

IELTS Writing Task 2 tasks on IELTS Reading

Discuss your opinions on the topics below with one or two other students. Don't think about how you would write an answer yet, but do try to stick closely to answering exactly the questions that are there (not just talking about the topic more generally).

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people prefer to quickly skim the beginning of each paragraph before looking at the questions in IELTS Reading tests. Others, however, prefer to underline important words in the questions before they start reading.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people have problems finishing an IELTS Reading test in sixty minutes.

What reasons could there be for this?

What solutions can you suggest?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people recommend choosing paper-based IELTS Reading because it is much easier to underline and make notes on the text and questions, and you can double-check your answers and guess when you transfer them to the separate answer sheet. Others, however, prefer computer-based IELTS because you can have the questions and text on one screen without needing to flick back and forth, and there is no need to transfer your answers at the end.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people try to learn all the new vocabulary that they can find in an IELTS Reading practice test that they have done.

What could the consequences of doing this be?

Are there any good ways of deciding which vocabulary is most useful and/ or choosing which words and phrases are least useful to learn?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Compare two of the following ways of transferring your answers in the paper-based IELTS Reading test:

- **writing each answer directly on the answer sheet as you choose it (without writing it on the question sheet first)**
- **transferring your answers after you finish each of the three reading texts**
- **transferring your answers when you finish the whole reading test**
- **transferring your answers after 50 minutes, i.e. when there are only ten minutes left at the end of the test**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people say one of the best ways of preparing for IELTS Reading exams is timing everything that you read in English and trying to push up the number of words which you read per minute.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand or couldn't answer.

Plan some of the writing above.

Choose one of the ones you planned and write the introduction (including describing your plan in the final sentence of the introduction).

Compare with another group, giving feedback on their plans and/ or introduction.

Extra task for (timed) writing practice

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Compare reading two of the following kinds of text as a way of improving your ability to cope with IELTS Reading:

- (only/ mainly) IELTS Reading practice tests
- newspaper articles
- news magazine articles
- basic introductory textbooks (“Geography 101”, etc)
- published academic papers
- semi-academic articles/ popularised articles on academic subjects (from Scientific American, BBC History Magazine, etc)

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.
