


IELTS Reading: Resources for Teachers and Candidates

IDP Resources

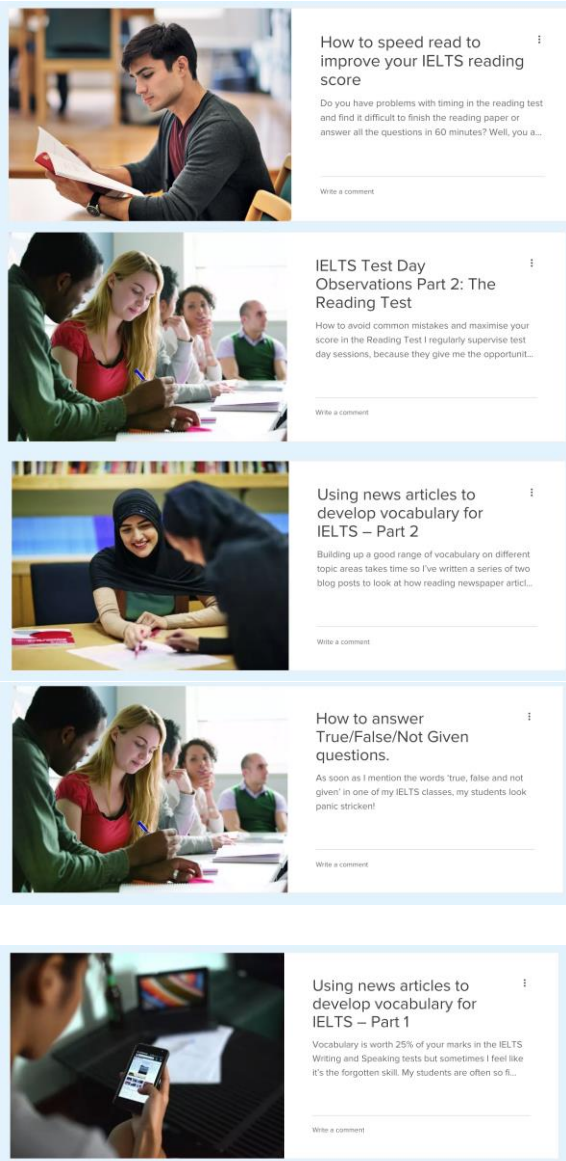
Introduction to the resource	Further information related to Reading – Academic Module
 <p>Lesson Plans for teachers with cover sheets summarising content and skills focus.</p> <p>IELTS Lesson Plans for Teachers Produced by IDP IELTS Europe</p> <p>www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-teachers-area</p>	<p>Those relevant to Reading include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Reading: Prediction Skills 2. Academic Reading: Exploiting Texts 3. Academic Reading: Cohesion & Coherence [Analysis Text Construction]

IELTS Europe.org - Blog

Range of articles on different topics, including many on Reading.

New blog posts are normally posted once a fortnight.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-europe-blog>



Blog posts relevant to Reading currently include:

- Speed Reading to improve your Reading Score

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/how-to-speed-read-to-improve-your-ielts-reading-score>

- Test Day Observations – Avoid Mistakes when tackling the Reading Paper.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/ielts-test-day-observations-part-2-the-reading-test>

- Using news articles to develop Vocabulary – Increase you range of useful vocabulary by reading newspapers. [Part 2]

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/using-news-articles-to-develop-vocabulary-for-ielts-part-2>

- How to answer True/False/Not Given Questions.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/how-to-answer-true-false-not-given-questions>

- Using news articles to develop Vocabulary – Increase you range of useful vocabulary by reading newspapers. [Part 1]

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/using-news-articles-to-develop-vocabulary-for-ielts-part-1>

IELTS Europe.org - Useful videos

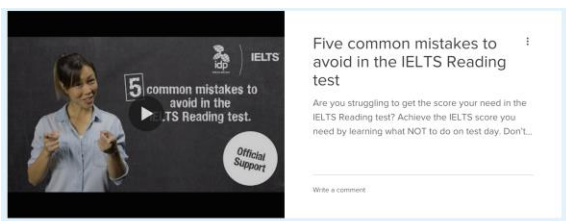
Some useful videos to help prepare for the Reading paper for both computer and paper based versions of the test.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-europe-blog>



