

Road to IELTS Academic

Unit 1: Leisure & entertainment	Words:	Words and phrases to talk about leisure activities, sports, games and equipment
	Listening:	A talk about places to eat out in a town; a conversation about a survey on popular forms of physical activity
	Reading:	An article about the history of board games; an article about games played by indigenous people in various parts of the world
	Writing (1):	Practice exercises for reports on static charts
	Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions discussing advantages and disadvantages
	Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 1 of the Speaking Test
Unit 2: Language & communication	Words:	Words and phrases to talk about language and varieties of language
	Listening:	A talk about ways to improve your English; a conversation about endangered languages
	Reading:	A book extract comparing animal communication with human language; a book extract describing the role that the brain plays in human language
	Writing (1):	Practice exercises for reports on dynamic charts
	Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions discussing arguments for and against
	Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test
Unit 3: Travel, tourism & transport	Words:	Phrases to talk about traffic-related problems and solutions; words and phrases to talk about air travel
	Listening:	A conversation about a plane trip; a lecture about a tribe of Native Americans

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- Reading: An article explaining how new technology could improve air safety; an article describing recent changes in the travel industry
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for reports on tables
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions giving an opinion
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 4: Environment

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about environmental problems and geographical features
- Listening: A conversation about adopting a zoo animal; a lecture about the structure of the Earth
- Reading: An article about global warming; an article discussing animal extinctions
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for reports on diagrams showing objects
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 1 of the Speaking Test

Unit 5: Art & culture

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about art, cinema, theatre and national treasures
- Listening: A telephone conversation about booking theatre tickets; a lecture on the history of British cinema
- Reading: An article about artists who painted self-portraits; an article discussing the value of studying ancient cultures
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for reports on static charts
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions discussing advantages and disadvantages
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

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Unit 6: Mass Media

Words:	Words and phrases to talk about television, newspapers and jobs in the media
Listening:	A talk given by a guide to visitors to a media museum; a conversation about news consumption
Reading:	An article describing the effects of television on children and adults; an article explaining why newspapers are not threatened by competition from television or the Internet
Writing (1):	Practice exercises for reports on dynamic charts
Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions discussing arguments for and against
Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 7: Health & fitness

Words:	Words and phrases to talk about medical conditions and symptoms; food-related vocabulary; words to talk about the causes, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases
Listening:	A talk about keeping healthy in winter; a conversation about insects and human diseases
Reading:	An article describing how viruses trapped in the polar ice caps may be released into the atmosphere; an article discussing the sun protection factor in sunscreen products
Writing (1):	Practice exercises for reports on tables
Writing (2):	Practice exercises for compositions giving an opinion
Speaking:	Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 8: Work & business

Words:	Verbs we use at work and words and phrases to talk about a variety of work-related issues
Listening:	A talk about writing a CV; a conversation about changes in women's employment

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- Reading: An article explaining why knowing a foreign language is important in business; an article discussing how changes in business could lead to the disappearance of management structures
- Writing (1): Practice exercises for reports on diagrams showing processes
- Writing (2): Practice exercises for compositions discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

Unit 9: Society & social issues

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about social issues and crime and punishment
- Listening: A telephone conversation between a student and a campus security officer about a burglary; a lecture about old age and society
- Reading: A book extract comparing the main characteristics of bands, tribes and chiefdoms; an article discussing the effects of modern means of transport and communications on society
- Writing (1): Revision exercises for Writing Task 1
- Writing (2): Revision exercises for Writing Task 2
- Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test

Unit 10: Education

- Words: Words and phrases to talk about the education system and university education
- Listening: A conversation between an admissions officer at an evening school and a prospective student; a talk about methods of study at universities in the UK
- Reading: An article discussing factors affecting student motivation; an article discussing the importance of playtime for school children

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Writing: A report based on a table and a static chart; a composition discussing arguments for and against

Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for answering general questions about yourself in Part 1 of the Speaking Test

Unit 11: Developing world

Words: Words and phrases to talk about a variety of development issues and aid

Listening: A radio talk about an international charity; a discussion about a British invention

Reading: An article about terrace farming in Nepal; an article describing a water disinfection system highly suited for use in developing countries

Writing: A report based on a table and a dynamic chart; a composition giving and justifying your opinion

Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for talking about a topic in Part 2 of the Speaking Test

Unit 12: Science & technology

Words: Words and phrases to talk about the Internet, astronomy, sciences and scientists

Listening: A telephone conversation about a faulty washing machine; a lecture about setting up a website

Reading: An article describing research into methods of controlling insects electronically; an article discussing the possibility of life on other planets

Writing: A report on a diagram showing a process; a composition discussing the causes of a problem and suggesting solutions

Speaking: Video clips and practice exercises for taking part in a discussion in Part 3 of the Speaking Test