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Introduction

Who is *Action Plan for IELTS* for?

Action Plan for IELTS is a short, self-study guide for IELTS, containing one complete practice test. It is designed for students with a limited amount of time to prepare for the IELTS test or for students who have already completed an IELTS course and would like a last-minute guide to the test.

It is for students at intermediate level or above, and is designed for self-study, although it may also be used in class as part of a short preparation course. It shows students what skills are tested in IELTS, what type of questions and tasks they will see, and how to approach them.

There are two editions: one for the Academic module and one for the General Training module. Students should use the appropriate edition for their needs.

How is *Action Plan for IELTS* organised?

Action Plan for IELTS is organised by module: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. These are presented in the same order as the actual test. Each of the four modules begins with a clear introduction, which gives full details of what to expect in that part of the test and what is tested. There is also an overview of the different question types for Listening and Reading, and an explanation of the marking criteria for Writing and Speaking.

Each part of each module gives examples of the Listening and Reading question types, and the Writing and Speaking tasks. The Writing section of the book is organised according to the marking criteria for this module. The criteria are illustrated with short exercises, so students can see exactly what the examiner is looking for and decide how best to approach these parts of the test. The Speaking section of the book provides a step-by-step guide to the three parts of the Speaking test.

The question types and tasks are accompanied by a short, effective *Action Plan*, which gives advice on ways to approach them, and suggests strategies to prepare students for the test. The *Key* includes answers to all the exercises, sample answers to the Writing tasks and, where appropriate, offers tips and strategies that can be used to help get the right answers. An *Audio CD/Cassette* accompanies all listening tasks, and the *Recording Scripts* are also provided.

At the end of the book, there is a complete IELTS *Practice Test*.

How can *Action Plan for IELTS* be used?

Action Plan for IELTS is flexible, and can be used in different ways:

- Students who don't know very much about the test and need a thorough overview should work systematically through the book, and then do the timed Practice Test at the end.
- Students who need more practice in one particular module may prefer to work through the book by doing all the Listening sections first, for example, followed by the Listening sections of the Practice Test, and so on.
- Students who are unsure about particular question types or tasks for the Listening and Reading sections can use the overview with the page references in the introduction for each skill and go directly to that section.