- Handy tips to help you do the reading paper on a computer.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/explaining-ielts-on-computer-5>

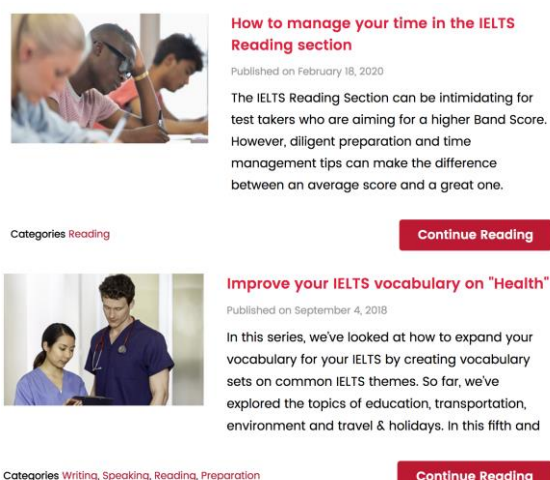


- Five common mistakes to avoid in the Reading Test.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/post/five-common-mistakes-to-avoid-in-the-ielts-reading-test>

Blogs - IELTS Essentials

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



Reading blog posts can be found here:







<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/category/reading>

- How to manage your time in the reading section

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2020/02/18/how-to-manage-your-time-in-the-ielts-reading-section>

- Improve your vocabulary on Health

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/09/04/improve-your-ielts-vocabulary-on-health>

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<p>Blogs – IDP Canada</p> <p>Examiner Approved Tips</p> <p>For each section of the test, our examiners have compiled their top tips to help you perform your best. Click on the image to open up the tips!</p> <div> <div data-bbox="193 1518 240 1534"> <p>Listening</p> </div> <div data-bbox="467 1518 510 1534"> <p>Reading</p> </div> </div> <div> <div data-bbox="193 1534 467 1729">  </div> <div data-bbox="467 1534 743 1729">  </div> </div>	

Tips for Improving Your English Language Reading Skills

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In the last post we began our discussion about improving your listening skills to help prepare for the IELTS

Skimming and Scanning

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What's the difference between skimming and scanning? Skimming is reading quickly to find the general overview of the passage. Scanning is reading quickly to find specific details in the passage. What are some skimming [...]



Reading Strategies: Matching Headings

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Heading match questions on the IELTS test are notorious for being difficult. Some reasons are: They are time consuming. There are often more headings than paragraphs. Some headings are very similar. Headings can be misleading [...]



Preparing for the IELTS Reading Module: Selecting Your Own Reading Materials

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Sometimes IELTS practice materials can be boring. You end up sleeping more than studying during your important preparation time. So why not choose your own practice reading materials? Let's start with an analogy. Imagine [...]



- Improve your English language reading skills – part 2

<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2017/01/tips-for-improving-your-english-language-reading-skills-part-two/>

- Skimming and Scanning







<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2018/06/skimmi-ng-and-scanning/>

- Reading Strategies: Matching Headings

<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2017/11/reading-strategies-matching-headings/>

- Preparing for IELTS Reading module: Selecting your own Reading Materials

<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2017/09/preparing-for-the-ielts-reading-module-selecting-your-own-reading-materials/>

 <p>Three Passages, One Hour - Reading Skills</p> <p>© November 9, 2016 by  Andrea Castro</p> <p>We all read different kinds of writing every single day, but have you ever thought about how we do this? For example, imagine the following situations. How do we read in each case? Are there [...]</p>  <p>Top Ten Literary Works for ESL Readers</p> <p>© May 17, 2017 by  Lauren McKenzie</p> <p>Develop Reading Skills and a Love of Reading You may hear tips for the IELTS reading exam like: don't read the whole passage or learn to speed read, but the best way to improve your [...]</p>  <p>Use Summary Writing to Improve English Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills</p> <p>© April 27, 2017 by  IELTS</p> <p>Summary writing allows you to combine both English reading comprehension and writing into a single task that focuses on both skills. It's important to understand what summary writing is first, so you can get the [...]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three passages in one hour – reading skills https://ieltscanadatest.com/2016/11/three-passages-one-hour-reading-skills/ • Top Ten Literary Works for ESL Readers https://ieltscanadatest.com/2017/05/top-ten-literary-works-for-esl-readers/ • Use Summary Writing to Improve your English Reading Comprehension https://ieltscanadatest.com/2017/04/use-summary-writing-to-improve-english-reading-comprehension-and-writing-skills/
<p>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</p> <p>Candidates and teachers can add questions to the forum at any time for a speedy</p>	<p>All questions and answers for the Writing Forum can be found here: https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-study-forum/ielts-reading</p>

