

ORIENTATION SHEETS

For **Christchurch**



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Class Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays (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 Academic Reading.

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 Academic Reading?

IELTS Academic Reading is a 60-minute test made up of three long reading passages. These texts are taken from academic sources such as books, journals, newspapers, or magazines. The texts are designed to reflect the kind of reading required in undergraduate or postgraduate study.

You must answer 40 questions based on the texts.

What Does It Test?

The Academic Reading test assesses a wide range of reading skills, including:

1. Understanding main ideas and overall meaning
2. Identifying specific information
3. Recognising opinions, attitudes, and claims
4. Following the writer's argument or logic
5. Understanding vocabulary in context
6. Identifying matching headings or features
7. Completing summaries or sentence gaps
8. Distinguishing between factual statements and opinions

You are not tested on your background knowledge of the topics. Your task is to understand the information presented in academic texts.

Structure of the Test

- Three passages (become more difficult as you progress)
- 40 questions in total
- Each correct answer earns one mark
- The final score is converted to a Band Score from 1.0 to 9.0
- You must write your answers directly on the answer sheet during the test — no extra time is given

Timing and Format

- Total test time: 60 minutes
- No breaks between sections
- No extra time to transfer answers
- All answers must be completed within the 60 minutes

Common Question Types

- Multiple choice
- True / False / Not Given
- Yes / No / Not Given
- Matching headings
- Matching information
- Matching features
- Sentence completion
- Summary, table, or note completion
- Diagram or flowchart labelling
- Short answer questions

In our classes, Kru. Jaem will provide strategies and techniques to help you locate and confirm your answers.