

IELTS MARKING SCHEMES

IELTS Listening marking schemes

For the listening test, which contains 40 questions, the *approximate* band scores can be calculated using this table.

Band Score	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5
Score / 40	39-40	37-38	35-36	32-34	30-31	26-29	23-25	18-22	16-17	13-15	10-12	8-10	6-7	4-5

IELTS General Reading marking schemes

For the general reading test, which contains 40 questions, the *approximate* band scores can be calculated using this table.

Band Score	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5
Score / 40	40	39	37-38	36	34-35	32-33	30-31	27-29	23-26	19-22	15-18	12-14	9-11	6-8

IELTS Academic Reading marking schemes

For the *academic* reading test, which also contains 40 questions, but is more difficult, the *approximate* band scores can be calculated using this table.

Band Score	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5
Score / 40	39-40	37-38	35-36	33-34	30-32	27-29	23-26	19-22	15-18	13-14	10-12	8-9	6-7	4-5

IELTS Writing marking schemes

The two writing questions are marked out of 9 according to the following criteria:

- Task Achievement
- Coherence and Cohesion
- Lexical Resource
- Grammatical Range and Accuracy

IELTS Speaking marking schemes

The speaking test is also marked out of 9 according to the following criteria:

- Fluency and coherence
- Lexical resource
- Grammatical range and accuracy
- Pronunciation