response from an IELTS expert. We also host live 1-hour forums on a particular skill; during which our experts answer questions within a few minutes. All questions and answers remain for future visitors to view and possibly leave comments or questions.

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



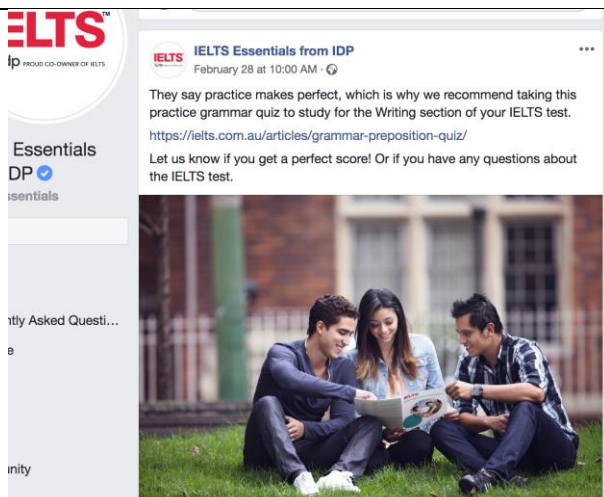
A variety of posts providing tips and strategies for Academic Reading.



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



Preparation Course for Reading Paper on IELTS Essentials global website

A really useful FREE preparation course which gives step by step guide on how to answer each type of question in both Academic and General Training papers. Available for all parts of the test.

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare/preparation-course/reading/multiple-choice>

YouTube channel

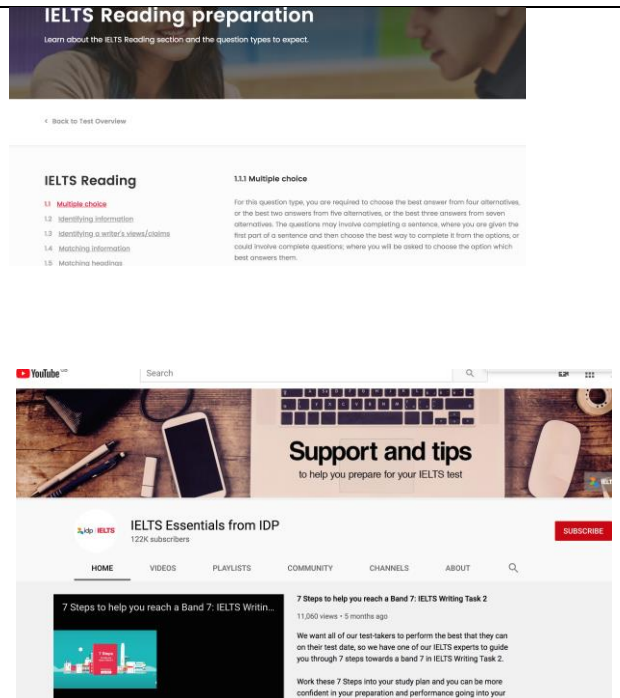
Videos providing tips and advice for candidates on all aspects of the test

