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# Introduction

Welcome to our course and the VIP Study Plan.

I'm delighted and honoured to have you here with us and I look forward to helping you get the scores you need.

What I have learned over the years is that students can often feel overwhelmed and demotivated by how big a task it is to pass the IELTS test and all the inevitable setbacks experienced. What's important is that you don't look at IELTS as one big goal but rather a series of small goals. This way, you can focus on what you need to do right now and not worry about anything else. The old phrase 'Take care of the pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves' is especially relevant here.

With this in mind, I have created this document to break down everything you need to do into small achievable goals so that you can acknowledge and celebrate the progress you're making and stay motivated to continue. There will be many hurdles and disappointments along the way but as long as you continue to follow our advice and stay motivated, you can do this.

When you're studying, you need to be very realistic about how much time you can dedicate to this each day. Firstly, block off any time on your calendar that you are busy with work, study or family obligations that you can't get out of. For the rest of your time, you should allocate this to preparing for the IELTS test and stick to this rigidly so that you know exactly what time you'll start and stop each day before you even get out of bed. If possible, talk to your employer and your family about getting support with your regular duties so that you can dedicate more of your time to studying for the test.

It's also important to be realistic about how much work you're capable of doing so don't spend too much time studying each day, otherwise you will become exhausted and unable to focus. On the other hand, you don't want to study too little or you won't progress as quickly as is necessary. We also advise you to take one day off every week to make sure that you can continue to study effectively in the following weeks. You should do something you enjoy like spending time with friends and family as this will help you to feel refreshed and more positive about your preparation. Similarly, you will need to include breaks in your day to give your brain an opportunity to process all the new information you've learned and to help you to remain productive while you're studying. Include time to eat healthily and sleep well as you can't expect your mind to operate at peak performance if you're neglecting it.

Finally, the reason that you have joined this course is because you need expert advice and if you follow our advice, you will get the IELTS scores you need. It could be the case that it is more work than you had expected and it could be the case that it will take more time than you had expected but I earnestly implore you not to ignore our advice and to dedicate yourself completely to this endeavor so that you can improve your own life and the lives of your family members with the doors you will open by passing this test.

If you need anything, feel free to contact us at [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com), the special email address we created to ensure you get our support as quickly as possible.

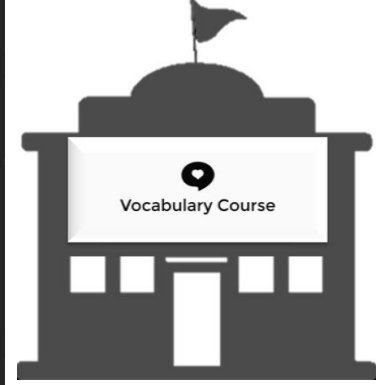
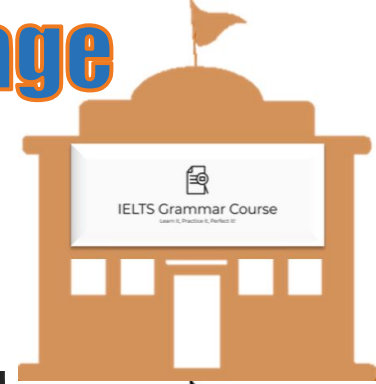
Best wishes

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# Map of IELTS Advantage



# Progress Record

The IELTS Advantage Progress Record is a valuable tool that is designed to maximise the effectiveness of your learning process and, as a result, help you achieve the IELTS scores that you need.

To download the IELTS Advantage Progress Record, click [here](#).

## The Principles

A lot of research has been carried out on the learning process to find the best way to study in order to improve results. This document will help you do just that.

**Identify → Reflect → Prioritise → Take action → Track → IMPROVED SCORES.**

### Identify

You cannot improve unless you know what is wrong. This document will help you identify your key mistakes.



### Reflect

Based on the principles of *active recall* it is essential that this is done immediately after completing a task. By thinking about what you have done well and badly in a task, as well as being able to express your feelings about your performance, you'll have a deeper understanding of your current level and ability. If you know this, you can more effectively take action to improve.



