

Road to IELTS General Training

Unit 1: Leisure & entertainment	Words:	Words and phrases to talk about leisure activities, sports, games and equipment
	Listening:	A talk about places to eat out in a town; a conversation about a survey on popular forms of physical activity
	Reading:	An article about a new top spot to visit in London; a brochure from a museum of games
	Writing (1):	Practice exercises for writing a letter of introduction
	Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions discussing advantages and disadvantages
	Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 1 of the Speaking Test

Unit 2: Language & communication	Words:	Words and phrases to talk about language and varieties of language
	Listening:	A talk about ways to improve your English; a conversation about endangered languages
	Reading:	A guide for effective letter writing; an article giving advice for job interviews
	Writing (1):	Practice exercises for letters giving advice
	Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions discussing arguments for and against
	Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

Unit 3: Travel, tourism & transport	Words:	Phrases to talk about traffic-related problems and solutions; words and phrases to talk about air travel
	Listening:	A conversation about a plane trip; a lecture about a tribe of Native Americans

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- Reading: A brochure about the quickest way to get from Heathrow Airport to central London; an article about backpacking
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for letters asking for information
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions giving an opinion
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 4: Environment

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about environmental problems and geographical features
- Listening: A conversation about adopting a zoo animal; a lecture about the structure of the Earth
- Reading: An article about making plastic; an article about a danger to a variety of birds
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for writing letters of complaint
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 1 of the Speaking Test

Unit 5: Art & culture

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about art, cinema, theatre and national treasures
- Listening: A telephone conversation about booking theatre tickets; a lecture on the history of British cinema
- Reading: A catalogue from a book store; an article discussing tourist information for Bath, in south-west England
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for letters giving information
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions discussing advantages and disadvantages
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

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Unit 6: Mass Media

Words:	Words and phrases to talk about television, newspapers and jobs in the media
Listening:	A talk given by a guide to visitors to a media museum; a conversation about news consumption
Reading:	A brochure about SummerSkill Sydney; an article about the press
Writing (1):	Practice exercises for writing letters saying thank you
Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions discussing arguments for and against
Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 7: Health & fitness

Words:	Words and phrases to talk about medical conditions and symptoms; food-related vocabulary; words to talk about the causes, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases
Listening:	A talk about keeping healthy in winter; a conversation about insects and human diseases
Reading:	An article about keeping your teeth healthy; an article about food and health myths
Writing (1):	Practice exercises for letters of apology
Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions giving an opinion
Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 8: Work & business

Words:	Verbs we use at work and words and phrases to talk about a variety of work-related issues
Listening:	A talk about writing a CV; a conversation about changes in women's employment
Reading:	A brochure about working at a funfair; an article about the first ball

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- Writing (1): Practice exercises for letters of application
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

Unit 9: Society & social issues

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about social issues and crime and punishment
- Listening: A telephone conversation between a student and a campus security officer about a burglary; a lecture about old age and society
- Reading: An article about Neighbourhood Watch schemes; an article about changes in life expectancy
- Writing (1): Revision exercises for Writing Task 1
- Writing (2): Revision exercises for Writing Task 2
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 10: Education

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about the education system and university education
- Listening: A conversation between an admissions officer at an evening school and a prospective student; a talk about methods of study at universities in the UK
- Reading: Course information about Learndirect; an article about learning to read and write
- Writing: A letter asking for information; a composition discussing arguments for and against
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 1 of the Speaking Test

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Unit 11: Developing world

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about a variety of development issues and aid
- Listening: A radio talk about an international charity; a discussion about a British invention
- Reading: An article about development projects; an article about improving living conditions for Maasai people
- Writing: A letter of advice, and a composition giving and justifying your opinion
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

Unit 12: Science & technology

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about the Internet, astronomy, sciences and scientists
- Listening: A telephone conversation about a faulty washing machine; a lecture about setting up a website
- Reading: An article about the British Broadcasting Corporation; an article about the differences in men and women
- Writing: A letter of praise; a composition discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test