**IELTS TEST DAY ADVICE**

**Prepare for your test day; success starts with IELTS**

You will find the IELTS ***test centre staff friendly, welcoming and highly professional***. They will make sure that the test is delivered fairly and securely. Follow their instructions carefully.

**THE WEEK BEFORE YOUR TEST**

***Check the start time and location of your IELTS test the week before, and make sure you know how to get there on time.***

***Remember, the address of your IELTS test location may be different to that of the test centre where you booked your*** test.

Take the time to read full details of the ‘IELTS test terms and conditions’ for important information about your IELTS test day.

**YOUR IELTS TEST DAY**

You ***need to arrive in good time for your IELTS test***. If you ***arrive late, you may not be allowed to take the test.***

***Switch off your mobile phone and any other electronic devices***. You will be asked to place these with ***other personal belongings outside the test room.***

The ***Listening, Reading and Writing tests take 2 hours 40 minutes and there are no breaks between each part*** of the test.

Make sure you are prepared and have something to eat and drink beforehand. You will not be allowed to take food into the test room; you will only be allowed to take a drink in a transparent bottle.

**YOUR IDENTITY AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

The IELTS test location staff will check your identity when you arrive.

Make sure you have the right ID with you. If you arrive with ***the wrong ID, you will not be allowed*** to take the test.

You may also need two recent identical passport-sized photographs.

**TEST DAY PHOTOGRAPHY**

***Some test locations will now also take a photograph of you on the test day* –** this photograph taken by ***the test centre will appear on your Test Report Form*** to provide increased identity security. Your test centre will let you know if it is going to do this. For more information see [IELTS candidate identity verification](http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/book-your-test/terms-and-conditions/ielts-candidate-identity-verification).

***Check the details that you were given when you booked the test to make sure you take the right ID and photographs with you.***

**DURING THE IELTS TEST**

You will only be allowed to have ***a pen or pencil, an eraser and your ID on your desk***.

If you need to go to the bathroom during the test, put your hand up to attract the attention of the invigilator. Do not disturb other candidates.

If you have any questions during the test, ***raise your hand to ask for help***.

When you take the ***Listening test, check that you can hear the test properly. Raise your hand straightaway*** and let the invigilator know ***if you cannot hear the recording.***

Please remember that you will have ***10 minutes after the Listening section to fill in your answer sheet***. You will ***not have 10 minutes after the Reading section***, so please make sure that you write your answers on your Reading answer sheet as you complete each section.

**AT THE END OF THE TEST**

***Stay in your seat until the invigilator gives you permission*** to leave the room.

If you think that there have been ***any issues that may have affected your performance, tell the invigilator straightaway.***

***If you want to make a complaint about your test day, you need to do this within one week of the test date.***

Your invigilator will have a Test Day Incident Form. Please fill this in if you want to raise an issue or make a complaint.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have asked for [***special arrangements***](http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/book-your-test/special-arrangements) ***as a result of a disability*** ***or other condition, adjustments will be made for you on the test day.***

**TEST DAY TIPS**

**UNDERSTAND THE TASK**

Follow instructions carefully during the test. Remember that the ***Writing parts of the test have specific word length requirements.***

**ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR EACH QUESTION**

Some questions have suggested time limits for you to follow. Every ***test room will have a clock on the wall. Stay aware of the time during the test*** so that you can complete all the questions.

**STAY CALM ENOUGH TO DO YOUR BEST**

If you ***feel worried, take deep breaths to calm down***. Focus on the questions and do not rush your answers. This will help you to do your best.