### Prioritise

Key mistakes are the most frequent and important mistakes you are making; therefore, it is vital that you focus your time and energy on key mistakes instead of other less important mistakes as that will best help you to improve. Even if you have identified 4 key mistakes, one of them might be the most urgent issue. This means you should spend more time and energy on it than on the other ones.



### Take Action

This is the most important stage. There is no point identifying your key mistakes, understanding them, and prioritising them if you don't take action to help avoid making those same mistakes again in the future. Taking action could be completing or repeating a module on the course, researching something you don't understand, doing extra practice on a particular area, being strict with yourself to follow the study plan, organising your time better, and other actions.



### Track

Improving your IELTS scores is a journey; therefore, having the ability to monitor your progress from the beginning to the middle and right through to the end will give you a more accurate understanding of your real ability. This means you will know how much effort and time is needed to complete your goals and get the IELTS scores you need.



**IMPROVED SCORES**

To watch the IELTS Advantage Progress Record guide, click [here](#).

## Goal 1



# Learn how to answer any Listening question

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This part of the test is the same for General Training and Academic IELTS so all students need to complete these lessons. **However, it's very important that you don't skip any of the lessons as they are all essential.**

Step 2: Get a new notebook. It's incredibly important to make notes of everything you need to know before you do the test. Don't confuse the ability to understand something with the ability to remember it. In the past, many students have wasted time watching the full course a second time as the notes they made weren't comprehensive enough. Make sure that this doesn't happen to you.

Step 3: Complete the lesson for the first question type called 'Summary Completion' and make notes of anything you need to know for the test. If there's anything you don't understand, rewatch that part of the lesson and if you still don't understand after that, send an email to [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) with a screenshot of the section you need explained so that we can support you with this.

Step 4: After completing the 'Summary Completion' lesson, download the set of practice questions on the right side of your screen. This will be your first attempt implementing the strategy for this question type so refer to your notebook and go very slowly. Focus all your attention on correctly applying each step in the strategy. Once you've finished, check your answers and watch the tutorial video located under the answer key.

Step 5: Continue with the subsequent lessons until you've finished the course. Follow the same process as you did with the 'Summary Completion' lesson and make sure that you **do not rush yourself**. It's more important that you understand everything than it is to finish quickly.

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## Goal 2

# Discover your key mistakes in Listening

Step 1: Now, you need to do **one** practise listening test. In the beginning, you'll do your practice tests slowly and refer to your notebook but once you start getting the score you need, you'll have to start practising under exam conditions. In the VIP Bonuses section of the course, you will find practice tests produced by IELTS Advantage. These tests are suitable at the beginning of your preparation as they enable you to perfect the strategies from the course and discover your key mistakes.



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Step 2: The most important thing now is to analyse all the incorrect answers in your practice test. There is a lesson in the bonus section of the course called 'Learning from your Mistakes' that will help you understand how to do this analysis.



Learning from  
your Mistakes

### Learning from your Mistakes

This is an incredibly important step as this is the information needed to improve your scores. You are the only one who can do this step as it requires you to remember what you were thinking while doing the practice test. This is why it's crucial that you take as much time as necessary to do this analysis of your practice test. It might take hours but it's an incredibly good use of your time so continue until you have a **very specific reason** for every answer you got wrong.

A word of warning here is that I have encountered thousands of students who got too many answers wrong because of their English level. Many will waste a lot of time looking for other possible causes because instinctively, we all want the easiest possible solution to our problems. However, if your issue is that your listening ability or knowledge of vocabulary is what's stopping you from getting the answers right, the only solution is to accept the problem and start working on it. If this is your situation, the sooner you can admit this, the sooner you can continue improving.

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## Goal 3

# Learn from your key mistakes in Listening

Step 1: Now that you know what your key mistakes are, you should focus on these things and nothing else. Make a study plan by writing down the times you will study during each day of the next week and assign which of your key mistakes you will be working on during these times.

Some students think that completing practice test after practice test is the best way to improve their scores but you need to understand that this is simply not true. As a wise man once said, “Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results.” For example, if the issue is that you can’t stay focused for the full listening test because you don’t normally listen to anything in English, then doing many practice tests will only help you so much whereas listening to English every day as part of your daily routine will have result in faster progress.

