know" that he is adequately prepared enough to take the IELTS test for a projected average score of 8 bands?

As you shall agree that going for GMC,AMC exams the average requirement is 7.5 band with none less than 7 in any of the components !

Reply

Liz says:

September 14, 2015 at 12:02 pm



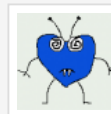
You will know, when you complete a practice IELTS reading and listening test and score band 8. You can get your writing and speaking assessed online with some companies if you wish or just rely on your listening and reading scores.

Liz

Reply

Sarisa says:

September 6, 2015 at 12:39 pm



Thank you very much for sharing. It's very useful for me.

Could you please explain that what's different between Question Type NO.4 and NO.5 ?

Reply

Liz says:

September 6, 2015 at 2:47 pm



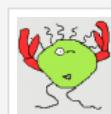
A summary completion is filling in gaps in a paragraph. Sentence completion is filling in gaps in single sentences. Please see my lessons on the main reading page to practice each type.

Liz

Reply

syed s. ahmad says:

August 31, 2015 at 6:44 pm



Dear Liz.

I did not understand the categorization questions. Can you elaborate a little or just site me some examples to better understand this category. Alternatively, add more tips to this class or a link as you have done for others.

Thank you.

Reply

Liz says:

September 2, 2015 at 2:45 pm

See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/categorisation-practice-for-ielts-reading/>

Liz



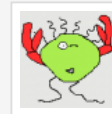
Reply

syed s.ahmad says:

September 2, 2015 at 8:43 pm

Dear Liz,

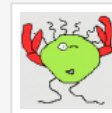
I am very grateful for your reply and guiding me to something , which otherwise might have perplexed me foe sometime. Going through your advice on the link provided me to believe that reading English and understanding it to the full are two different things. We tend to read without fully understanding a certain words in the sentences assuming that we are comprehending the meaning of certain familiar as well as unfamiliar words, which meet our eyes without caring to pause or refer a dictionary or ask a friend or senior in the room. A word in English does not have one or more meanings but also has to be " interpreted" in a certain context. For example, a bull's eye does not mean a pare of bovine eyes but the most inner circle of a target or the most desired position on a target !



Reply

syed s.ahmad says:

September 2, 2015 at 8:49 pm



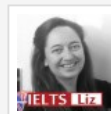
I mis-spelt "for" and 'Pair'.

Reply

Liz says:

September 3, 2015 at 12:25 pm

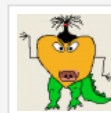
That's right.



Reply

Prasad says:

August 28, 2015 at 12:59 pm



Hi Liz, your website is very useful, i'd like to thank you and one suggestion we love to have an android & itunes app of your website.

Reply

Liz says:

August 28, 2015 at 2:00 pm



There are a few things I need to do to improve my site but unfortunately it will need to wait until next year when I have more time. I appreciate your ideas though



Thanks

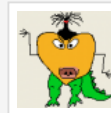
Liz

Reply

Prasad says:

August 29, 2015 at 4:11 am

Hi Liz



I just finished my IELTS exam today.

Topics:

Writing Task1- to principal for college admission enquiring about status

Writing Task2- advertisement are useful are giving false information , discuss both views

i did overall i did pretty well, but reading i havent got much time to completed all questions.

thank you for your help. i will let you know once i get the results.

Reply

Liz says:

August 29, 2015 at 11:21 am

Fingers crossed!

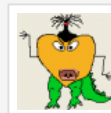


Reply

Prasad says:

September 11, 2015 at 4:02 am

hi Liz,



i got the results today, i was very surprised and shocked, this is my second attempt, here are my scores, i believe i got less in writing as i have poor handwriting, this time they didn't allow me to write in Pen.

2nd attempt

listening-6.5

reading -6

writing 5.5
speaking 6.5

1st attempt
listening-5
reading 5
writing 6.5
speaking 6.5

i need to take 7 in all 4, i have to write again :(, i lost confidence now, not sure how i start from now..

