

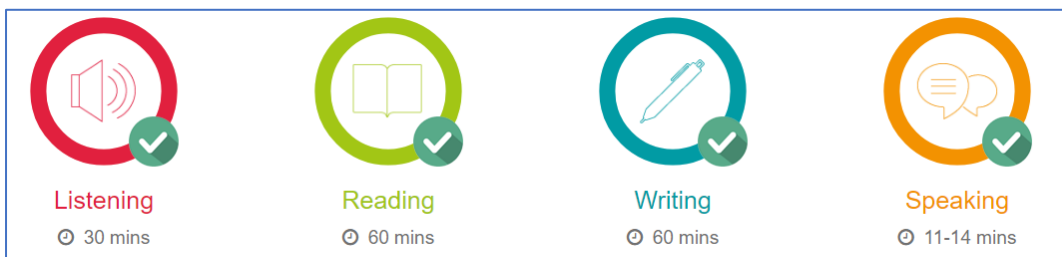
Preparing students for the IELTS Progress Check Practice Test in a classroom setting

What is the IELTS Progress Check Practice Test?

- The practice test provides students with an accessible online IELTS test to assess their readiness to undertake the IELTS test. A student is presented with all four test components with the Speaking test being spoken prompts to which the student is given time to respond. The test can be done on a personal computer, laptop or other device.
- IELTS Progress Check is not timed because we realise that students can be interrupted or may need to take more time to practise. However, remember that for the most authentic test experience and indicative Band Score, students should time themselves and try to keep within the times given in the real test.
- IELTS Progress Check answers will be marked by official IELTS markers to the same standards as the real IELTS Academic or IELTS General Training test.
- The IELTS Progress Check Report comes with detailed, personalised feedback on the student's performance, which will improve preparation for the real test.
- IELTS Progress Check Reports are released within five days of test completion.
- The test can only be submitted for assessment once all four sections have been completed.
- Specific instructions relating to Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking are shown at the beginning of each section.

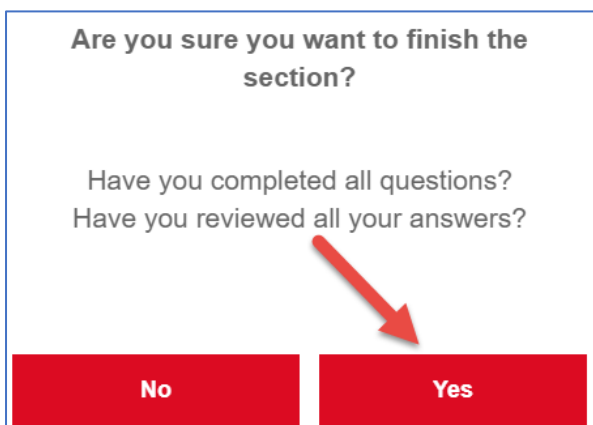
How does it work?

The test consists of 4 components that can be done separately, at any time.



Once the test component has been submitted, the student cannot access it.

Remind students not to select 'yes' until they have completely finished the section.

