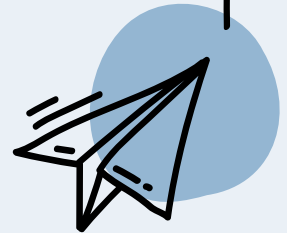# The IELTS test

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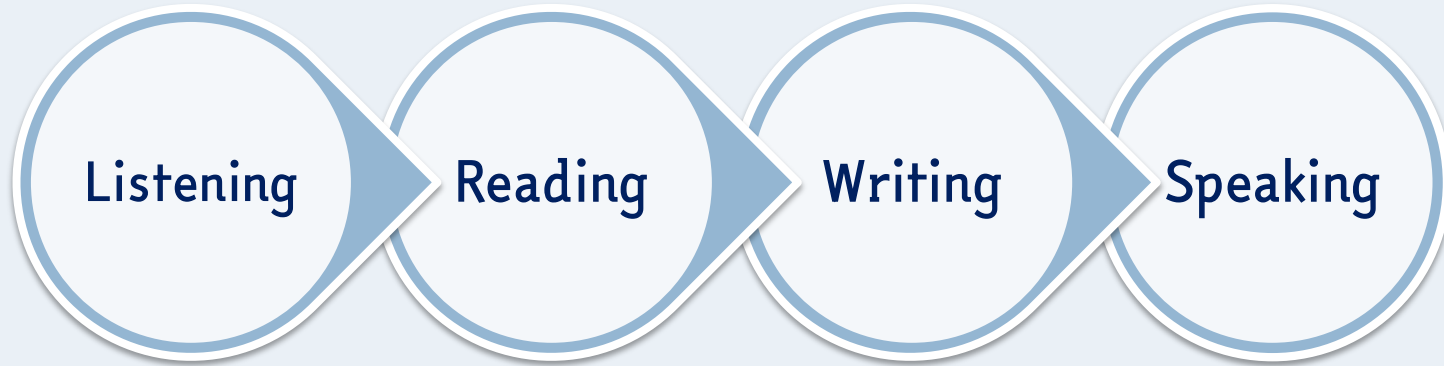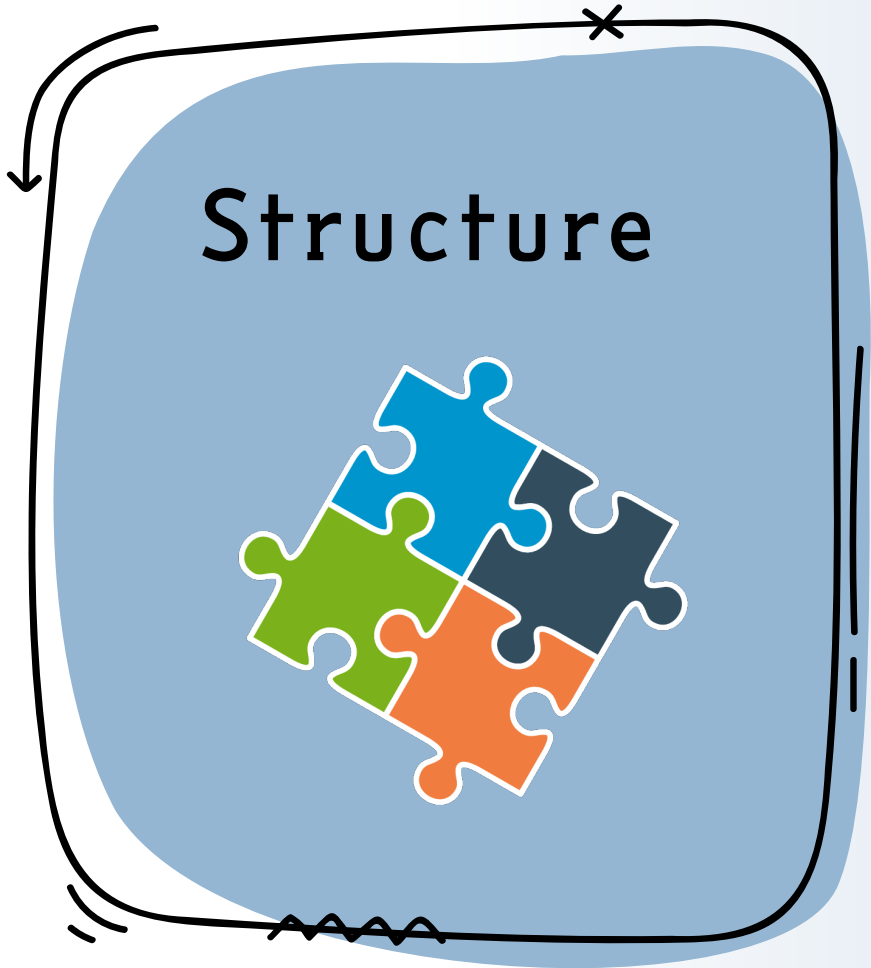
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IELTS test
- Structure