Reply

Liz says:

September 11, 2015 at 1:22 pm



It's strange that they didn't let you write in pen because it says that you can on their official site: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-your-test/test-day-advice/writing-test-advice> but only for writing not listening or reading. Make sure you spend time improving your level of English before your next test because it seems as though that might be one reason your score is stuck at around band 6 or 6.5.

All the best

Liz

Reply

Smitha Sharma says:

August 31, 2015 at 5:19 pm



Hi Liz,

Im glad to see your videos about ielts in you tube. They are awesome and the tips are useful. I am writing this to ask for a help about GT reading session. I have exam on 12th September 2015. I already wrote thrice but every time I am losing score in reading. I need above 6 in all modules but I am lacking behind reading module as all other modules my score is 6.5-7 above. So could you please help me out to get good score in reading module aswell. That is a very big asset for me from you in my life.

Thanks,
Smitha

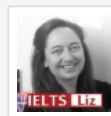
Reply

Liz says:

August 31, 2015 at 5:41 pm

My tips and lessons are all on this blog. I can only suggest that you purchase more IELTS books on reading or find an IELTS teacher to help you develop further.

All the best
Liz



Reply

Sam says:

August 26, 2015 at 2:27 am

you are great Liz...



Reply

Ricardo says:

August 17, 2015 at 3:31 pm

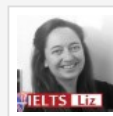


Hello Liz, first of all I want to thank you very much for sharing with us your time, knowledge and IELTS experience. I will present my GT IELTS test for the second time and in the reading test I was expecting a high score but I was dissapointed by the actual result. My question is does it affects you score if in the matching heading questions you write the romans numerals (I, II, III, IV, etc) instead of i,ii,iii, iv and how do we suppose to write them.

Reply

Liz says:

August 17, 2015 at 4:04 pm



You should write them exactly as written to avoid any problems. But your result may be due to other problems relating to your English language or techniques with the question types.

Liz

Reply

Omer Sharieff says:

August 14, 2015 at 6:05 am



Hello Liz,

I feel your web resource for IELTS prepration is complete and of high quality especially your tips for reading and writing skills. I will be taking test on 12th Sept. I was going through your tips for reading and have a question.

Since I will be preparing for GT, I want to know if there are specific type of questions for GT or do I need to prepare for all the 14 types that you have mentioned here..

Reply

Liz says:

August 14, 2015 at 10:50 am

Good question. The question types for GT reading are the same as the academic test. The only difference is that your passages 1 and 2 are of different content and passage 3 is slightly easier than the academic passages. Even so, the practice lessons on my blog will still help develop your techniques for the question types.

All the best

Liz

Reply



mahsa says:

August 13, 2015 at 11:07 am

hi

thank you

your videos are very good

Reply



vinay joshi says:

July 29, 2015 at 10:54 am

Hi, I have one doubt that in any passage I have first 5 question is of Multiple choice and next 6 to 11 questions are of Y/N/NG. Is there all answers is in ORDER or not. (Which means First 5 answers are in order and other type's answers following that or start with top of passage). I hope you can understand my point because my English is very worst. Please help me.....Thanks in advanced I will have my exam on 1st of August.

Reply



Liz says:

July 29, 2015 at 12:35 pm

The rules vary for each type of question. So if you have MCQ for 1 to 6 and then YNNG from 7 to 10, the rules change as you change the type of question you answer. This is the same for listening. That is why you need to underline how many words you can have in your answers because it changes.

Liz



Reply

vinay joshi says:

July 29, 2015 at 1:34 pm

Thank you Liz for your answer,



I want to ask that if question type vary, do we need to start passage from top / first? I am really to much in tense for my exam.

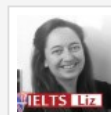
Reply

Liz says:

July 29, 2015 at 3:08 pm

Always skim read the passage in 2 mins. Then look at the questions types. If the questions come in order, start with the first one. If the questions don't come in order, start with the question you prefer.

Liz



Reply

vinay joshi says:

July 29, 2015 at 8:33 pm

Thank you so much.



