



Tips for the IELTS Reading Test

- Test takers should follow the instructions given by the IELTS Test Day staff
- Read the tasks carefully so you can make sure to focus and read carefully for the information needed to fulfil them
- Make sure you know what to look out for, i.e. look at the gaps and multiple choice options
- Be aware that often the answers are given as synonyms or paraphrases of the word you are looking out for
- Don't worry if you don't understand a word or part of a sentence! It might not be important and you might end up spending valuable time worrying about a word that is not important for the task. Try rather to understand the general points that the texts are trying to get across
- If you don't know the answer to a question, don't spend a lot of time thinking about it, but quickly move on to the next question and come back to it later
- Pay attention to your spelling and grammar
- Make sure you give your answer exactly in the format that is being asked for, e.g. "Choose **TWO** letters" or "Choose the best answer"
- Attempt all questions. No points are being deducted for wrong answers
- All answers must be written in pencil. You will be given a pencil during the test
- You may write your answers on the question paper and transfer them to the Reading answer sheet before the end of this section of the test. Please note, however, that in the Reading part of the IELTS test, no extra time will be given for you to transfer your answers. You will have to manage your own time and transfer them before the 60 minutes are up. Only answers on the answer sheet will be counted.