

Introduction

Focus on IELTS is an online course, designed for students who are thinking of taking the Cambridge IELTS exam. It consists of 12 modules and 200 units of English, and provides approximately 120 hours of study for students.

Course aims

General

- To take students from CEFR B2 up to C1;
- To give students information about, coaching in and practice in all areas of the IELTS exam, to enable them to be fully prepared when it comes to them taking the test;
- The course blends grammatical structures necessary for this level, with vocabulary, including collocations, phrasal verbs and idioms, spelling, reading, listening, writing and speaking.

Grammar

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- use present, past and future tenses accurately in the simple and continuous forms;
- be proficient in the use of perfect tenses, in the simple and continuous forms;
- use conditionals to talk about real and unreal situations, in present, past, and future situations;
- report what people said, using correct verb forms and correctly used reporting verbs;
- talk about actions and states using active and passive forms appropriately;
- use modal verbs appropriately to perform a variety of functions, and use past modals when necessary;
- use a variety of linking words and phrases to express ideas such as addition, contrast, reason and conclusion;
- use verbs in a grammatically correct way, regarding transitivity, and what forms follow them;
- compare adjectives and adverbs using more advanced comparatives and superlatives;
- talk about quantity.

Vocabulary

By the end of the course students will have learnt approximately 1000 lexical items, including gradable and non-gradable adjectives and adverbs, phrasal verbs, idiomatic language and lexical sets.

Skills

By the end of the course students will have had exposure to and practice in reading and listening to a wide variety of material, both formal and informal, from a range of settings, using different registers.

Writing

We mark student compositions and spoken recordings by hand, not by computer.

This means students get much more accurate feedback on their spoken and written English.

They simply write their compositions and press **Send**, or record their spoken tasks directly onto their phone or computer and press **Send**.

We will receive them and have them marked and sent back to them with corrections within 72 hours.

Simple!

Revision

Each of the 12 modules has a revision test, which gives students another chance to test themselves on the grammar and vocabulary they have learnt during the module. These tests are cumulative, which means the material learnt in each unit is tested at the end of that unit and also in subsequent revision tests, meaning the tests get longer as more material is tested each time.

Exam practice

Each module concentrates on a different area of the IELTS exam, giving information about the exam, tips on how to answer the questions and advice about where students often make mistakes. It then tests them on that part of the exam.

Entry and exit tests

Before beginning the course, the student is invited to take an Entry test, which consists of a complete Reading and Listening paper from the exam. At the end of the course, the student is invited to take another complete Reading and Listening paper and the student's result is analysed by the program, giving a percentage of improvement and predicts a grade in the actual exam they take.

Course summary

Module	Unit focus	Notes
Introductory		An introduction to the course the student will be taking
	Exam	IELTS basics: General Information
	Exam	IELTS basics: Listening paper
	Exam	IELTS basics: Reading paper
	Exam	IELTS basics: Writing paper
	Exam	IELTS basics: Speaking paper
	Entry test	Focus on IELTS Entry Test
Module 1	Grammar	Present Tenses
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character and mood
	Grammar	Past Tenses
	Vocabulary	Jobs and professions
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 01
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 01
	Spelling	Spelling test 01
	Reading	A Winter's Tale
	Listening	Chess
	Reading	Buddhism
	Listening	A traffic report
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 01 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Short-answer questions
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Short-answer questions
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Listening - Multiple Choice
Exam	IELTS practice: Listening - Multiple choice	
Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Sentence completion	
Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Sentence completion	

Module 2	Vocabulary	Parts of the body
	Grammar	Countable and Uncountable nouns
	Vocabulary	Transport
	Grammar	Comparatives and superlatives
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 02
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 02
	Spelling	Spelling test 02
	Reading	Michelangelo
	Listening	The internet
	Reading	Oxford
	Listening	Waiting at the airport
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 02 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - matching headings
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Matching headings
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Listening - Completing a table
	Exam	IELTS practice: Listening - Completing a table
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - True/False/Not given
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - True/False/Not given
Module 3	Grammar	Feeling ill 1
	Vocabulary	Present Perfect
	Vocabulary	Feeling ill 2
	Grammar	Present Perfect Continuous
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 03
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 03
	Spelling	Spelling test 03
	Reading	Shakespeare's early life
	Listening	Working in London
	Reading	The European Commission Audit
	Revision	My love affair with music
	Exam	Focus on IELTS, Module 03 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Complete a table
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Complete a table
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Listening - Short-answer questions
	Exam	IELTS practice: Listening - Short-answer questions
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Matching exercises
		IELTS practice: Reading - Matching exercises
Module 4	Vocabulary	Gradable and non gradable adjectives
	Grammar	Going to and Will

