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Getting to know Road to IELTS

Before you use a new program with your students, it is essential that you know both the contents and the way the program works. Try this short exercise which has been designed to help teachers get to know Road to IELTS.

First look at the functionality.

1. How do you start Road to IELTS on the computers in your institution? Provide instructions for students.

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2. Click into Unit 1, Leisure & Entertainment. How do you get back to the main unit menu?

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3. Find a reading passage. At the top of the screen, in the middle, you will see an icon that looks like a plus sign [+]. What is the function of this icon?

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4. Do the videos in the Speaking sections and the audios in the Listening sections have controls that allow you to pause and go back?

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5. You cannot access progress records from every screen. Where can you access these records, and what does the icon look like?

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6. Go to Unit 2, Language & Communication. How can you quickly see the objectives of each section?

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7. What is the Scratch Pad?

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Now investigate the content.

8. What is the purpose of the first section in each unit?

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9. Go to Unit 1, Listening, Short answer questions. Where is 'The Cellar'?

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10. Go to Unit 7, Words, Match the disease. (a) Describe how this exercise works. (b) What is the woman in question 9 suffering from?

(a)

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(b)

11. Where can students get advice on dealing with the question types (eg summary completion, multiple selection) they will find in the Reading and Listening modules of the IELTS exam?

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12. Unit 12, Speaking. How many candidates do you see? What does Alexandra describe as 'a necessity'?

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13. Where can you find transcripts of the listening activities in Road to IELTS?

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14. How will you use Road to IELTS with your students? Make notes.

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