The structure– 4 sections

Listening > Reading > Writing > Speaking

Structure

Listening:

- 4 sections
- 40 questions
- Different question types

Structure

Reading:
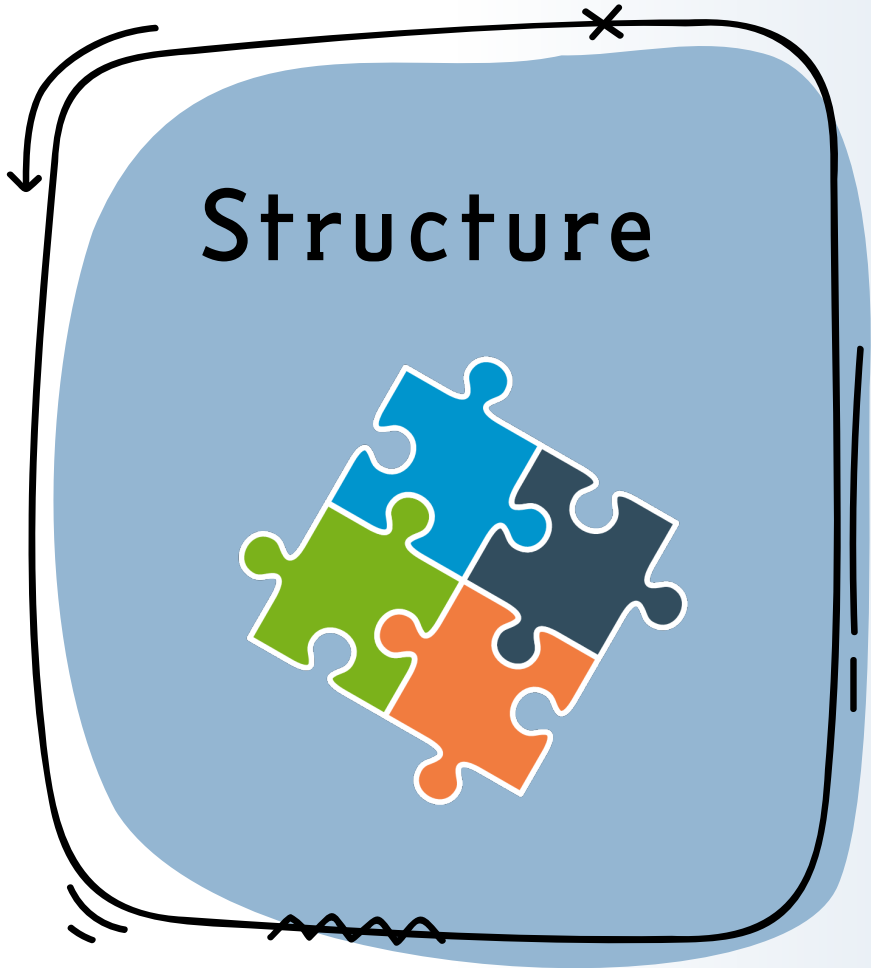
- ✗ 3 passages (texts)
- ✗ 40 questions
- ✗ Different question types

