

Test Day Advice

Welcome to your IELTS test.

We hope you get the score you need.

The staff are here to ensure the test runs smoothly and the rules are followed, but we are also here to make your experience as positive as possible. So please ask us if you need help.



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Registration

We can't change your details after the test, so we must ensure that the information in our systems is correct. Additionally, we need to identify anyone attempting to impersonate a test-taker; this is one of the ways we ensure that IELTS remains trusted. This process may take time, so we appreciate your patience and understanding during the registration.



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Toilet breaks

For security reasons, you can't go to the toilet in the breaks between the sections (Listening, Reading, Writing). You can go during one of the test sections but the timer will not stop. Therefore it is advised to go to the toilet before the test starts so you don't waste valuable time during your test.



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Software/technical incidents

We check the equipment daily, but things sometimes may go wrong. In case you run into any technical issues during the test, please raise your hand and a member of our team will come and pause your test while we troubleshoot the problem.



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Finishing a section early

Each IELTS section must run full-time. You can't leave the test room or move on to the next section if you finish early. If you finish early, use the time to review your answers to achieve the best score possible. Or you can simply relax and take deep breaths to maintain your focus for the next section.



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Speaking test

The speaking test is NOT a normal conversation. To ensure that everyone gets the same experience there are strict timings and a script that the examiner must follow. The examiner may

- interrupt you and move to another question.
- ask a question not connected to what you say.
- seem cold or as if they are not listening.

DON'T WORRY and don't take it personally.

The examiner is doing their job and it doesn't mean you are doing badly or that they don't like you. Stay calm and use this chance to show your best English! The questions are chosen in advance, so you might not know much about the topic. If that happens, try to connect it to something you know or make something up. The examiner is testing your English skills, not your knowledge. If you don't say anything, the examiner can't grade you!