



## IELTS vs. OET - which one suits you best? You decide!

LISTENING	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING
<p><b>IELTS listening</b> - get 32 out of 40 correct = Band 7. The information for the gap-fill exercises is (mostly) played sequentially. The test is usually in 3 sections: one is mono-voice; one is a conversation between two or more people; one is someone giving directions you follow – on a map or a floor plan. There are several English accents to contend with: maybe a Scottish accent, a New Zealand accent, American or Australian accent.</p> <p>The IELTS Listening test takes 40 minutes to complete.</p> <p><b>Assessed by an IELTS assessor.</b></p> <p><b>OET listening</b> – is in two parts.</p> <p>Part A is a consultation – about 8 to 10 minutes. Two voices.</p> <p>Part B is a “lecture” – one voice – 25 or so minutes. Starts off at a reasonable pace but the last third is spoken quickly –demands high concentration to keep up with what the speaker says / summarise / brief time to take notes. To get a “B” (or “A”) in OET Listening, candidate must get at least 65% right.</p> <p><b>Assessed by an OET assessor.</b></p>	<p><b>IELTS Reading</b> – score 32 out of 40 correct = and you have Band 7. Usually there are 3 sections – with 12 to 15 questions for each section. Questions are either multiple choice / or fill-in-the-gap. Straightforward. Questions are (mostly) sequential. You are given one hour to complete the reading. You choose which section you do first, second &amp; third.</p> <p><b>Reading answer sheet is marked by computer.</b></p> <p><b>OET Reading</b> is in 2 parts. Part A consists of 4 separate pieces of text on the one topic. Your task is to complete the summarising gap-fill exercise at the end. There are many gaps – maybe 28 to 35. You are given 15 minutes to complete the readings and fill in all the gaps.</p> <p>Part B consists of <u>two</u> passages – each with multiple choice questions. Many MCQ have 2 of the 4 options which could be correct. Your task is to work out which one is more correct than the other.</p> <p>You are given 45 minutes to do Part B. To get a “B” (or “A”) in Reading, candidate must get at least 65% right.</p> <p><b>Reading answer sheet is marked by computer.</b></p>	<p><b>IELTS Academic Writing</b> consists of 2 parts:</p> <p>Part A – describe a graph, a table or a flow chart.</p> <p>Part B – write a 250w essay.</p> <p>Part A requires analytical English – the language of comparison. You write about ‘..the upward trend’ or ‘fluctuated between ...’ or ‘remained constant / unchanged’</p> <p>Part B writing requires you to write a comparative or an argumentative essay (one page – 250 words long). You get one hour for writing.</p> <p>You are given both Parts together. You can do the essay first – then the graph. It is up to you.</p> <p><b>Assessed by an IELTS assessor.</b></p> <p><b>OET Writing</b> requires candidates to consider a discipline-specific case study – and write a letter of referral. Nurses might write a letter of discharge; Pharmacists might write a letter to the customer’s doctor; Doctors and Dentists usually are writing to a specialist – referring the patient.</p> <p>5 minutes reading time 40 minutes writing time.</p> <p><b>Assessed by an OET assessor.</b></p>	<p><b>IELTS Speaking</b> is in three parts:</p> <p>Part 1 – warm up / intro / very short “interview”</p> <p>Part 2 – the solo performance – one min. preparation time then two minutes talking on the given topic.</p> <p>Part 3 – a 2-way conversation.</p> <p><b>The critical difference between IELTS and OET Speaking Test is that in the IELTS speaking test <u>you are talking with your examiner – the one who judges you.</u></b></p> <p>Your body language counts – can help you.</p> <p>Takes 11 to 13 minutes.</p> <p><b>OET Speaking</b> takes the form of a consultation / an exchange of information – between the professional and the patient / client / customer – however the “role player” is instructed to act passively, making it extremely hard for the professional to “drive” the encounter.</p> <p>The intonation of the candidate’s voice is most important – as is sounding confident. “Body language” is NOT involved.</p> <p>2 role plays in 15 minutes.</p> <p><b>Speaking is assessed by two OET assessors who listen to your recorded voice some time after the test is over.</b></p>