Structure

Writing: 2 tasks

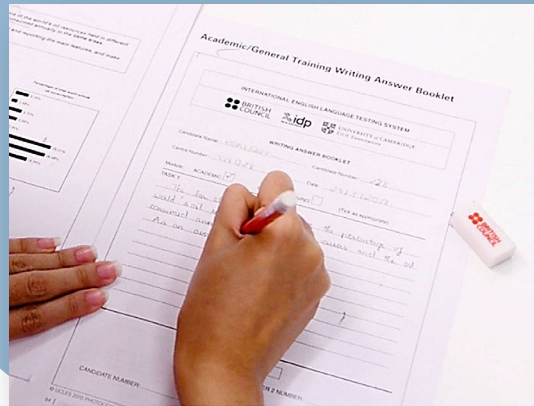- Task 1 - description, 150 words
- Task 2 – discussion, 250 words

Structure

Speaking: 3 parts

- ✗ Parts 1 & 3 – you answer questions

- ✗ Part 2 – you speak about a topic the examiner gives you

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Organisation

On the day of the written test
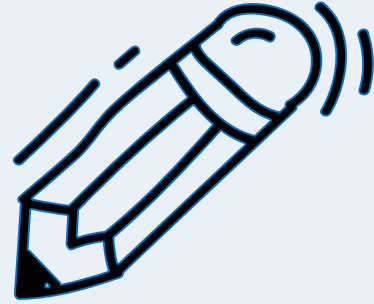
Listening

Reading

Writing

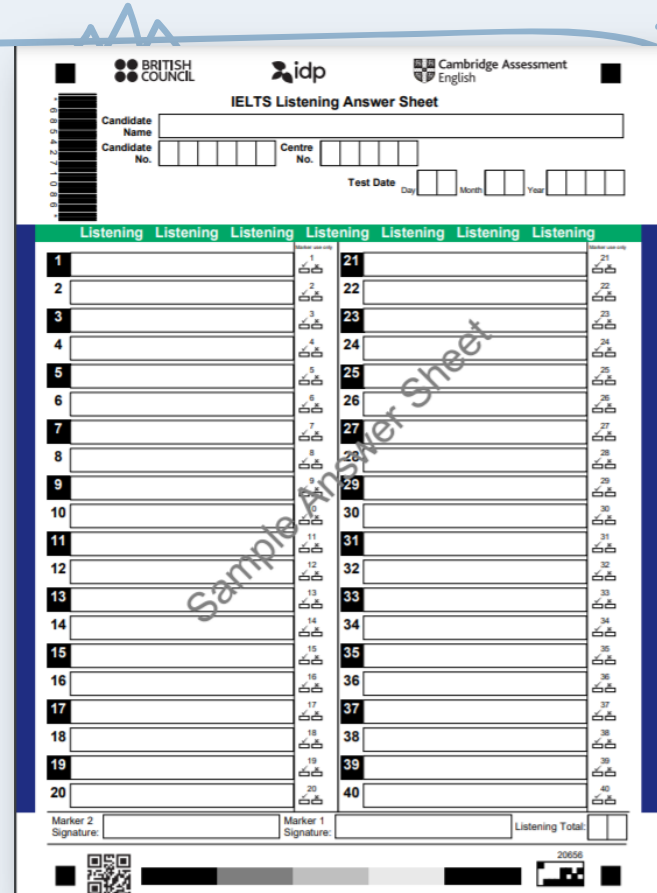**Before OR on the day** of the written test