Reply

syed s. ahmad says:

July 25, 2015 at 1:45 pm



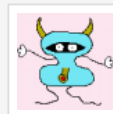
Dear Liz,

I had taken a hasty attempt at the IELTS academic some three years ago obtaining an average band of 6.5. My achievement went down because of my poor scores in the listening and reading components. I can not blame anyone else but to myself alone. I did not realize that there was so much to IELTS preparation and testing. You have done a commendable job (rather a charity) by writing this blog and its contents with such fine details.

Reply

Raman says:

July 6, 2015 at 9:37 pm



Dear Liz,

I've a very good command in spoken and written English as well as listening module never bothered me much.

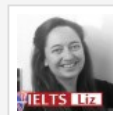
My only concern is Reading section of Ielts academic where I repeatedly failed to reach 7 band, honestly I can't figure out where I'm lacking the required skill.can you please help me to get band 7 at least in reading module.

Can you please help me?

Reply

Liz says:

July 9, 2015 at 12:45 pm



All my tips and advice are currently on the reading page in various practice lessons. Unfortunately, I don't have a paid course available on reading at present.

All the best

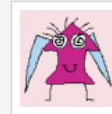
Liz

Reply

waseem says:

July 16, 2015 at 5:41 pm

Excuse_me Raman can i get you skype i.d please i wanna talk to you as speaking partner.



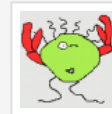
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Syed S,Ahmad says:

September 6, 2015 at 4:30 pm

Dear Liz,s,

Do you have any section on phonetics, pronunciation and enunciations ?



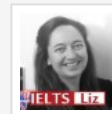
Reply

Liz says:

September 7, 2015 at 2:07 pm

Not at present. But my vocabulary section has audios for pronunciation with most lessons.

Liz



Reply

Che says:

July 4, 2015 at 6:12 am

Hi Liz!

Thanks a lot for all the question types you mentioned above.

Please guide me how to attempt veiws or claim question type. A quick reponse is much appreciated.

Thanks



Reply

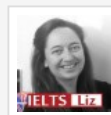
Liz says:

July 4, 2015 at 12:40 pm

I don't understand what you mean about attempt views or claim questions.

You will need to explain more clearly.

Liz



Reply

Amanda says:

May 7, 2015 at 1:53 am

Hi, first of all thank you for all this support!

So, in the matching headings we have a lot of options.

Let's say that paragraph A, talks about i and iv.

But I can just choose one option, because I can just wright one word.

What should I do? Both are correct, doesnt matter which one I choose?

Thanks!

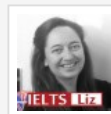
Amanda

Reply



Liz says:

May 7, 2015 at 9:20 am



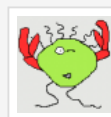
For matching headings there is only one correct answer. Don't try to match specific information or small details, instead you should match the purpose and main content of the paragraph.

Liz

Reply

syed s. ahmad says:

August 31, 2015 at 6:21 pm

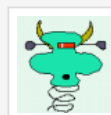


yes, most of the time this is what is being tested. I have received some guidelines from a friend about acquiring this skill through active, focused reading art. The fourteen types of questions in this test of reading is something I learnt from your page—an eye-opener!

Reply

talat says:

May 3, 2015 at 6:47 pm



hello,

Dear teacher,

Matching Headings, question is this possible that one same option could be used for two times? but for different paragraph.

hope for the reply.

thank you.

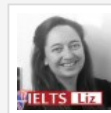
Reply

Liz says:

May 4, 2015 at 11:21 am

For matching headings, one heading can be used only once. For matching paragraph information, paragraphs may be used more than once. They are different types of questions. Don't confuse them.

Liz



Reply

BB ADHIKARI says:

February 27, 2018 at 12:37 pm

mam,

I am looking for helpful videos for reading task also like for Y/N/NG OR T/F/NG

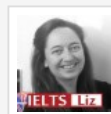


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Liz says:

February 27, 2018 at 12:50 pm

See this page: <http://ieltsliz.com/ielts-reading-lessons-information-and-tips/>



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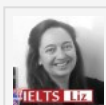
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