



## IELTS Academic Exam Overview- Comparing and Contrasting Phrases Practice

*Choose one of the contrasting pairs below and compare the things written there, first saying how similar or different they are in general, then saying what the similarities and differences are. You can look in your textbook etc to help your discussion if you like.*

### Overall

- The four papers in IELTS/ The papers in other exams (Cambridge exams such as First Certificate and CAE, TOEIC, ToEFL, etc)
- IELTS Academic/ IELTS General
- IELTS now/ IELTS in the past
- Transferring your answers to the answer sheet in IELTS Reading/ Transferring your answers to the answer sheet in IELTS Listening
- Language in IELTS Academic Writing/ Language in IELTS Speaking

### IELTS Academic Writing

- IELTS Academic Writing/ Other writing tests (Cambridge exams such as First Certificate and CAE, TOEIC, ToEFL, etc)
- IELTS Academic Writing/ IELTS General Writing
- IELTS Academic Writing Part One tasks/ IELTS Academic Writing Part Two tasks
- IELTS Academic Writing Part One flow chart tasks/ Other IELTS Academic Writing Part One tasks
- Line graphs showing repeated actions/ Other line graphs (especially grammar in your answers)
- Overall structure of IELTS Academic Writing Part One/ Overall structure of IELTS Writing Part Two
- IELTS Academic Writing/ Real academic writing (e.g. a dissertation or journal paper)
- Describing all the information that you are given in IELTS Academic Writing Part One/ What you are actually asked to do in the exam
- Comparing/ Contrasting
- An okay performance in IELTS Academic Writing/ A bad performance in IELTS Academic Writing
- An okay performance in IELTS Academic Writing/ A great performance in IELTS Academic Writing
- “and give your own opinion”/ “to what extent do you agree or disagree with this idea”
- Giving your opinion in the introduction/ Only giving your opinion in the final paragraph
- A summary/ A conclusion
- An introduction in IELTS Academic Writing Part One/ An introduction in IELTS Academic Writing Part Two



### **IELTS Speaking**

- IELTS Speaking/ Other speaking exams (Cambridge exams such as First Certificate and CAE, TOEIC, ToEFL, etc)
- IELTS Speaking Part One/ IELTS Speaking Part Three
- IELTS Speaking Part Two/ The other two parts
- An okay performance in IELTS Speaking/ A great performance in IELTS Speaking

### **IELTS Academic Reading**

- IELTS Academic Reading/ Other reading tests (Cambridge exams such as First Certificate and CAE, TOEIC, ToEFL, etc)
- IELTS Academic Reading text one/ IELTS Academic Reading text two/ IELTS Academic Reading text three
- Task types with IELTS Academic Reading text one/ Task types with IELTS Academic Reading text two/ Task types with IELTS Academic Reading text three
- False/ Not given
- Multiple matching tasks/ Most other tasks
- Single questions at the end of the tasks for one text/ Most other tasks
- Scanning in IELTS Academic Reading/ Scanning as taught in textbooks

### **IELTS Listening**

- IELTS Listening/ Other listening tests (Cambridge exams such as First Certificate and CAE, TOEIC, ToEFL, etc)
- The Listening Part Two text/ The Listening Part Four text (especially the kind of thing you are listening to)
- The Listening Part One text/ The Listening Part Three text (especially the kind of thing you are listening to)
- The task types with the four different texts
- A correct answer to a gapfill task/ A wrong answer to a gapfill task
- The word(s) that you have to put in the gaps/ The words before and after those words
- Instructions to gapfill tasks in different tests or for different texts
- The very first question in the test/ All the other questions
- The first question in each text/ All the other questions

*Ask your teacher about any of the contrasts above which you'd like to check.*