



IELTS Needs Analysis and Exam Tips- First Lesson

Interview each other about your needs for English and IELTS and make brief notes.

Name:		
Job		
Present	Past	Future
(General) education		
Present	Past	Future
Studies of English		
Present	Past	Future
Use of English		
Present	Past	Future
IELTS and other English language exams		
Present	Past	Future
X		
Reasons for taking IELTS		
Advice on/ Opinions on the IELTS exam		

Look through a whole IELTS paper together and give each other advice, guessing things about the exam if you don't know.

Use some of these suggestions to extend your discussion on IELTS exam tips.

Listening

- Ways the exam is difficult and how to cope with those difficulties
- Tactics in the exam, including how to use the time before sections and after the recording has finished
- Things to listen out for
- What to do if you don't know an answer
- Ways to improve your vocabulary for this paper
- The best things to listen to outside class and how to listen to them
- How to use practice papers
- General tips on improving listening skills

Reading

- Ways the exam is difficult and how to cope with them
- Tactics in the exam, including time management
- What to do if you don't know an answer
- Ways to improve your vocabulary for this paper
- How to select which vocabulary to learn
- The best things to read outside class and how to read them
- How to use practice papers
- General tips on improving reading skills

Writing

- Ways the exam is difficult and how to cope with them
- Language you will need for the different parts of the paper
- Tactics in the exam, including time management
- Ways to make sure you answer the question
- Ways to organise your information well
- Ways to improve your accuracy
- Ways to improve the complexity of the language you use
- Ways to practice outside class
- Reading that could improve your writing

Speaking

- Ways the exam is difficult and how to cope with them
- Language you will need for the different parts of the paper
- Ways to improve your accuracy (including spelling, grammatical accuracy and correct use of vocabulary)
- Ways to improve the complexity of your language
- Ways to improve your fluency
- Ways to improve your pronunciation
- The best ways to practise speaking outside class
- Listening that could improve your speaking
- What to do if the question is difficult
- What to do if the question is impossible

Write three questions about the exam, for example about the topics in the list above, to ask the whole class and your teacher.