## 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
- **Reading:** 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 southwest 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
### Syllabus

**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
| 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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