

IELTS Teacher Training Workshops Overview

Our IELTS teacher training workshops are aimed at teachers who are preparing students for the Academic module of the IELTS test. The workshops are delivered by one of our own specialist IELTS teacher trainers and can be adapted to meet the needs of both native and non-native English teachers.

The workshops provide participants with a brief overview of the IELTS test including the test format and a guide to test results. This is followed by an analysis of the main features of each paper, focussing on those aspects which students may find more difficult. A brief overview of the British Council's Road to IELTS online IELTS preparation material is included in each workshop, with suggestions for ways teachers can exploit this material, both in class and for student self-access.

Each skill workshop takes between 2 and 4 hours and up to two skills can be combined into a 5 or 6-hour workshop. The workshops involve active participation by teachers and provide them with practical classroom activities to improve their students' skills, strategies and performance in the test.

IELTS Writing Test Workshop Overview

This workshop provides an in-depth look at the IELTS Writing test, which includes:

- a description of IELTS Writing Task 1 including the marking criteria and some typical problems
- an analysis of approaches for dealing with Task 1, including understanding the question, looking at main trends and patterns, and paragraph organisation.
- A description of Task 2 including the marking criteria and some typical problems
- A discussion and practice of strategies for dealing with Task 2, including brainstorming, selecting information and ordering information
- A look at how students can improve their writing through awareness of register, use of linking phrases, and self-correction

Learning Outcomes for IELTS Writing Test Workshop

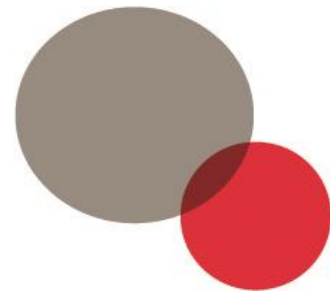
By the end of this workshop participants will be able to

- explain the format of the IELTS Writing test
- help students understand the differences between the two tasks, and how to use the appropriate techniques and strategies for each
- help students to improve their own writing

IELTS Speaking Test Workshop Overview

This workshop provides an in-depth look at the IELTS Speaking test, which includes:

- an examination of the 3 parts of the test
- a discussion of the marking criteria and skills students need to approach the Speaking test
- classroom activities to practice skills and tactics for each section
- watching, discussing and analysing DVD clips of candidates taking the IELTS Speaking test



Learning Outcomes for IELTS Speaking Test Workshop

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- explain the format of the speaking test to their students
- describe the different techniques and strategies for each section of the test
- use a number of classroom activities to help students develop their confidence, and improve their spoken accuracy and fluency
- adapt teaching methods and materials to give students further IELTS speaking practice

IELTS Listening Test Workshop Overview

This workshop provides an in-depth look at the IELTS Listening test, which includes:

- an examination of the 4 sections
- an analysis of the main question types
- classroom activities to practise tactics and approaches for tackling the questions
- a brief look at the marking systems, band scores and some recommendations for further practice

Learning Outcomes for IELTS Listening Test Workshop

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- explain the format of the Listening test to their students
- describe the different question and task types
- explain and practise tactics and techniques for dealing with the tasks and typical problems
- adapt teaching methods and materials to give students further IELTS listening practice

IELTS Reading Test Workshop Overview

This workshop provides an in-depth look at the IELTS Reading test, which includes:

- an examination of the format of the test
- an analysis of the main question types
- a survey and discussion of reading skills and strategies
- classroom activities to practise the skills and strategies with different task types

Learning Outcomes for IELTS Reading Test Workshop

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- explain the format of the reading test to their students
- describe the different question types and tasks
- help students develop appropriate reading skills and strategies
- use a number of practical classroom activities to help their students' reading comprehension