

IELTS Preparation

Section 1: Who is the IELTS Preparation course for?

- This course is aimed at students who need to improve the key language skills needed to score as high as possible in all part of the IELTS exam.
- It combines general English with dedicated IELTS exam preparation lessons.

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Key Facts

Start dates:

- **2022:** Bournemouth, Brighton and London: Every Monday between 3 January and 5 December 2022
- **2022:** Oxford: 3 January, 14 February, 28 March, 9 May, 20 June, 1 August, 12 September, 24 October 2021 (alternatively weekly start dates available on request)

Available in

- Bournemouth
- Brighton
- London
- Oxford

Entry level:

- Lower Intermediate (Kings Level 4)

Age:

- 16+

Duration:

- Minimum 2 weeks (Bournemouth, Brighton and London)
- Minimum 6 weeks (Oxford)

Class size:

- Maximum 14

Lessons per week:

- 28 lessons per week total (21 hours). 20 lessons (15 hours) General English + 8 lessons (6 hours) IELTS preparation

Included in the price:

- 28 lessons per week (21 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Access to Classmate, the Kings online learning platform
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (90% or higher attendance required)
- Please note: IELTS exam fee is not included in the course price and should be booked separately.

Section 2: Course structure and content

- **20 lessons (15 hours) per week of General English**
- **8 lessons (6 hours) per week IELTS preparation**

A wide range of areas are covered in the course, focusing on the four parts of the exam: speaking, reading, writing and listening. In addition to exam-specific training, the course also helps students to develop their broader communication and English language skills.

General English lessons

Your general English lessons will be designed to improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening at a consistent rate. Each week, lessons will focus on a different topic.

Key areas covered include:

Communication skills

- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation

- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax

Study skills

- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Time management and planning
- Dictionary work
- Learner autonomy

Cultural and personal development

- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Team work and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

IELTS preparation lessons

Students will be given training in exam techniques and strategies, such as:

- working under exam conditions
- understanding the requirements of each section of the exam
- understanding what the examiner is looking for
- planning and reviewing your answers
- preparing mentally for exam day
- time management
- practice completing four parts of the exam under exam conditions (mock exams)

Students can also combine the course with additional one-to-one lessons of IELTS preparation (supplement applies). Additional one-to-one lessons should be booked in advance where possible and may not be available during high season.

Section 3: About the IELTS exam

- IELTS is the '[International English Language Testing System](#)' which tests English proficiency across the globe.
- It is one of the world's most popular English-language tests for study, work and migration, conducting 2 million tests in the past year.

The IELTS exam is available in two test formats: Academic or General Training. All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking tests but different Reading and Writing tests.

- **Academic** test is for those who want to study at a tertiary level in an English-speaking country.
- **General Training** test is for those who want to do work experience or training programs, secondary school or migrate to an English-speaking country.

IELTS Testing Centre

- Kings Oxford has been the Official Test Centre for the Oxford region since 1996, and today is one of the busiest IELTS Test Centres in the UK.
- We currently test over 3,500 candidates per year — a number that continues to grow.
- With Kings, your IELTS preparation will be thorough, relevant, and expert, which will ultimately give you the best chance of success.

Test Report Forms

- We will issue your Test Report Form (TRF) ten working days after the date of your test.
- If you need to prove your test result (for example to a university or employer), we can send a duplicate of your TRF directly to them.

Further information

Full details about IELTS testing at Kings Oxford are available on our website. Here, you can apply for your test online, view available test dates, and view your results.

[Kings IELTS Test Centre factsheet](#)

Sample timetable

Please note: Sample timetable subject to change. General English lessons may take place in mornings or afternoons in summer.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
09:15 - 10:45 (Lessons 1 & 2) General English	Progress test including listening and writing Individual and group feedback on test	Grammar Using 'will' and 'shall' in polite requests Pronunciation Open and closed questions (intonation) Professional skills Interviews.	Vocabulary Common idioms and phrasal verbs used to describe behaviour Reading, listening and writing Giving tips on how to behave in different situations	Listening Understanding how technology works Functional language Giving instructions Task-based learning (leadership and team work) Building a bridge	Grammar review 'Will', 'shall' and relative clauses Video Ted Talk: How to lead a conversation between people who disagree Discussion Beyond right and wrong?
10:45 - 11:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
11:15 - 12:45 (Lessons 3 & 4) General English	Vocabulary Social behavior: Talking about norms and customs Discussion Understanding cultural differences	Video Phone addiction. Role-play Asking for and offering help Study skills Making effective notes	Real English People in the newspapers today Grammar Defining relative clauses Vocabulary Adjectives of character	Writing An email describing a new invention. Presentations A future without cars.	Vocabulary Diplomatic language Professional skills Giving and receiving feedback Discussion — Beyond right and wrong?
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:45 - 15:15 IELTS Preparation	Task 1 Writing types; processes Task 2 Introductions and conclusions; differences in question focus	Reading techniques Locating information in the text, dealing with True/False/Not Given questions and unknown vocabulary	Writing skills Urban problems, describing places and writing about advantages and disadvantages	Listening and speaking skills Listening to and talking about personal interests, eating habits, and comparing and contrasting places of interest	Free time