Step 2: The objective now is to take the necessary action to ensure that you don’t repeat any of your key mistakes. If you’re not clear how to do this, it could be because the key mistakes you discovered in your practice test aren’t specific enough. If this is the situation you’re in, send an email to [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) with a list of your key mistakes and explanations of why these led to you getting the answers wrong and we will be able to support you further with this.

Also, to help you with this step, you can start to avail of the extra resources we have provided you with. If you have basic problems with listening, the pronunciation course will help you as you will better understand how words are connected within sentences. If you have issues with vocabulary, the vocabulary course will help you with this and if you need to improve your general English, you can avail of the English Advantage Course. Click [here](#) to log in and select the relevant course.



IELTS Pronunciation Course



Vocabulary Course



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Step 3: After all that hard work and effort, it’s now time to complete another practice listening test. Click [here](#) to go back to IELTS Listening- Goal 2 and repeat the process until you can consistently get the score you need under exam conditions. Once you can do that, you’re ready for Listening in your real IELTS test. Please don’t book your test until you’ve done this and you’re also ready for the Writing Task 1, Writing Task 2, Reading and Speaking sections of the test.

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## Goal 1



# Learn how to answer any Reading question

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IELTS Reading Academy

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The question types used in the General Training and the Academic IELTS Reading tests are the exact same so everyone follows the same strategies. The difference between the two versions of the reading test is the types of texts used. This is important once you start practising under exam conditions as you will need to use the same type of reading test that you'll have when you do your real IELTS test.

Step 2: Get a new notebook. It's incredibly important to make notes of everything you need to know before you do the test. Don't confuse the ability to understand something with the ability to remember it. In the past, many students have wasted time watching the full course a second time as the notes they made weren't comprehensive enough. Make sure that this doesn't happen to you.

Step 3: Complete the lesson for the first question type called 'Short Answer' and make notes of anything you need to know for the test. If there's anything you don't understand, rewatch that part of the lesson and if you still don't understand after that, send an email to [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) with a screenshot of the section you need explained so that we can support you with this.

Step 4: After completing the 'Short Answer' lesson, download the set of practice questions on the right side of your screen. This will be your first attempt implementing the strategy for this question type so refer to your notebook and go very slowly. Focus all your attention on correctly applying each step in the strategy. Once you've finished, check your answers and watch the tutorial video located under the answer key.

Step 5: Continue with the subsequent lessons until you've finished the course. Follow the same process as you did with the 'Short Answer' lesson and make sure that you **do not rush yourself**. It's more important that you understand everything than it is to finish quickly.

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## Goal 2

# Discover your key mistakes in Reading

Step 1: Now, you need to do **one** practise reading test. In the beginning, you'll do your practice tests slowly and refer to your notebook but once you start getting the score you need, you'll have to start practising under exam conditions. In the VIP Bonuses section of the course, you will find practice tests produced by IELTS Advantage. These tests are suitable at the beginning of your preparation as they enable you to perfect the strategies from the course and discover your key mistakes.



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Listening  
Bonus  
Module

Learning from  
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### Learning from your Mistakes

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# Learn from your key mistakes in Reading

Step 1: Now that you know what your key mistakes are, you should focus on these things and nothing else. Make a study plan by writing down the times you will study during each day of the next week and assign which of your key mistakes you will be working on during these times.

Some students think that completing practice test after practice test is the best way to improve their scores but you need to understand that this is simply not true. Let's say, for example, that one of your key mistakes is that you are a slow reader. If you do practice tests in an attempt to increase your reading speed, it will take you a very long time and also, you will be using up the limited number of practice tests that are available to you. Instead, you should make reading in English as part of your daily routine so that you can make faster progress in this area.

Step 2: The objective now is to take the necessary action to ensure that you don't repeat any of your key mistakes. If you're not clear how to do this, it could be because the key mistakes you discovered in your practice test aren't specific enough. If this is the situation you're in, send an email to [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) with a list of your key mistakes and explanations of why these led to you getting the answer wrong and we will be able to support you further with this.

Also, to help you with this step, you can start to avail of the extra resources we have provided you with. If you have issues with vocabulary, the vocabulary course will help you with this and if you need to improve your general English, you can avail of the English Advantage Course. Click [here](#) to log in and select the relevant course.