	Vocabulary	Confusing Words 1
	Grammar	Future Continuous
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 04
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 04
	Spelling	Spelling test 04
	Reading	The Naadam festival in Mongolia
	Listening	Zimbabwe
	Reading	Being polite in Japanese
	Listening	Brand loyalty
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 04 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Who thinks what?
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Who thinks what?
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Listening - Selecting from a list
	Exam	practice: Listening - Selecting from a list
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Label a diagram
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Label a diagram
Module 5	Vocabulary	Clothes 1
	Grammar	So and Such
	Vocabulary	Clothes 2
	Grammar	Too and Enough
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 05
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 05
	Spelling	Spelling test 05
	Reading	Aspirin
	Listening	Robots for the home
	Reading	Gabriel Garcia Marquez
	Listening	How luxury brands are surviving the recession
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 05 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS coaching: Reading - Choosing from a list
	Exam	IELTS practice: Reading - Choosing from a list
	Exam	IELTS coaching - Sentence completion
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Listening - Sentence completion
	Vocabulary	Containers
	Grammar	Say and Tell
	Vocabulary	Household chores
	Grammar	Ed and Ing adjectives
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 06
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 06

	Spelling	Spelling test 06
	Reading	Garlic
	Listening	Innovative advertising techniques
	Reading	NAFTA
	Listening	The Tin Drum
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 06 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete reading paper 1
Module 7	Vocabulary	Shops
	Grammar	Articles
	Vocabulary	Verbs connected with cooking
	Grammar	Few and a few
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 07
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 07
	Spelling	Spelling test 07
	Reading	Oxford University
	Listening	The origin of crosswords
	Reading	Paraguay
	Listening	Novelist Alistair Maclean
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 07 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete listening paper 1
Module 8	Vocabulary	Shapes and dimensions
	Grammar	Gerunds and infinitives
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 2
	Grammar	Conjunctions and connectors
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 08
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 08
	Spelling	Spelling test 08
	Reading	Simon Bolivar
	Listening	Gambling addiction
	Reading	The Basque language
	Listening	Beowulf
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 08 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete writing paper 1
Module 9	Vocabulary	Things in the bedroom
	Grammar	Past Perfect
	Vocabulary	Things in the kitchen
	Grammar	Past modals - Must and Should
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 09

	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 09
	Spelling	Spelling test 09
	Reading	The Black Death
	Listening	Burma
	Reading	The life of Aristotle
	Listening	Crocodiles
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 09 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete writing paper 1
Module 10	Vocabulary	Things in the living room
	Grammar	The Passive
	Vocabulary	Parts of the house
	Grammar	Question tags
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 10
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 10
	Spelling	Spelling test 10
	Reading	The Spice Girls
	Listening	Cyber waste
	Reading	Albert Einstein
	Listening	David Beckham
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 10 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete reading paper 2
Module 11	Vocabulary	Make and do
	Grammar	Relative Clauses
	Vocabulary	Confusing words 3
	Grammar	Verb Patterns
	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 11
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 11
	Spelling	Spelling test 01
	Reading	Architecture in the 1960's
	Listening	Mars
	Reading	Albert Einstein
	Listening	Sao Tome
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 11 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete listening paper 2
Module 12	Vocabulary	Animals
	Grammar	Reported Speech
	Vocabulary	Adjectives of character
	Grammar	Third Conditional

	Vocabulary	Phrasal verbs 12
	Vocabulary	Wordbuilding 12
	Spelling	Spelling test 02
	Reading	Influenza
	Listening	Self esteem
	Reading	Khartoum
	Listening	Tony Blair
	Revision	Focus on IELTS, Module 12 Revision test
	Exam	IELTS Practice: Complete writing paper 2

Follow-up

Students completing the **Focus on IELTS** course should feel confident in tackling any advanced course, including our **Focus on CAE** course.