The Speaking test

The answer sheets

Listening
ANSWER SHEET

You transfer your answers here AT THE END of the Listening section

Reading
ANSWER SHEET

You transfer your answers here AS YOU READ
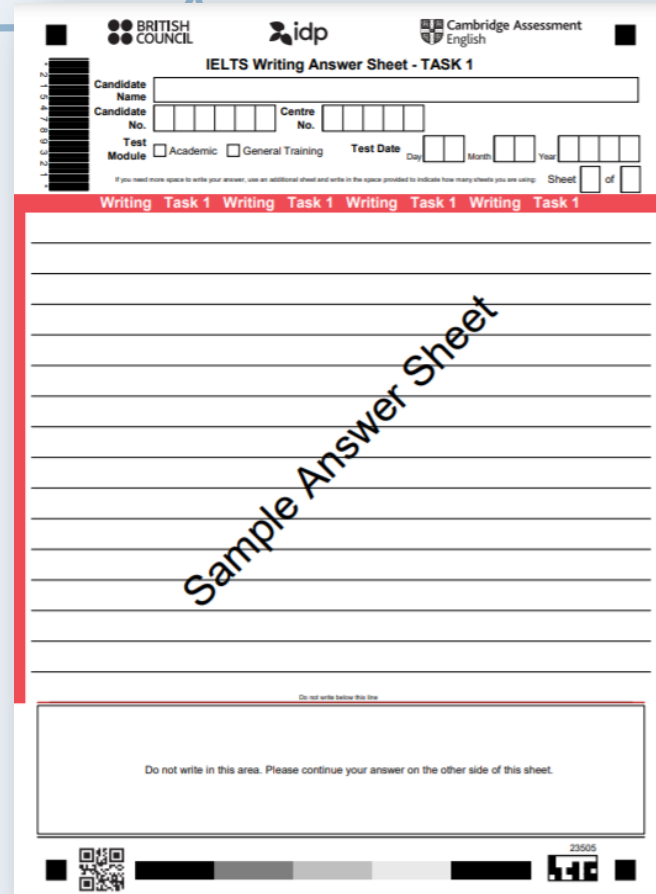
Writing

ANSWER SHEET

You write your tasks here

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IELTS test - Timing

Timing
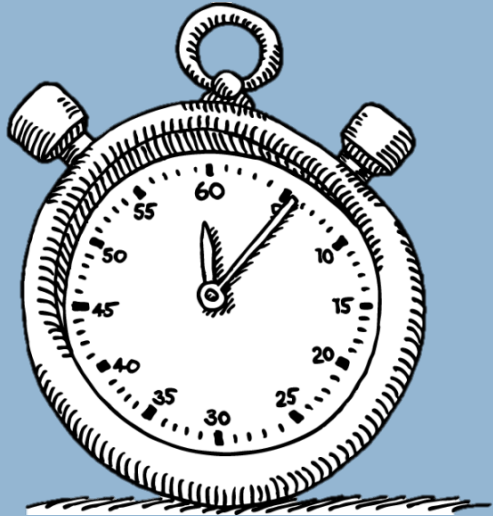
Listening: **30mins** +
10mins*

to transfer answers to answer sheet

With 30% extra time you have ***13mins**

Timing
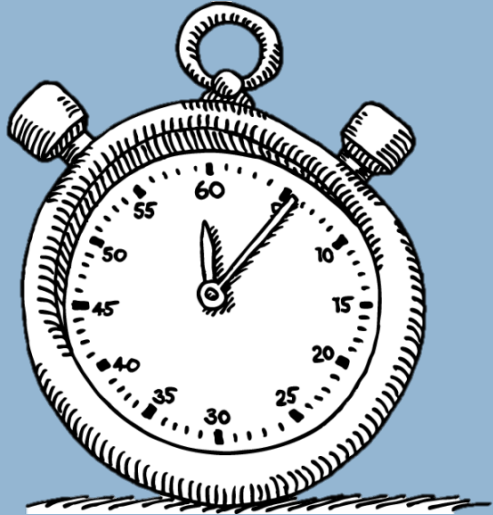
Reading: **60mins** *

(NO extra transfer time)