Vocabulary Course



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Step 3: After all that hard work and effort, it's now time to complete another practice reading test. Click [here](#) to go back to IELTS Reading- Goal 2 and repeat the process until you can consistently get the score you need under exam conditions. Once you can do that, you're ready for Reading in your real IELTS test. Please don't book your test until you've done this and you're also ready for the Writing Task 1, Writing Task 2, Listening and Speaking sections of the test.

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## Goal 1



## *Learn how to answer any Writing Task 1 question*

Step 1: Click [here](#), log in and choose the IELTS Writing Academy.



Watch the Welcome video, read the FAQs and take a look around to make yourself familiar with what's available. Make sure to check out the Bonus section of the course, located below all the modules, where you will find all the resources you need to help with your Task 1 preparation.

This part of the test is different for General Training and Academic IELTS so we have designed one complete course for each version of Writing Task 1. You will only need to do the one relating the type of IELTS test you're doing. **However, it's very important that you watch each module in the order they are numbered and that you don't skip any of them as each module builds on the last and they are all essential.**

Step 2: Get a new notebook. It's incredibly important to make notes of everything you need to know before you do the test. Don't confuse the ability to understand something with the ability to remember it. In the past, many students have wasted time watching the full course a second time as the notes they made weren't comprehensive enough. Make sure that this doesn't happen to you.

Step 3: Start Writing Task 1 - Module 1 and make notes of anything you need to know for the test. If there's anything you don't understand, rewatch that part of the lesson.

Step 4: After completing Module 1, do the Module 1 assessment to make sure there isn't anything you misunderstood. If you got any answers wrong but don't understand why they were wrong, send an email to us at [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) with a screenshot of the section you need explained so that we can support you with this.

Step 5: Continue with the subsequent Task 1 Modules until you've finished the course. Follow the same process as you did with Module 1 above and make sure that you **do not rush yourself**. It's more important that you understand everything than it is to finish quickly.

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## Goal 2

# Discover your key mistakes in Writing Task 1

Step 1: Now, you need to practise answering questions. A good way to do this is to open a sample answer in the Band 9 Essay Bank, which is located in the VIP Bonuses section of the course, and answer the question at the top without reading the sample answer first. Once you've finished writing your answer, compare it with the sample answer to help you identify any mistakes you've made.



### Band 9 Essay Bank

Here you'll be able to download all of our Band 9 sample answers. Please click any of the download links to the right to view. Below are links to past

In the real test, you have 20 minutes to write a Task 1 answer. In the beginning, don't time yourself as it will definitely take you longer than 20 minutes to write your Task 1 answers. Just focus on writing good quality answers first and you will get faster when you are more familiar with each question type and don't need to refer to your notes anymore. Once you're able to write answers at the required level, you will need to start writing them under exam conditions and in 20 minutes or less.

Step 2: Once you're satisfied with the quality of your writing, you need to submit a Task 1 answer to the Writing Correction Service. Go to the bonus section of the course, click on the bonus called 'Writing Corrections (Submit your writing here)' and download the instructions document on the right of your screen.



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This is your chance to get personal feedback on your essays. You simply submit your tasks using the online form below, we will correct them, give

Do not look at all of the questions on the list as this will make it easier for you to answer them in the future. Instead, choose a Task 1 question at random, write an answer and follow the instructions at the top of the document to submit your writing for correction. If you are doing the paper-based IELTS test, you will need to write your essay by hand so it's important that you do the same while you practise. If you're doing the computer-based IELTS test, you will need to type your essay so it's important that you practise this way.

Step 3: Once you receive your feedback, focus on understanding your key mistakes. It is essential that you understand what you've done wrong or else you won't be able to avoid repeating these mistakes next time. If you're not 100% clear about what your key mistakes are or what you need to do to avoid repeating the same mistakes again, send an email to [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) and describe exactly what you're confused about so that we can give you additional support with this.

