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# Introduction

## Who is this book for?

*New Insight into IELTS* has been designed as a coursebook for an IELTS preparation course. However, it is equally appropriate as a self-study resource book for students wishing to improve their IELTS skills on their own as it contains helpful advice, sample IELTS material throughout the units and detailed answer keys.

The book is appropriate both for learners seeking to enter an English-speaking university, school or college, as well as for people who may need to provide an IELTS score for the purposes of employment or immigration to an English-speaking country. The book is targeted at students of approximately Band 6 level; however, the earlier units in each section are designed for lower-level learners or students not familiar with the IELTS test format, while later units are intended to stretch stronger candidates beyond their immediate IELTS needs and enhance their language skills overall. The book contains material relevant to both the Academic and General Training modules (see the IELTS test format on page 189).

The Student's Book contains ample classroom-based material for a preparation course of between 40 and 50 hours. When used with the Workbook, which has activities specially designed to supplement each unit in the coursebook, and also a complete Practice Test, the material will last much longer.

## Content of the book

The main part of the book is divided into four sections: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, to reflect the format of the test, and these are broken down into manageable units. Each section begins with an overview of the IELTS test and students who work their way through the book will become familiar with all question types and tasks that they are likely to meet in the test. The skills covered are not restricted to test-taking strategies alone but also reflect the broader range of language that students will encounter in an English-speaking environment, whether at university or in the wider community.

The units contain class and pair activities and the opportunity for individual practice. Teachers may choose to work systematically through each section, taking advantage of the graded approach, or, alternatively, select the material to suit their learners' needs as required.

Recording scripts for all the listening content on the *New Insight into IELTS* Student's Book Audio CD are provided. These scripts have been annotated to show where the answers are to be found in the recordings.

A thorough Answer key is provided for all sections of the book. The key provides a framework of support to ensure that students can receive feedback on all activities and exercises undertaken. It includes a selection of model Band 9 answers to a number of the Writing questions. We would like to stress that these model answers represent only a sample of the many possible ways of approaching the Writing tasks, but we hope that learners will find them a useful guide.

The Workbook can be used to expand the units as follow-up work in class or as homework exercises. For students working on their own, it provides further opportunity to practise and consolidate the material covered in each unit.

The Cambridge Learner Corpus provides examples of genuine student errors in the IELTS test and these have been used to build appropriate remedial tasks in *New Insight into IELTS*. The Workbook, in particular, includes exercises focusing on these errors.