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLvKoEsZtbb0qY7YbLeYq7Q>

IELTS Support Tools

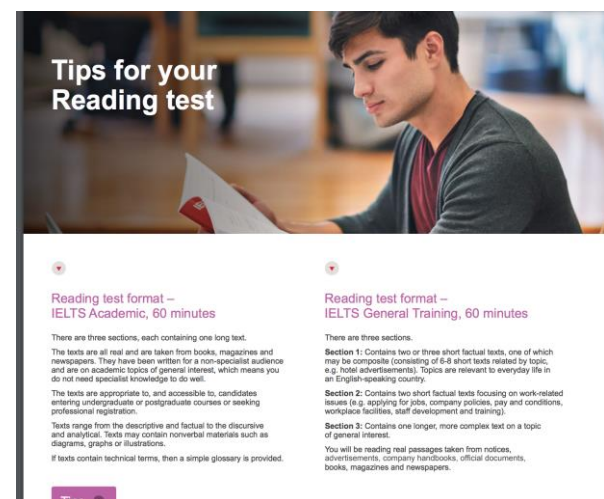
A booklet, available online, which provides an overview of the IELTS test and some tools and advice to help candidates prepare.

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The screenshot shows the IELTS Reading preparation course website and a YouTube channel. The website has a header with the title 'IELTS Reading preparation' and a sub-header 'Learn about the IELTS Reading section and the question types to expect.' Below this is a navigation bar with a 'Back to Test Overview' link. The main content area is titled 'IELTS Reading' and lists various question types: Multiple choice, Identifying information, Identifying a writer's views/positions, Matching information, Matching features, and Matching headings. A section titled '1.1.1 Multiple choice' provides a detailed explanation of this question type. Below the website screenshot is a YouTube channel page for 'IELTS Essentials from IDP' with 122K subscribers. The channel features a video titled '7 Steps to help you reach a Band 7: IELTS Writing Task 2' with 11,000 views and 5 months ago. The video description mentions that the channel provides tips and advice for candidates on all aspects of the test.

The document includes tips for the Reading Paper.



The screenshot shows a document titled 'Tips for your Reading test'. The document is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Reading test format – IELTS Academic, 60 minutes' and describes the format of the Academic test, including the number of sections and the types of texts used. The right column is titled 'Reading test format – IELTS General Training, 60 minutes' and describes the format of the General Training test, including the number of sections and the types of texts used. The document also includes a section titled 'Tips' which provides advice on how to approach the Reading test.

 <p>IELTS Guide for Teachers 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>https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1_7ab7ee731d204b57bf8167647862f53f.pdf</p>	<p>To support teachers in preparing candidates for all parts of the test, this document provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of each part of the test • A breakdown of the marking criteria for each skill • Tips from teachers on preparing candidates for each part of the test • The Writing Task 1 marking criteria.
 <p>Free IELTS Practice tests Available from the IELTS Europe website:</p> <p>https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-esercitazioni-pratiche</p>	<p>Specific Academic papers are available for both the paper-based and computer delivered test formats.</p>
<p>IELTS Reading Assist – an introduction to this service, which allows candidates to practise their Reading skills and receive a personalised action plan to improve their score. This service is available at an additional cost.</p> <p>https://ieltscanadatest.com/prepare-for-ielts/ielts-writing-reading-assist/</p>	 <p>IELTS Reading Assist Complete the reading assist task and an English language expert will advise how you can improve your reading skills. Contact your IELTS test centre to get access to this service.</p>

IELTS Progress Check

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.

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare/ielts-progress-check>

There are four different practice tests available, each one containing a Reading paper.



Practice all 4 IELTS test sections



All tests are marked by official IELTS markers



Receive your indicative band score in 5 working days



Receive an official feedback report in 5 working days

Other resources

The following websites and self-study books provide useful advice and resources to help prepare candidates for all aspects of the IELTS test.

The books can also be a good source of supplementary material for use by teachers in a classroom situation.

- **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 – a valuable source of advice and mini lessons on different areas of the IELTS exam with a section dedicated to the Reading Paper.
- <http://ieltsliz.com> - tips, lessons and other useful information from a UK-based IELTS teacher, Liz.

Self Study Books

- **IELTS Trainer** by Louise Hashemi & Barbara Thomas [Cambridge University Press 2011]
- **The Official Cambridge Guide to IELTS** by Pauline Cullen, Amanda French, Vanessa Jakeman [Cambridge University Press & UCLES 2014]