With 30% extra time you have *78mins
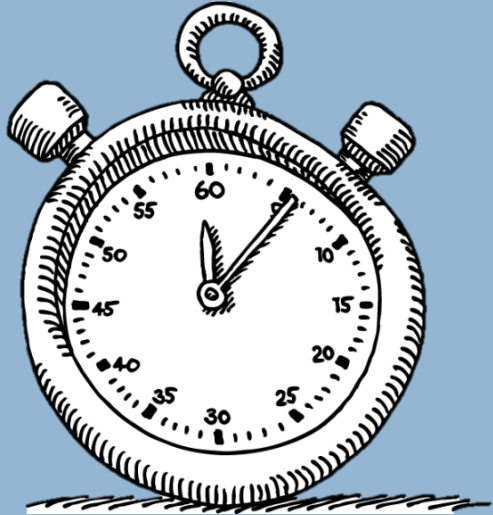
Timing

Writing: 60mins *

With 30% extra time you have *78mins

Timing
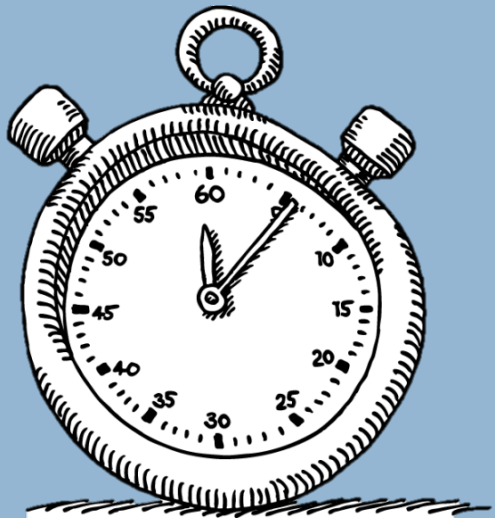
Speaking: 11-14mins

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IELTS test - Scoring

The IELTS result:
Bands 0 to 9

Some descriptions

7	➡️ **Good** user
6	➡️ **Competent** user
5	➡️ **Modest** user
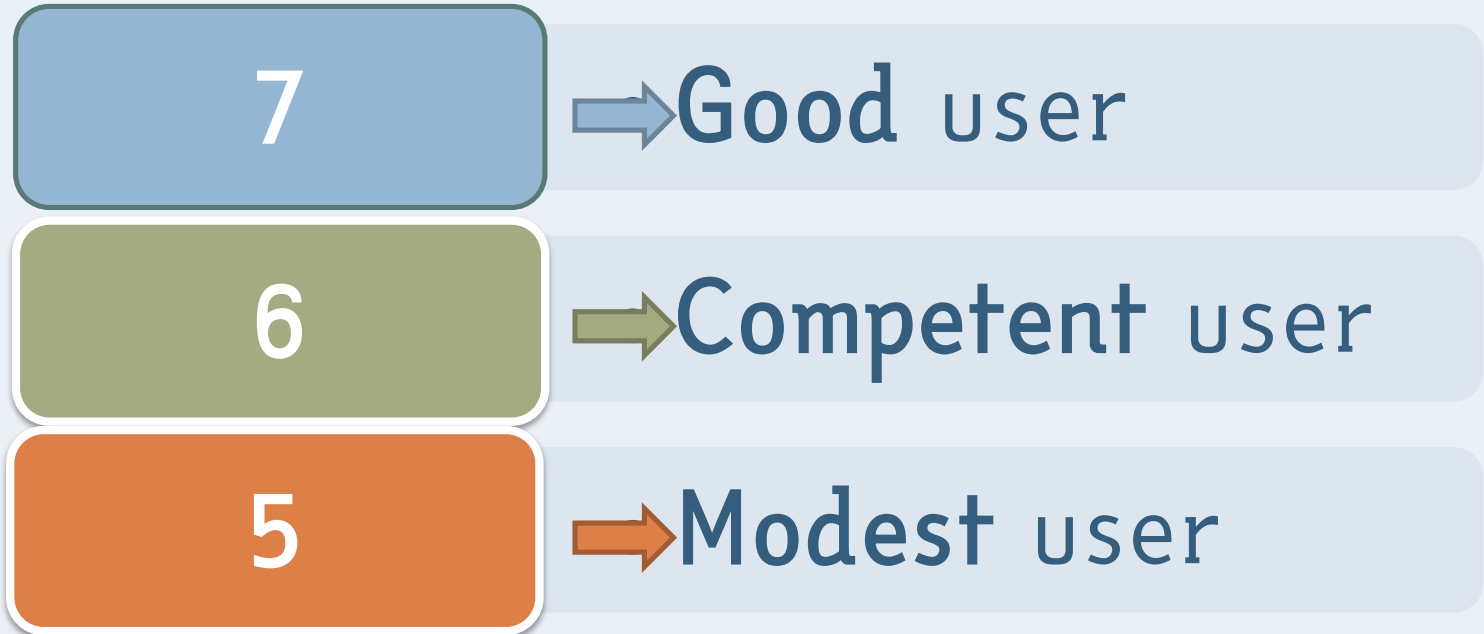
The IELTS band score: an overall average of the results of...

