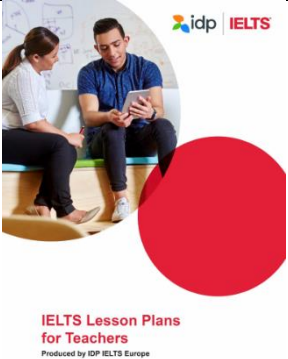


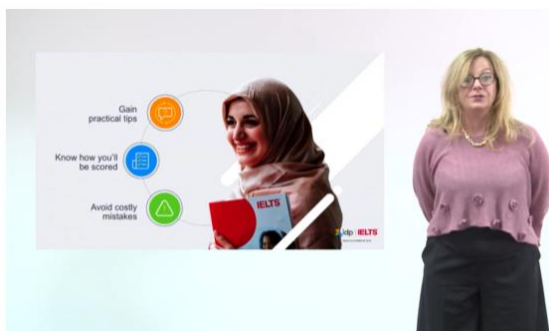
# IELTS Writing Task 1: Resources for Teachers and Candidates

## IDP Resources

Introduction to the resource	Further information related to Writing Task 1
 <p><b>Lesson Plans for teachers</b> with cover sheets summarising content and skills focus.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-teachers-area">www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-teachers-area</a></p>	<p>Those relevant to Writing Task 1 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing Task 1: Describing trends in graphs</li> <li>2. Writing Task1: Describing data in charts</li> <li>3. Writing Task 1: Describing Maps</li> </ol>



### Masterclass on Writing Task 1



From a series of one-hour videos focusing on each part of the test. Our IELTS experts describe the structure of the test and marking criteria; explain the types of questions to expect followed by a detailed look at how to tackle them. They include tips on test techniques and skills development as well opportunities to practise.

The Writing Task 1 Masterclass is available via the 'Preparation blog' section of the IDP Europe website: <https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/ielts-writing-task-1-masterclass>

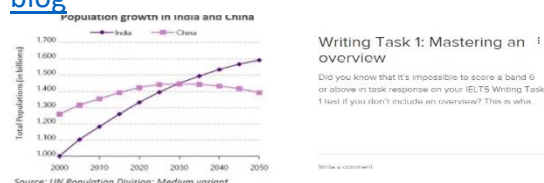
In this 1-hour video Masterclass on Writing Task 1, we look at how to approach the questions in this part of the test, providing tips and tools needed to improve candidates' writing scores. We cover the 3 key things you need to do when answering all Task 1 questions, including the less common map and process questions.

We also cover:

- Specific vocabulary and grammar to use
- The marking criteria in detail, so candidates know exactly what the examiner is looking for
- Dos and don'ts for this part of the test
- Interactive sections to let you try out our tips and advice.

### IELTS Europe Blog

A range of articles on different topics, including many on Writing Task 1. New blog posts are normally posted once a fortnight. <https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-europe-blog>



Blog posts relevant to Writing Task 1 currently include:

- Writing Task 1: Writing an overview: <https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/writing-task-1-mastering-an-overview>
- Spelling and IELTS

### IELTS Essentials blog (global)

The global IDP IELTS website and the regional site in Canada also house very comprehensive blogs which are both updated with new posts regularly.



#### IELTS Academic Writing Task 1: How to reach a band 7 or higher in Task Achievement

Published on December 23, 2019

Test takers often struggle with deciding what to present and how to present an IELTS Academic Writing Task 1 response. We will take a closer look at IELTS Academic Writing Task 1, Task Achievement and the features you need to include in your response

Categories IELTS Academic, Writing

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#### IELTS Writing skills: the paragraph

Published on September 5, 2019

If you want to improve your IELTS writing score, you're going to have to write paragraphs like an expert. If it's for work emails, for school assignments, or for IELTS tasks, here are five tips to help you ace\* your paragraphing.

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#### Referencing in IELTS writing

Published on August 26, 2019

Today, we'll be focusing on an important aspect of coherence and cohesion known as referencing, in the IELTS Writing test.