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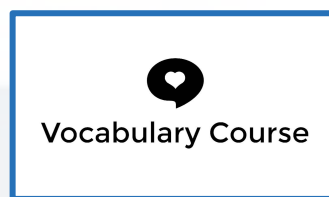
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Many students think that writing several answers a day is the best way to improve their scores but you need to understand that this is simply not true as this will not provide you with enough practise of the skill you need to improve. For example, if you have an issue with articles, you will continue to repeat the same mistake by writing essays whereas carefully studying the rules of articles will mean that you identify what you didn't use to know which leads to you not repeating this mistake ever again. Studying in this way is necessary for all issues related to Writing Task 1 so make sure that you use your time to address your key mistakes and nothing else.

Step 2: At this point, you can start to avail of the extra resources we have provided you with. Click [here](#), log into the course and select the 'Daily Writing Clinics' for help with all the various aspects of writing a Task 1 answer. There are lessons on a wide range of topics but only complete the ones related to your key mistakes as completing any others would be a waste of your time. If your key mistakes are related to vocabulary or grammar, you can complete the relevant courses to make sure that you progress as quickly as possible. Finally, if your issue is related to your general level of English, you can complete our English Advantage lessons.



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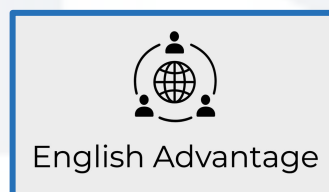
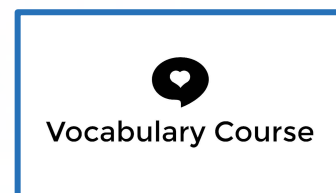
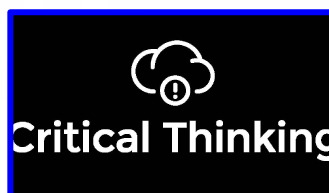
## Goal 3

# Learn from your key mistakes in Writing Task 2

Step 1: Now that you know what your key mistakes are, you should focus on these things and nothing else. Make a study plan by writing down the times you will study during each day of the next week and assign which of your key mistakes you will be working on during these times.

Many students think that writing several essays a day is the best way to improve their scores but you need to understand that this is simply not true as this will not provide you with enough practise of the skill you need to improve. For example, if you have issues with idea generation, writing an essay will only give you one opportunity to practise this skill whereas working on this as a discrete skill will mean that you are doing this over and over again and therefore progressing faster. This is true for all issues related to Writing Task 2 so make sure that you use your time to address your key mistakes and nothing else.

Step 2: At this point, you can start to avail of the extra resources we have provided you with. Click [here](#), log into the course and select the 'Daily Writing Clinics' for help with all the various aspects of writing a Task 2 answer. There are lessons on a wide range of topics but only complete the ones related to your key mistakes as completing any others would be a waste of your time. If your key mistakes are related to critical thinking, vocabulary or grammar, you can complete the relevant courses to make sure that you progress as quickly as possible. Finally, if your issue is related to your general level of English, you can complete our English Advantage lessons.



Step 3: After all that hard work and effort, it's now time to start writing Task 2 answers again. Click [here](#) to go back to IELTS Writing Task 2- Goal 2 and repeat the process until you can consistently get the score you need under exam conditions. Once you can do that, you're ready for Writing Task 2 of your real IELTS test. Please don't book your test until you've done this and you're also ready for the Writing Task 1, Reading, Listening and Speaking sections of the test.

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## Goal 1



# Learn how to answer any Speaking question

Step 1: Click [here](#), log in and choose the IELTS Speaking Academy.



Watch the Welcome video, read the FAQs and take a look around to make yourself familiar with what's available. Make sure to check out the Bonus section of the course, located below all the modules, where you will find all the resources you need to help with your speaking preparation.

This part of the test is the same for General Training and Academic IELTS so all students need to complete these lessons. **However, it's very important that you watch each module in the order they are numbered and that you don't skip any of them as each module builds on the last and they are all essential.**

Step 2: Get a new notebook. It's incredibly important to make notes of everything you need to know before you do the test. Don't confuse the ability to understand something with the ability to remember it. In the past, many students have wasted time watching the full course a second time as the notes they made weren't comprehensive enough. Make sure that this doesn't happen to you.

Step 3: Start Speaking - Module 1 and make notes of anything you need to know for the test. If there's anything you don't understand, rewatch that part of the lesson.

