What is IELTS on computer

Take IELTS on computer for faster results and more test availability.

• Results in 3-5 days
• More tests, more days of the week
• Speaking test remains face-to-face

You now have the choice between taking IELTS on paper or on computer.

The test content and structure remain the same in both options and, importantly, the Speaking test remains face-to-face with a certified IELTS Examiner.

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“I really liked the face-to-face Speaking test. It feels more natural and you can see the expression of the examiner, just like when you speak to people every day.”

Shanshan, China
IELTS is the world’s most popular high-stakes English language test for study, work and migration purposes.

IELTS assesses your abilities in listening, reading, writing and speaking – in less than three hours.

Whether you take IELTS on paper or computer, you can be confident that you are taking the same trusted English language test, with no differences in:

- Content
- Test timings*
- Structure
- Marking
- Question types
- Security
- Speaking test
- Test Report Form

*In the Listening test on computer, the timings are slightly different from the Listening test on paper. This is because the paper-based test requires users to transfer answers to an answer sheet. This step becomes redundant when answering directly on a computer.

- Before the start of each part of the Listening test, you will have some time to read the questions.
- After the end of each part of the Listening test, you will have some time to review your answers.
- At the end of the Listening test, you will have 2 minutes to check your answers.

The timing of the Listening test is between 30 – 34 minutes.

Helping you prepare for IELTS on computer

Before you head into your test, make sure you take time to get familiar with IELTS on computer. You can do this by sampling the practice questions and reviewing our test support materials online.

Try the free sample test questions, watch tutorial videos and take IELTS official practice test, IELTS Progress Check. Go to ielts.org/for-test-takers/how-to-prepare

“I really wanted my results quicker, so that’s why I took IELTS on a computer. The test was otherwise the same.”

Tom, Germany
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