

ORIENTATION SHEETS

For Auckland



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Class Schedule: Mondays (19.00~20.40)

Instructional language: English

Homework: Submit to thinkincafekk@gmail.com with your Student ID Number.

Hello Everyone!

My name is Ryan James Whitehouse (Kru Jaem). I'm an English and IELTS teacher, and I help students develop their skills to take the IELTS test for university entrance or to study abroad. I have experience teaching all four IELTS skills, which include Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking for both Academic and General Training students.

Today, I'll give you an overview of the IELTS test and explain the details of **IELTS Speaking**, which is suitable for both Academic and General test takers.

About IELTS

IELTS is an English proficiency test for those who plan to study at a university or an institution where English is the primary language of instruction. The test is divided into four main skills: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Each part has its own format and structure.

Other Information

- To maintain the IELTS Guarantee 7.0, students must complete the required page numbers for each chapter listed in the Homework Schedule file before their IELTS test date.
- Every 6 weeks, there will be a 7-day break. You can find the exact dates listed on the LMS homepage. There are usually no classes public holidays.
- The LMS password is updated every month. Students will receive the new password in advance through LINE.
- Zoom recordings are typically uploaded to Google Drive a few hours after each class, along with all materials used during the lesson. These may also be announced via LINE.
- Please note that the most recent recordings are stored on Google Drive, not on the LMS website.

What is IELTS Speaking?

IELTS Speaking is a **face-to-face interview** between you and an examiner. It lasts between **11 and 14 minutes** and is recorded. The test is designed to assess your spoken English in a natural, conversational format. It is the same for both **Academic** and **General Training** candidates.

What Does It Test?

The Speaking test evaluates your ability to:

1. Speak fluently and without hesitation
2. Use a wide range of vocabulary appropriately
3. Apply correct grammar and sentence structures
4. Pronounce words clearly and naturally
5. Organise your ideas logically when speaking
6. Respond appropriately to different types of questions

Structure of the Test

The test is divided into **three parts**:

Part 1: Introduction and Interview (4–5 minutes)

- The examiner will ask general questions about familiar topics, such as your home, studies, job, hobbies, or daily routine.
- This part is like small talk — short answers are acceptable, but you should still expand your responses slightly.

Part 2: Long Turn (3–4 minutes total)

- You will be given a task card with a topic and asked to talk about it for **1 to 2 minutes**.
- You have **1 minute to prepare**, and you may make notes.
- After you finish speaking, the examiner may ask **1 or 2 follow-up questions**.

Part 3: Discussion (4–5 minutes)

- The examiner will ask more abstract and complex questions related to the topic from Part 2.
- This part is more like a mini-interview or discussion. You are expected to give longer, more thoughtful answers, supported with examples or reasons.

Timing and Format

- Total time: 11 to 14 minutes
- Conducted in person or via video call
- One examiner, one candidate
- All parts are recorded for assessment purposes
- The test is typically completed in one sitting, without breaks

How It Is Scored

You are graded on **four criteria**, each worth 25% of your score:

1. **Fluency and Coherence** – Are your ideas clear and connected? Do you speak naturally without long pauses?
2. **Lexical Resource** – Are you using a good range of vocabulary accurately?
3. **Grammatical Range and Accuracy** – Do you use different grammar structures correctly?
4. **Pronunciation** – Is your speech clear and easy to understand?

Your overall Speaking Band Score is calculated from the average of these four criteria.

Kru. Jaem will provide students with strategies and techniques for brainstorming and grammar.