
IELTS at IFS

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IELTS is an examination offered by the British Council. It is one of the most recognized language assessments in the world, and is offered in two versions: General and Academic.

At IFS, you will take the Academic exam which assesses all four language skills, Speaking, Reading, Listening and Writing.

IELTS is a reference for many organizations who wish to know your level in English.

Entry to university, careers, or internships

Language requirements for immigration and visa purposes

Clear knowledge of your level in English when you leave IFS

Components of the examination

Listening: 40 questions - 30 minutes

4 sections, different native speaker accents used

Reading: 40 questions - 60 minutes

3 sections, 3 long texts

Writing: 2 tasks - 60 minutes

Task 1 - 150 words, Task 2 - 250 words

Speaking: 3 parts - 11-15 minutes with an examiner

How is the IELTS exam scored?

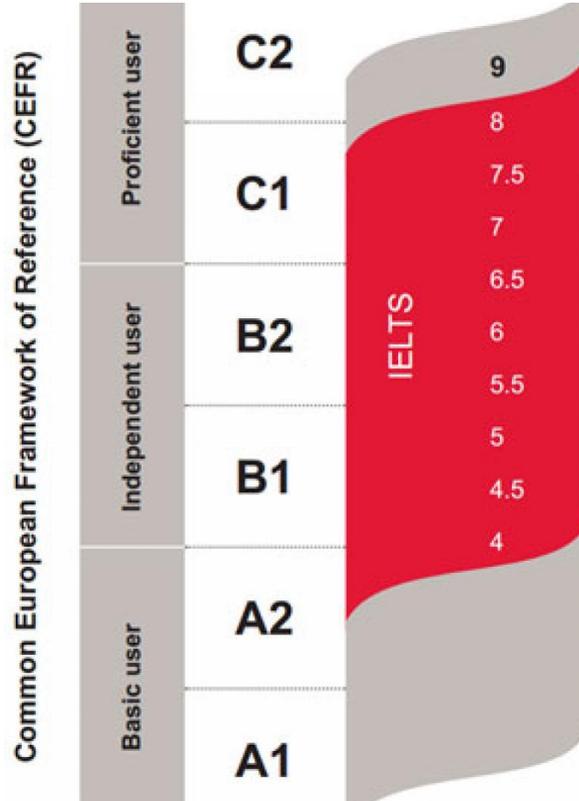
Each skill is marked on a 0-9 band; an overall average is given as well.

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall
8	7.5	7	7.5	7.5

Most elite universities are looking for an overall 7.5, with no individual score below 7.0.

IFS students typically do well on Listening, Reading and Speaking. The Writing is a difficult test, and it is important to practice and prepare.

How does the IELTS score translate to CEFR?





Who should prepare for IELTS?

- All 1ere students
- Each of you will be registered for the IELTS exam by IFS. Even if you are not planning your higher education in English, a recognized certificate of your language skills is an important addition to your dossier.
- IFS preparation classes are not required, but are strongly recommended for all.
- Bilingual or native speaking students can also benefit from the prep courses.

What happens next?

- IELTS prep sessions will begin on 4 November 2019
- Each student should plan to attend a maximum of 8 sessions before the exam (1 session every two weeks)
- 1ere ABC students - Thursdays, 8h50-9h45, Permanence rooms
- 1ere DEF students - Mondays, 17h15-18h15, Permanence rooms
- Please register in advance for the sessions you plan to attend; put those sessions in your agenda

Prep Sessions and Google Drive

Most of the work done during the prep sessions will focus on Writing

I have shared folders within my Google Drive to be used for downloaded writing samples. You will see the correct folder in your Shared with Me link.

Please name any uploaded files in the convention listed

All other parts of the test can be practiced at home using the Road to IELTS online program. You have received an email with the details today.



Dates to know

All written parts of the IELTS exam will be administered at IFS, Saturday, 18 April.

We will organize the speaking test during that week.

Dates and times will be confirmed later in the year.

Take note:

The test conditions are very strict.

You are not allowed to leave the room once the exam starts.

All pencils and pens must be in a clear plastic bag; only water is allowed and it must be in a clear plastic bottle.

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QUESTIONS???

