

IELTS Reading – Advanced Blueprint & Preparation Guide

IELTS Reading – Exam Blueprint

- Total time: 60 minutes (no extra transfer time)
- Total questions: 40
- Sections: 3 passages (increasing difficulty)
- Academic: descriptive, factual, analytical texts
- General Training: social survival, workplace, general interest texts

Question Types Explained

- MCQs – test detailed understanding & opinion
- True / False / Not Given – fact vs assumption
- Yes / No / Not Given – writer's views & claims
- Matching headings – main idea recognition
- Sentence & summary completion – paraphrasing skills
- Diagram / flow-chart completion – process understanding

Band Score Strategy (6–9)

Band	What You Must Do
6.0	Correct keywords, basic paraphrase recognition
7.0	Strong skimming, handles tricky TFNG
8.0+	Fast scanning, precise inference, near-zero guessing

Advanced Preparation Plan

- Daily 30 min timed reading practice
- Analyze paraphrases, not vocabulary only
- Practice hardest questions first
- Maintain an error log by question type