



SelfAccess.com provides interactive self-study learning tools for English language students. The lessons and exercises are based on topical Reuters® news and current event articles and the site uses the types of questions and tasks used in IELTS exams. You can study English from anywhere in your own time and at your own pace. Develop the skills you need to gain the best possible score in the IELTS, FCE, TOEFL and for university.

- Use the IELTS exam type questions and exercises to learn strategies for listening, reading, writing and exam time management. Use the feedback and help you are given to get the best possible score in IELTS, FCE, TOEIC and TOEFL examinations and to help you at university.
- Choose from a wide variety of easily accessible, high-quality materials which are relevant and up-to-date. The lessons include reading, writing, listening and grammar activities.
- Learn about world events and gain knowledge about different cultures. This will help you to form opinions and organize your ideas for essay writing. We give you model essays to work with which will also help you to write in a more effective way.
- The easy-to-use site is interactive, fun and rewarding. It will allow you to customize your own learning to develop the skills you require for university, and practise the skills you already have.
- Use the many exercises providing grammar support. These help you to write essays using grammar in the right context.
- Become familiar with the many different accents and voices you may hear in exams or while studying with our listening exercises. We use speakers from all around the world in our recordings.
- Learn how to manage your time in the most effective way possible. Often students experience problems with the reading section of the exam, as they run out of time. All our academic reading exercises are designed and timed to help you to become a more efficient reader.

About IELTS & TOEFL

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) measures the ability of non-native speakers of English to use and understand North American English as it is used in college and university settings. TOEFL is used by North American universities and also in Australia, Britain and Europe to measure the English level of students from non-English speaking countries who wish to enter undergraduate programmes.

IELTS is jointly managed by The University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), The British Council and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia. IELTS tests reading, writing, listening and speaking. It is recognized world-wide. There are two modules of the IELTS Test - Academic and General.

The IELTS Academic qualification is accepted as an entry requirement to universities in the U.K, Australia, North America and New Zealand. This module focuses on the English language skills which you will need as a student when studying or training in English.

The IELTS General qualification is accepted as an entry requirement if you want to immigrate to an English-speaking country. For more information about IELTS, go to www.ielts.org

The IELTS Academic Reading Module has three reading passages that become progressively more challenging. You are given 60 minutes to answer questions for all three passages.

Reading

The reading passages are on a variety of subjects and are chosen for their suitability for people entering university. The types of skills the Reading Module assesses include:

- Identifying the gist of a passage
- Finding detailed factual information in a passage
- Identifying relationships between ideas or information items, such as: < cause and effect < order of events < comparison
- Making inferences distinguishing between fact, assumption or opinion
- Understanding text organization
- Summarising information

Listening

The Listening section of the IELTS exam has four taped sections that become progressively more challenging. The listening passages are on a variety of current topics and are chosen for their suitability for people entering university. The types of skills the listening module assesses include:

- * identifying the gist of a conversation or monologue extracting specific factual information
- * identifying speaker roles
- * identifying relationships between ideas or pieces of information, such as: - cause and effect - order of events - comparison
- * following directions and instructions
- * identifying numbers, dates, time, etc.
- * making inferences
- * determining when a speaker is expressing fact, assumption or opinion.

Writing

The IELTS Academic Writing Module consists of two activities: Writing Task 1 and Writing Task 2. You are given 60 minutes to complete both tasks. The writing tasks are on a variety of subjects and are chosen for their suitability for candidates entering university, as are all our Reuters news articles.

In Writing Task 1, you are asked to describe information that is usually presented in the form of a graph, table or diagram. Many students find it difficult to understand and interpret graphs and statistics. At www.selfaccess.com we provide you with many examples of these exercises in a number of different ways to help increase your confidence.

In Writing Task 2, you are asked to:

- * Put forward a point of view on a given topic
- * Argue in support of or against a given statement propose a solution to a given problem
- * Speculate on implications of a given issue

Our lessons will help you give the IELTS and TOEFL scores you need!

Who are we?

Selfaccess.com is a part of English-To-Go Ltd., the leading provider of educational materials over the Internet. We turn information into knowledge by supplying English language training materials to teachers, students and home educators in over 100 countries.

At English-To-Go, we understand that English is the language of international communication. To communicate in the global economy it is not enough to know English alone. Our aim is not only to teach English, but to give students and teachers the opportunity to engage and debate issues globally. Our lessons are carefully prepared to get students interested, encouraged and challenged. Students are exposed to fresh, global and contemporary English with the potential for real world communication through well-staged activities.

English-To-Go Ltd provides Instant Lessons™, life long learning tools that encourage development of critical thinking along with the communicative and action competency skills needed to communicate effectively in English. Lessons are based on news and current events from the Reuters News Agency. Our materials are fun, fresh and engaging.

The company

In early 1998 a small group of educationalists, designers and programmers agreed to work together in their spare time on developing English-To-Go. They spent nearly a year developing the teaching methodology and launched the first instant lesson in 1988. Aptly enough, this lesson was called "Lift Off²" and was about John Glenn's return to space.

Our first lesson was released on Selfaccess.net in September 2001 and we looked at the smoking debate.

We have also developed a third site called InstantWorkbook.com. This site contains interactive learning tools for English language that are linked to Instant Lessons and other English-To-Go resources. They complement our materials from the www.english-to-go.com website and can be used as a follow-on from lessons you have already enjoyed.

Our websites and their content are created by this international team of qualified and experienced teachers, trainers, facilitators, linguists, technicians and educational experts. The lessons are used in more than 100 countries.