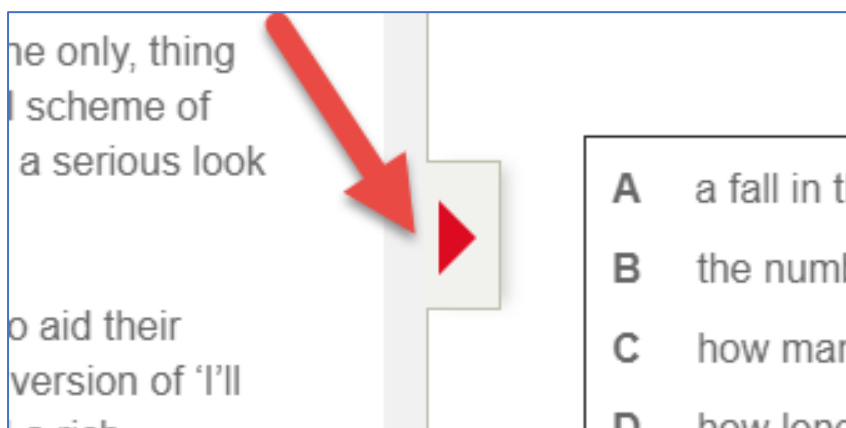


Listening Test Tips

- Check that your audio is working and wear headphones to cut out background noise.
- Have a notebook and pen ready to take notes while listening to the recording or use the attached answer sheet (please see below).
- Students can type their answers on the screen (recommended for those who will do computer delivered IELTS), or can write their answers on the answer sheet and then transfer their answers onto the screen when the recording is completed (recommended for those who will do paper based IELTS).
- The audio includes instructions like the real IELTS test, giving students a certain amount of time to read through questions and to check their answers after listening to the audio.
- If the student exits the Listening test before finishing, they can return and resume the Listening test **but the recording will start again from the beginning.**
- When the student hits 'Next' after completing a screen, answers will be saved. Students can go 'Back' and update their answers.
- Spelling is important and errors will affect the score.

Reading Test Tips

- Students should time themselves and try not to spend longer than 1 hour on the test.
- Have a notebook and pen ready to take notes or use the attached answer sheet.
- Marks are not lost for wrong answers, so encourage students to try and answer all questions.
- Remind students that spelling is important and will affect their score.
- Students can navigate from screen to screen moving forwards and backwards.
- Students can choose to view the text without the questions by clicking on the red arrow. This expands the text page to fill the screen.



- Highlighting tools are not available, however the student can select a line or paragraph using their cursor.

The first attempt to lay the cable began on August 5 1857
Ballyvaughan Castle. The venture did not go according to plan

Writing Test tips

- Students should time themselves and try not to spend longer than 1 hour on the test. Spend no more than 20 minutes on Task 1 and no more than 40 minutes on Task 2.
- Remind students that Task 2 is worth twice as much as Task 1.
- Have a notebook and pen ready to take notes.
- Students must use their own ideas. Pre-prepared answers will lose marks.
- Paragraphs should be used. Leave a space between paragraphs so the IELTS marker can easily identify paragraphs.
- Marks will be lost for answers that are too short.
- The word count appears below the answer sheet.

Write at least 150 words.

My words are counted by the counter.

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7 words

Speaking Test tips

- The student needs to check their device's audio settings. If the student experiences sound problems, exit the test, check the settings and then return to the Speaking test. Make sure that permission is given to IELTS Progress Check to use the microphone.
- The student is reminded to check their microphone and to make sure that the device is clearly recording their voice.


First, we need you to record a quick sample of your voice in order to check your microphone.
When you click 'Start Check', please say a few words, clearly, to test whether your voice can be heard.



Start Check

Speak for 5 seconds...


As you speak we will record your voice and check its quality.



A circular icon containing a microphone symbol and the number '3' below it. A pink progress bar is visible at the top of the circle, indicating the recording duration.

Thanks...

Once you have recorded your microphone check, please make sure you play it back to check it has worked and that your voice can be heard clearly.



No - try again

Yes - start my test

- Questions will be asked and the student will need to record their answers using the microphone associated with their computer/tablet.
- A timer will appear after the Examiner has asked a question.



- Answer each question within the time allowed for each answer.
Part 1 questions: 20 seconds to respond
Part 3 questions: 30 seconds to respond.
- The Speaking test will take approximately 14 minutes.
- Paper and a pencil is needed for making notes in Part 2 of the Speaking test.
- The IELTS Examiner will not repeat questions and will not explain vocabulary.
- If the student is struggling with a topic/questions, they can stop the test, without submitting it and then start it again.
- If the student exits the Speaking test before finishing, it will not be saved. The test will have to be done in its entirety again.

Listening and Reading Answer Sheets

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