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#### Common Academic Writing Task 1 Questions

Published on December 18, 2017

There are a variety of question types that you may see in Task 1 on the IELTS exam. However, there are a limited number of question types and some are more common than others. Here are the different types of questions you may encounter and strategies

Categories IELTS Academic, Writing

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#### How to be test day ready for the IELTS writing test

Published on December 5, 2017

So, are you ready to write on test day? There are a lot of things to remember, review, and familiarize yourself with for the writing test. This article covers some important points connected to that.

Categories Writing

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Blog posts relevant to Writing Task 1 include:

#### On the IDP global blog

- Writing Task 1: How to achieve a band 7 or higher in task achievement:  
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/12/23/ielts-academic-writing-task-1-how-to-reach-a-band-7-or-higher-in-task-achievement>
- IELTS Writing Skills: The paragraph:  
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/09/05/ielts-writing-skills-the-paragraph>
- IELTS grammar study guide: Future forms:  
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/07/29/ielts-grammar-study-guide-future-forms>
- IELTS grammar study guide: The passive voice:  
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/04/29/ielts-grammar-study-guide-the-passive-voice>
- Organising your writing on the IELTS:  
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/03/11/organizing-your-writing-on-the-ielts>
- Punctuation and the IELTS Writing Test:  
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/10/16/punctuation-and-the-ielts-writing-test>

#### On the IDP Canada blog:

- IELTS Academic Task 1 – A strategy for writing about more than one graph:  
<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2019/12/ielts-academic-task-one-a-strategy-for-writing-about-more-than-one-graph/>
- Task 1 and 2: Similarities and differences:  
<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2018/05/task-1-and-2-similarities-and-differences/>
- Task 1 and 2 language: What you need to know:





**Task 1 and 2: Similarities and Differences**

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 At first glance, you may not think Task 1 and 2 are related at all. However, there are differences and similarities to be aware of when tackling these tasks. Here are some of the differences [...]



**Task 1 and 2 Language: What You Need to Know**

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 When writing a Task 1 or Task 2, it can be difficult finding the balance between sounding natural and being too informal. Here are some tips for writing effectively while remaining formal. Generalizing To a [...]

<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2018/03/task-1-2-language-need-know>

- Common Task 1 types: <https://ieltscanadatest.com/2017/12/common-task-1-type/>
- Rephrasing: Academic Writing Task 1: <https://ieltscanadatest.com/tag/task-1-writing/>

**IELTS Study Forum**

Intended mainly for IELTS candidates but open to all, to post questions about the test.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-study-forum>

Candidates and teachers can add questions to the forum at any time for a speedy response from an IELTS expert. We also host live 1-hour forums on a particular skill where questions are answered by our experts within minutes. All questions and answers remain for future visitors to view and possibly leave comments or questions.

All questions and answers for the Writing Forum can be found here: <https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-study-forum/ielts-writing>

A document with the questions and answers from our first Writing study forum is on the IELTS Europe blog.



Title	Comments	Reactions	Views	Recent Activity
How to do task 1 Sara - Discussion	3	1	19	Feb 14
Questions types for Task 2 Madd - Discussion	1	1	17	Jan 17



**Instagram**

One of IDP Europe’s social media channels which includes regular posts on tips (visuals or video extracts), test dates, events, testimonials and more:

[https://www.instagram.com/idp\\_ielts\\_europe](https://www.instagram.com/idp_ielts_europe)



A variety of posts providing tips and strategies for Writing Task 1.

**IELTS Writing**

- Write an introduction that paraphrases the question
- Think about using the passive voice
- Think about what tense to use [normally present simple]
- Use sequencing words such as firstly, next, then, after this, finally
- Write the overview summarising the process and number of steps or stages involved
- Don't forget to include specific data [temperature in this example]

Try writing an answer to this process.  
Swipe to see an example and compare yours to ours!

**Facebook**

Another of IDP Europe’s social media channels which includes regular posts on tips (visuals or video extracts), test dates, events, testimonials and more:

[www.facebook.com/IELTS.IDP.Europe](http://www.facebook.com/IELTS.IDP.Europe)



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Germany	22%	33%	15%	18%
UK	27%	32%	11%	11%
Turkey	36%	28%	12%	10%
Spain	31%	18%	8%	10%

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**IELTS Essentials YouTube channel**

Videos providing tips and advice for candidates.



