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Twenty-One IELTS TESTDAY Tips for Native Speakers

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On the following pages, you will find an overview of the IELTS test and 21 Top Tips and Hints to help you.

Happy Reading and Warm Regards.

Jonathan





Ielts-Jonathan's Top Tips and Hints

Top Tip No 1

• In Listening, use the example at the beginning of the first section to familiarise yourself with the sound, the situation, and the speakers.

Top Tip No 2

 Keep listening until the recording stops, looking only at the questions that relate to the part being played.

Top Tip No 3

• There are often pauses in the recording between different sections. Use these to prepare for the next set of questions.

Top Tip No 4

• Answer Listening questions in the order they appear on the Question Paper. Remember that they normally follow the order of the information in the recording.





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Top Tip No 5

• At the end of the recording you have some time to transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet. Check your grammar and spelling as you do so.

Top Tip No 6

• In Academic Reading, begin by going quickly through each passage to identify features such as the topic, the style, the likely source, the writer's purpose and the intended reader.

Top Tip No 7

• As you read, don't try to understand the precise meaning of every word or phrase. You don't have time, and those parts of the text might not be tested anyway.

Top Tip No 8

• Reading tasks sometimes have an example answer. If this is the case, study it and decide why it is correct.





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Top Tip No 9

• Some tasks require you to use words from the text in the answer; in others you should use your own words. Check the instructions carefully.

Top Tip No 10

-• In Academic Writing, you must always keep to the topic set. Never try to prepare sections of text before the exam.

Top Tip No 11

• The instructions may also include a word limit, e.g. Use no more than three words. Keep to this by avoiding unnecessary words in your answer.

Top Tip No 12

 Keep to the suggested timing mentioned in the instructions: there are more marks possible for Task 2 than Task 1, so your main focus should be on Task 2.





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Top Tip No 13

• If you write less than 150 words in Task 1 or less than 250 in Task 2 you will lose marks, but there is no maximum number of words for either!

Top Tip No 14

 Organise and link your ideas and sentences appropriately, using a wide range of language and showing your ability (in Task 2) to discuss ideas and express opinions.

Top Tip No 15

 When you plan your essay, allow plenty of time at the end to check your work. Check that it answers the question and makes sense, and check your spellings.

Top Tip No 16

• In Speaking, don't try to give a prepared speech, or talk about a different topic from the one you are asked to discuss.





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Top Tip No 17

• Always speak directly to the Examiner, not to the recording equipment.

Top Tip No 18

• In speaking, body language is as important as the words you use.

Top Tip No 19

• Whenever you reply 'Yes' or 'No' to the Examiner's questions, add more details to your answer. In each case, aim to explain at least one point.

Top Tip No 20

• Remember that you are not being tested on your intelligence or general knowledge but on your ability to communicate effectively.





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Top Tip No 21

- Organise and link your ideas and sentences appropriately, talking clearly at normal speed and using a wide range of structures and vocabulary.
- Part 1 is examining how you perform with familiar topics.
- Part 2 is examining how you perform if you speak alone for a set period of time.
- Part 3 examines how well you perform when talking about more general, abstract topics.

BONUS Tips A

- It's what you Know!.

It is generally accepted that any exam is 50% how much you know and 50% how well you know the exam and what's expected of you so, practise, practise, practise.





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BONUS Tips B

To do well in IELTS you need to:

- Speak and write confidently, fluently, and accurately on a wide range of topics.
- Understand information quickly and accurately in different types of reading and listening texts on a wide range of topics.
- Have confident control of a wide range of grammar and vocabulary.

Finally!

To achieve these goals you should:

- Read and listen to as much English as you can in your spare time.
- Take the opportunity to speak with and write to English speakers whenever possible.
- Keep your own vocabulary records and continue to build your vocabulary both inside and outside of an IELTS course.
- Pay attention to your own grammar and pronunciation: accuracy is important.





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I hope the information provided is useful.

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