Step 4: After completing Module 1, do the Module 1 assessment to make sure there isn't anything you misunderstood. If you got any answers wrong but don't understand why they were wrong, send an email to us at [vip@ieltsadvantage.com](mailto:vip@ieltsadvantage.com) with a screenshot of the section you need explained so that we can support you with this.

Step 5: Continue with the subsequent IELTS Speaking Academy Modules until you've finished the course. Follow the same process as you did with Module 1 above and make sure that you **do not rush yourself**. It's more important that you understand everything than it is to finish quickly.

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## Goal 2

# Discover your key mistakes in Speaking

Step 1: Now, you need to practise answering questions. A good way to do this is to find an IELTS Speaking test question which you haven't seen before and record yourself answering it. Once you've finished, listen to your answer to find any key mistakes that are obvious to you.

Step 2: Once you're satisfied with the quality of your answers, you need to book a mock speaking test with us. Go to the bonus section of the course, click on the bonus called 'One on One Speaking Tests' and find a time that is suitable for you in our booking system.



One on One Speaking Tests (Book your mock speaking test here)

⌚ 7 minutes

Step 3: Once you've finished your practice test, make sure to listen to your teacher's feedback carefully so as to understanding your key mistakes. It is essential that you understand what you've done wrong or else you won't be able to avoid repeating these mistakes next time. If you're not 100% clear about what your key mistakes are or what you need to do to avoid repeating the same mistakes again, ask your teacher for further clarification. If fluency is one of the things you need to improve, you should accept the teacher's offer of a speaking buddy.

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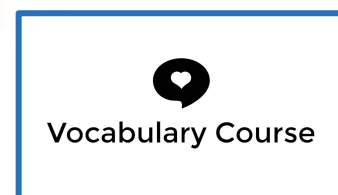
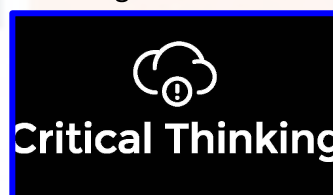
## Goal 3

# Learn from your key mistakes in Speaking

Step 1: Now that you know what your key mistakes are, you should focus on these things and nothing else. Make a study plan by writing down the times you will study during each day of the next week and assign which of your key mistakes you will be working on during these times.

Many students feel that the more they speak, the better their overall speaking score will be but you need to understand that to improve any of the band scores in speaking, you need to focus on these as individual skills. Your fluency will improve if you practise speaking more often but this will not help your vocabulary, grammar or pronunciation. If you have problems with any of these areas, you need to focus on them one at a time.

Step 2: At this point, you can start to avail of the extra resources we have provided you with. Click [here](#), log into the course and select the 'Speaking Examiner Seminars' to help you understand what IELTS speaking examiners are looking for. You'll find the links for the live seminars in the schedule or you can choose to watch the recorded versions. If your key mistakes are related to critical thinking, vocabulary or grammar, you can complete the relevant courses to make sure that you progress as quickly as possible. Finally, if your issue is related to your general level of English, you can complete our English Advantage lessons.



Step 3: After all that hard work and effort, it's now time to book another mock speaking test. Click [here](#) to go back to IELTS Speaking- Goal 2 and repeat the process until you can consistently get the score you need under exam conditions. Once you can do that, you're ready for speaking in your real IELTS test. Please don't book your test until you've done this and you're also ready for the Writing Task 1, Writing Task 2, Reading and Listening sections of the test.

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# Score Conversion Tables

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# Reading and Listening

Listening Conversion Table (Academic & General Training)	
Number of Correct Answers Out of 40	Band Score
40	9
38-39	8.5
35-37	8
33-34	7.5
30-32	7
27-29	6.5
23-26	6
20-22	5.5
16-19	5

Academic Reading Conversion Table	
Number of Correct Answers Out of 40	Band Score
39-40	9
37-38	8.5
35-36	8
33-34	7.5
30-32	7
27-29	6.5
23-26	6
19-22	5.5
15-18	5

General Training Reading Conversion Table	
Number of Correct Answers Out of 40	Band Score
40	9
39	8.5
37-38	8
36	7.5
34-35	7
32-33	6.5
30-31	6
27-29	5.5
23-26	5