Videos of relevance to Writing Task 1 include:

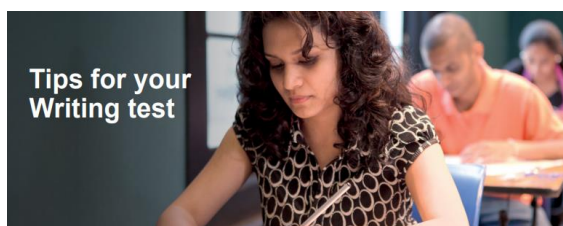
- **IELTS Advantage** - featuring more than 40 minutes of IELTS tips, presented by IELTS Expert, Don Oliver, including FAQs on the Writing Test
- **Writing Test Tips** for Computer Delivered IELTS (CDIELTS) – various videos available
- **IELTS Writing Assist** – an introduction to this service which allows candidates to practise their writing skills and receive a personalised action plan to improve their score
- **Handy tips to help with your Writing test on a computer!** - Explaining IELTS on computer
- **Understanding the IELTS assessment criteria**







**IELTS Support Tools**

A booklet, available online, which provides an overview of the IELTS test and some tools and advice to help candidates prepare.

[https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1\\_6e194e9077c940d8bec10a11c4e04b1e.pdf](https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1_6e194e9077c940d8bec10a11c4e04b1e.pdf)

The document includes tips for the Writing test, alongside the marking criteria for Writing Task 1.



 <p><b>IELTS Guide for Teachers</b> Provides further information about the test, detailed descriptions of test scores and resources to assist in preparing students for IELTS.</p> <p>It also has information about the professional development opportunities for teachers offered by IELTS examining and research.</p> <p><a href="https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1_7ab7ee731d204b57bf8167647862f53f.pdf">https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1_7ab7ee731d204b57bf8167647862f53f.pdf</a></p>	<p>To support teachers in preparing candidates for Writing Task 1, this document provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of each part of the test</li> <li>• A breakdown of the marking criteria for each skill</li> <li>• Tips from teachers on preparing candidates for each part of the test</li> <li>• The Writing Task 1 marking criteria.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Free IELTS Practice tests</b> Available from the IELTS Europe website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-esercitazioni-pratiche">https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-esercitazioni-pratiche</a></p>	<p>Specific Writing Task 1 papers are available for both the paper-based and computer delivered test formats.</p>
<p><b>IELTS Progress Check</b> IELTS Progress Check provides access to full online IELTS practice tests marked by IELTS experts. You will receive an indicative band score for each section of the IELTS test and an indicative overall band score. This service needs to be paid for.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare/ielts-progress-check">https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare/ielts-progress-check</a></p>	<p>There are four different practice tests available, each one containing a Writing Task 1 component.</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Practice all 4 IELTS test sections</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>All tests are marked by official IELTS markers</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Receive your indicative band score in 5 working days</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Receive an official feedback report in 5 working days</p> </div> </div>



## Other resources

The following websites provide useful advice and resources to help prepare candidates for all aspects of the IELTS test:

- **IELTS.org – the main IELTS website.** Includes an IELTS for teachers section with YouTube video teaching tips for the classroom: <https://www.ielts.org/teaching-and-research/ielts-for-teachers>
- [www.ielts-simon.com](http://www.ielts-simon.com) – a valuable source of advice and mini lessons on different areas of the IELTS exam with a section dedicated to IELTS Writing Task 1. He provides sample answers and other tips and strategies on how to approach this part of the test
- <http://www.ieltsbuddy.com> - online lessons, practice for all papers, vocabulary, grammar and sample reports and essays with a section dedicated to Writing Task 1
- <http://ieltsliz.com> - tips, lessons and other useful information from a UK-based IELTS teacher, Liz. She also has a very comprehensive YouTube channel and a website section dedicated to Writing Task 1.