

IELTS Preparation Checklist

# **Before getting started**

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| **1** | Check what IELTS score is required by your chosen university, institution, or employer |[ ]
| **2** | Identify if you are taking the ACADEMIC or GENERAL TRAINING  |[ ]

# **Setting up**

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| 1 | Join Facebook group, Agentic Inc Study Group |[ ]
| 2 | Set up **agenticinc.com** account |[ ]

# **Listening**

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| 1 | Learn everything you can about the Listening section (format, timing, task types, how it’s marked) |[ ]
| 2 | Try out different sample questions |[ ]
| 3 | Answer listening practice tests (provided at the review center). Compare your response to the correct answers. Where did you earn the most marks? Where did you have misunderstandings? |[ ]
| 4 | Identify challenging questions and sections and have a read about helpful tips. Seek the advice of our instructors. |[ ]
| 5 | Watch a TED Talk online, or listen podcasts on wide range of topics. Watch English language movies with different accents |[ ]

# **Writing**

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| 1 | Learn everything you can about the writing section (format, timing, task types, how it’s marked) |[ ]
| 2 | Understand the requirements and basic skills needed to answer the writing task.  |[ ]
| 3 | Practice answering a variety of writing task 1 and task 2 questions. Complete the exercises and study sample essays. The writing activity that corresponds to these lessons are found in the **Review/Apply** Tab.  |[ ]
| 4 | Have you essays checked by our instructors.  |[ ]
| 5 | Schedule a one-on-one conference to further clarify feedback given.  |[ ]
| 6 | Apply the feedback and corrections on your next essays.  |[ ]
| 7 | Start practice writing under time constraints  |[ ]
| 8 | Participate in workshops and in-class activities |[ ]
| 9 | Practice editing and proofreading your essays. Look back at your old written work. Identify and correct common grammar/word choice errors. Replace repetitive or simple vocabulary and sentence structures for stronger ones.  |[ ]
| 10 | Get into the habit of writing. Write about any topic for 5 minutes or write a blog about anything. You’ll notice that writing becomes easier over time.  |[ ]

# **Speaking**

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| 1 | Learn everything you can about the speaking section (format, timing, task types, how it’s marked) |[ ]
| 2 | Practice answering sample questions.  |[ ]
| 3 | Schedule a speaking simulation, then a coaching session. |[ ]
| 4 | Watch a recent movie and note down any idiomatic language you hear. Try using it in your everyday spoken English.  |[ ]
| 5 | Record your answers to sample questions or record yourself talking about an any topic for 2 minutes. Listen and evaluate yourself, |[ ]

# **Reading**

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| 1 | Learn everything you can about the reading section (format, timing, task types, how it’s marked) |[ ]
| 2 | Try out different sample questions |[ ]
| 3 | Answer reading practice tests (provided at the review center). Compare your response to the correct answers. Where did you earn the most marks? Where did you have misunderstandings? Read the text again. Can you find all the correct answers now? |[ ]
| 4 | Start completing reading practice tests under timed conditions (60 minutes)  |[ ]
| 5 | Identify challenging questions and sections and have a read about helpful tips. Seek the advice of our instructors.  |[ ]
| 6 | Broaden your reading. Read an article from newspaper or magazine. Try writing a summary of it by identifying the key points. Note down words and expressions that are used to link the paragraphs or ideas.  |[ ]

# **Assess readiness**

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| **1** | Take mock exam or join timed tasks activities where you complete a practice test under time limit. |[ ]
| **2** | Compare your response to the correct answers in the listening and reading test |[ ]
| **3** | Have an instructor evaluate your speaking and writing based on the band descriptors.  |[ ]
| **4** | Based on your scores and feedback, check if your estimated score is close to your band score requirement and if you can get the same outcome every practice test.  |[ ]