

# Preparation for IELTS

English 10 Preparation

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## Course Description:

This class is intended for all English students who plan to take the IELTS exam in the near future. Students are introduced to the format of the test, university requirements and band descriptors for the test itself while focusing extensively on preparation for various components of the IELTS test. Students will focus on individual parts of the exam while learning test-taking strategies, completing mock-exams, error correction, and academic vocabulary. The expectation is that students complete daily classwork and assignments and participate in class discussions and work towards achieving a band 6.5 score or higher.

By the end of the course, students will: Have a clear understanding of strategy and language requirements needed to achieve band 6.5 on the IELTS test

Understanding of the different reading, speaking, listening, and writing tasks and requirements for each and have an improved and refined academic vocabulary

## Course Overview:

As a certified IELTS examiner, I am familiar with all aspects of the IELTS test. This course will cover various topics that the IELTS exam uses on their official exam. The topics are in units that are then studied through reading, listening, writing and speaking exercises. Each unit contains a writing assignment in the exact fashion of the IELTS exam. After several units students will complete a mock IELTS test with conditions as close as possible to real IELTS exams

## Assessment Guideline:

1. Tests :	30 %
2. Writing Assignments	30 %
3. Final Exam	10 %
4. Participation	20 %
5. Attendance	10 %

## Class Rules, Notices and Expectations:

### 1. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LEARNING – LEARNING TAKES PATIENCE AND TIME

### 2. POSSIBLE HYBRID LEARNING MODEL

**Winter 2022 Notice** - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this class may have to change to a hybrid learning environment due to provincial ministry orders.

### 3. ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR ONLINE HYBRID LEARNING

*Attendance* – I will be taking attendance for all classes. Be on time and ready to go at the beginning of each class. Class times are posted on my door. Notice the time changes on Wednesdays.

Notify the teacher when you will be absent. Do not ever leave campus without permission during school hours in-case of an emergency.

- a. If you are sick, notify the teacher via email and do not come to class. You will require proof of sickness in the form of a note that is either signed by your parent, home-stay guardian or a doctor. You must also leave a contact number for the person who signs the note for verification purposes.

### 4. PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- a. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty cannot be tolerated under any circumstance. From the Teacher's perspective, it is very simple to recognize when a student is not using original work. If you do not understand how **NOT** to plagiarize, please speak to me privately so I can show you! Multiple occurrences must and will be reported to the principal.

### 5. MISSED WORK & GRADES

- a. Ultimately, if you have missing work your grades will be negatively affected. I will always give students the chance to make up work (within reasonable circumstance) to earn better marks. However, **be prepared to defend your position** as to why you should have the privilege to re-do, complete extra or make up missed work. If you miss a course-work deadline and subsequently skip your make-up date, you will be awarded a zero – no exceptions.