

IELTS Reading Ultimate Tips and Tricks

Ace your IELTS reading with these expert tips and tricks to help you succeed.



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Test Strategies



- Do Not Read the whole text.
- Learn skimming and scanning.
- Read the questions First.
- Identify the key words for each question.
- Familiarise yourself with the 14 different questions types.
- The first sentence of each paragraph is topic sentence which will tell you what the paragraph is about
- The questions in most cases will follow the same chronological order in the text.
- Use the context to understand difficult words
- Read the instructions carefully “a” and “the” count as a single words by themselves.



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True/False/Not Given



- Read two questions at a time (One after the other)
- The answers will appear in a similar chronological order in the text.
- Names, numbers, countries are automatically your keywords.
- Judge purely based on what is explicitly mentioned in the text.
- Avoid traps



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Test Preparation



- Use the 20/80 principle
- If you encounter difficult questions move on.
- Answer all questions even if you have to guess.
- Redistribute your time: 15 min Passage 1, 20 min Passage 2, 25 min Passage 3.
- Prepare under time pressure before the test..
- For paper-based test write all answers in capital.

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By following these strategies and preparing effectively, you can improve your IELTS reading score and reach your desired outcome.

