

### **IELTS post-reading comparisons**

*Work in small groups. After doing IELTS Reading timed practice and checking your answers, try to find similarities and differences between you and your partner(s) on these topics:*

**Things that you found difficult (questions that you got wrong, ones you were lucky to get right, ones you got right but weren't sure about, etc)**

**The biggest difficulties**

**The main reasons why those questions were difficult/ why the test was difficult**

**Things that you think you should do differently next time**

**Things that you did which seemed to work/ which you would do again/ which you would recommend**

**Things you think would be good to do before you next do the Reading paper in the IELTS test**

*Tell the class how similar or different your answers on the topics above were and one major similarity, and see if other groups share the same things. Then ask about anything above you'd like to hear people's experiences and opinions on, e.g. more self-study tips.*

## Self-study for IELTS Reading preparation discussion

*Choose a top five ways of preparing for timed IELTS Reading papers from this list:*

- ✧ Doing lots of IELTS reading test papers
- ✧ Doing online IELTS reading practice
- ✧ Doing the official IELTS sample test papers
- ✧ Doing the same IELTS reading test paper again later
- ✧ IELTS textbook readings
- ✧ Learning academic vocabulary with a self-study book like Academic Vocabulary in Use
- ✧ Reading English-language school or university textbooks (e.g. geography textbooks)
- ✧ Reading IELTS reading texts again in more detail to make sure you understand everything
- ✧ Reading IELTS reading tips online
- ✧ Reading Wikipedia and other encyclopedias
- ✧ Reading academic journals (e.g. Nature or New England Journal of Medicine)
- ✧ Reading fiction
- ✧ Reading news magazines like Newsweek and Time
- ✧ Reading newspapers
- ✧ Reading popular science magazines (and the equivalent for other subjects such as BBC History Magazine and National Geographic)
- ✧ Using an IELTS vocabulary book
- ✧ Watching English language documentaries with English subtitles
- ✧ Working your way through a specific IELTS reading book

*How should you go about reading those things?*

*How can you choose which vocabulary from those reading texts to learn?*