



Course Overview

The BroadLEARN IELTS online test preparation course contains over 120 hours of interactive learning materials. The course consists of two main components: Test Preparation and Test Practice.

The test preparation component contains 34 units, including instructional text, 183 interactive learning activities, 58 video sequences and over 90 minutes of audio recordings. The learning materials are organised into the four skill areas, Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, reflecting the layout of the IELTS test. The materials offer learners comprehensive preparation and realistic practice for the Academic and General Training versions of the IELTS exam.

The test practice component features three complete IELTS practice tests for Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. The practice tests make use of multimedia technology to provide a realistic experience of taking the test under exam conditions. They have been written by highly qualified and experienced IELTS preparation teachers from The University of Queensland's Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education and have been thoroughly checked and edited to authentically represent the IELTS test in terms of content, level of difficulty, and question types.

The course also features valuable teaching and learning resources including:

- a 3D pronunciation tool, which allows learners to see and hear the correct pronunciation of words and sounds
- a mirror camera, which allows learners to record video of their mouth image and compare with sample videos
- a dictionary with over 10 000 words (including definitions and audio)
- an audio recorder, which allows learners to record their answers and compare them with the sample audio.

These resources provide further opportunities to exploit the materials, thereby extending the length of the estimated time required to complete them, as outlined in the breakdown below.

The course has been designed in such a way that 120 hours can be seen as the minimum time needed to complete it. This can be extensively increased depending on the amount of review of each of the objects and tasks which individual students undertake. In other words, the time needed to complete the materials depends on the extent to which sample answers are analysed, the utilization of the self-assessment checklists, and the degree to which learners comprehensively use the pronunciation and dictionary tools.

A breakdown of the test preparation and practice test components of the online course follows.

I. Breakdown of Test Preparation Module

Skill	Details	Estimated Timing
Speaking	<p>9 units designed to give learners a detailed understanding of each stage of the speaking test. Supported by video materials which</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• let learners see and feel what it is like to take the speaking test• allow learners to practise their test-taking techniques and language skills in interactive exercises with a video examiner. <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1: a general overview of the speaking test• Units 2 & 3: part 1 of the speaking test• Units 4 & 5: part 2 of the speaking test• Units 6-8: part 3 of the speaking test• Unit 9: a guided practice of the whole test.	27 hours
Listening	<p>7 units designed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• develop the listening skills tested in IELTS• familiarise the learner with the varying demands of the four sections of the listening test• provide analysis of the various tasks found in the test and give training in using effective strategies when tackling them <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1: a general overview of the listening test• Unit 2: important listening skills• Unit 3: Section 1 of the listening test• Unit 4: Section 2 of the listening test• Unit 5: Section 3 of the listening test• Unit 6: Section 4 of the listening test• Unit 7: a guided practice of the whole test.	21 hours



Reading	<p>8 units designed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop the reading skills tested in IELTS familiarise the learner with the varying demands of the reading test provide analysis of the various tasks found in the test and give training in using effective strategies when tackling them <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1: a general overview of the Academic reading test Unit 2: important reading skills Unit 3: Short Answer & Sentence Completion Unit 4: Headings & Global Multiple Choice Unit 5: Locating, Multiple Choice, Sentence Completion from a Box Unit 6: Labelling & Noting Unit 7: Identifying Information or Views Unit 8: Classification & Matching 	24 hours
Writing	<p>9 units designed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop the specific writing skills tested in the IELTS Academic and General Training Writing tests provide an analysis of tasks 1 & 2 and give training in using effective strategies when tackling them develop the ability to quickly understand and analyse graphics (tables, diagrams, flowcharts, graphs and maps) in task 1 (Academic) provide extensive practice in selecting and organising information to produce clear and logical answers in tasks 1 & 2 <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1: Overview <p>Task 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 2: Understanding Visual Information (AC) / Writing a Letter (GT) Unit 3: Describing Graphs, Tables & Charts Unit 4: Describing Diagrams, Processes & Maps <p>Task 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 5: Understanding the Question Unit 6: Selecting & Organising Ideas Unit 7: Writing Sentences & Paragraphs Unit 8: Introductions & Conclusions Unit 9: Guided Practice Test 	32 hours

II. Breakdown of Practice Tests

Skill	Details	Estimated Timing
Speaking	<p>3 complete, timed speaking tests suitable for independent study or classroom use with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information about the format, content, and conditions of the speaking test audio-visual support sample answers self-assessment checklists 	1 hour
Listening	<p>3 complete, timed listening tests suitable for independent study or classroom use with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information about the format, content, and conditions of the listening test audio audio scripts answer keys 	4 hours
Reading	<p>3 complete, timed reading tests suitable for independent study or classroom use with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information about the format, content, and conditions of the reading test materials taken from authentic publication sources answer keys 	4 hours
Writing	<p>6 complete, timed writing tests (Academic & General Training) suitable for independent study or classroom use with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information about the format, content, and conditions of the writing test sample answers 	8 hours