

## General Training Reading week

- Day 1**
- Make sure you know exactly what the Reading Test is like. Go to <https://www.ielts.org/about-the-test/test-format> and read the information carefully.
  - Get an idea of what your IELTS level is like now. Go to <https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/prepare/free-ielts-practice-tests/reading> and read this information carefully too. Then do the practice test. Choose General Training and decide between paper-based and computer delivered. Check your answers (out of a total of 40) and go to <https://www.ielts.org/ielts-for-organisations/ielts-scoring-in-detail> to get an approximate idea of what Band Score you might get in the actual test.
  - Download the answers [https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/reading\\_practice\\_test\\_1\\_ielts\\_general\\_training\\_answers\\_0.pdf](https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/reading_practice_test_1_ielts_general_training_answers_0.pdf) and read very carefully around those answers you got wrong. Think about what made that particular point difficult to understand. Make a note of any new, interesting and useful vocabulary.

- Day 2** In the General Training Reading test there are 3 sections. The first two sections usually have a number of shorter texts. The third section has one longer text. These passages are from books, magazines, newspapers, notices, advertisements, company handbooks and guidelines. These are materials you are likely to encounter on a daily basis in an English-speaking environment. There is a total of 40 questions.

Do a little reading every day.

- Go to <http://www.onestopenenglish.com/skills/news-lessons/monthly-topical-news-lessons/> and choose a topic that interests you. These articles have vocabulary and grammar development questions. Make a note of any new, interesting and useful vocabulary.
- Practise **Note Completion** questions. Go to <https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/pb-sample-test-materials/pb-sample-general-training-reading-note-completion-task-and-key.ashx?la=en>
- Practise **Flow Chart Completion** questions. Go to [https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115019\\_general\\_training\\_reading\\_sample\\_task\\_flow-chart\\_completion.ashx?la=en](https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115019_general_training_reading_sample_task_flow-chart_completion.ashx?la=en)
- Go to <https://rtigt.clarityenglish.com/#prefix=TD> practise **short answer** and **table completion** questions.

- Day 3**
- Do some more general reading. go back to <http://www.onestopenenglish.com> and choose another article. Make a note of any new, interesting and useful vocabulary.
  - Practise **True / False / Not Given** questions. Go to <https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/pb-sample-test-materials/pb-sample-general-training-reading-tfng-task-and-key.ashx?la=en>

c) Practice **Matching Headings** questions. Go to [https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115023\\_general\\_training\\_reading\\_sample\\_task\\_-\\_matching\\_headings.ashx?la=en](https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115023_general_training_reading_sample_task_-_matching_headings.ashx?la=en)

**Day 4** a) Do some more general reading. go back to <http://www.onestopenglish.com> and choose another article. Make a note of any new, interesting and useful vocabulary.

b) Practice **Sentence Completion** questions. Go to <https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/pb-sample-test-materials/pb-sample-academic-reading-matching-sentence-endings-task-and-key.ashx?la=en>

c) Practice **Matching Information** questions [https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/116971\\_general\\_training\\_reading\\_sample\\_task\\_-\\_matching\\_information.ashx?la=en](https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/116971_general_training_reading_sample_task_-_matching_information.ashx?la=en)

**Day 5** a) Do some more general reading. go back to <http://www.onestopenglish.com> and choose another article. Make a note of any new, interesting and useful vocabulary.

b) Practise **Matching Features** questions. Go to [https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115022\\_general\\_training\\_reading\\_sample\\_task\\_-\\_matching\\_features.ashx?la=en](https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115022_general_training_reading_sample_task_-_matching_features.ashx?la=en)

c) Practise **Summary Completion** questions. Go to <https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/pb-sample-test-materials/pb-sample-general-training-reading-summary-completion-task-and-key.ashx?la=en>

d) Practise **Short Answer** questions. Go to [https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115026\\_general\\_training\\_reading\\_sample\\_task\\_-\\_short-answer\\_questions.ashx?la=en](https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/115026_general_training_reading_sample_task_-_short-answer_questions.ashx?la=en)

f) Take a practice test. Download the free IELTS Prep App. <https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/prepare/free-apps> Click on <Reading>, then <Practice Tests>. Choose <General Training>. There are two tests here.