

ORIENTATION SHEETS

For **Christchurch**



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Class Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays (19.00-20.40)
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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 Listening.

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 Listening?

IELTS Listening is a **30-minute test** with **4 sections** and **40 questions in total**. You will hear a variety of recordings, including conversations and monologues, and answer questions while listening. The recordings are only played once, so full focus is essential.

After the recordings, you have **10 extra minutes** to transfer your answers to the answer sheet (if you registered for the paper-based test only).

What Does It Test?

The Listening test evaluates your ability to:

1. Understand main ideas and specific information
2. Follow a conversation or discussion
3. Recognise opinions, attitudes, or purpose
4. Track the development of an argument
5. Listen for detail, gist, and implications
6. Understand a range of accents (e.g., British, Australian, New Zealand, North American)

Structure of the Test

The test consists of **four sections**, each with a different type of audio:

Section 1 – A conversation between two people in a social or everyday context

Section 2 – A monologue in a general or social context (e.g., a speech or a talk)

Section 3 – A conversation among up to four people in an academic or training context

Section 4 – A monologue on an academic subject (e.g., a lecture or presentation)

Timing and Format

- Total time: **40 minutes**
 - **30 minutes** to listen and answer
 - **10 minutes** to transfer answers to the answer sheet
- 40 questions in total
- Each correct answer earns **1 mark**
- Scores are converted into a Band Score from **1.0 to 9.0**

Common Question Types

- Multiple choice
- Matching
- Plan/map/diagram labelling
- Form/note/table/flow-chart/summary completion
- Sentence completion
- Short-answer questions

In our classes, Kru. Jaem will provide students with resources for strategizing answers.

Important Notes

- Spelling matters — incorrect spelling will be marked wrong
- Answers must follow the word limit (e.g., "No more than TWO words")
- All answers must be transferred during the 10-minute transfer time
- You must listen carefully from the beginning — there is no second chance to hear the audio