Listening +

Reading +
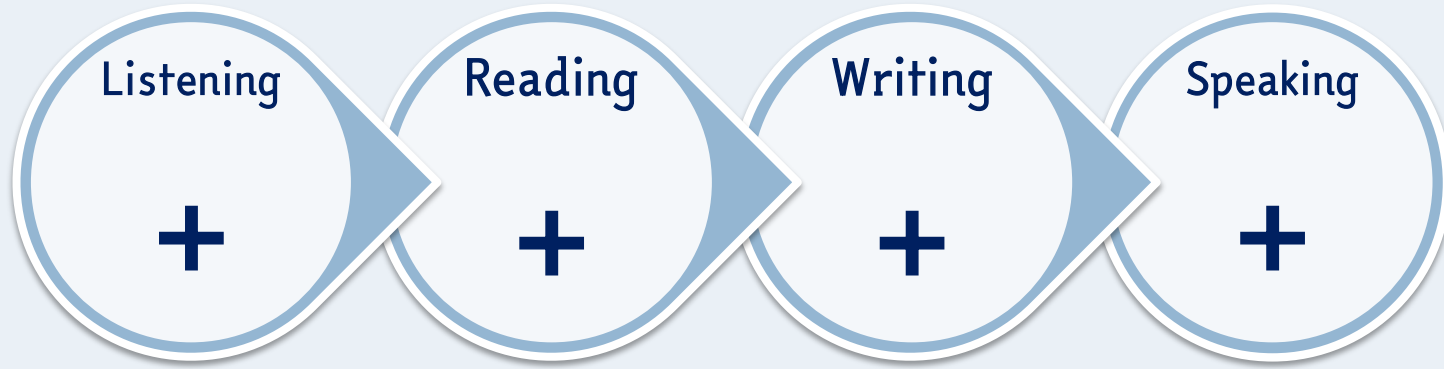
Writing +

Speaking +

= total band score **5** **5.5** **...**

How many correct answers to get the band I want?

Some examples

IELTS Band

Listening | Reading

	IELTS Band	
16/40	**5**	15/40
23/40	**6** *	23/40

*20/40 = 5.5

Remember!

Examiners give you a band score for Writing and Speaking based on specific assessment criteria

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IELTS overall band scoring

Some examples

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Mathematical Average	Band score
5.5	5.5	4.0	6.0	5.25	**5.5**
5.5	5.5	4.5	5.0	5.125	**5.0**

Writing: 4 assessment criteria

- ✗ Task Achievement (for Task 1)
  Task Response (for Task 2)

- ✗ Coherence and Cohesion

- ✗ Lexical Resource

- ✗ Grammatical Range and Accuracy
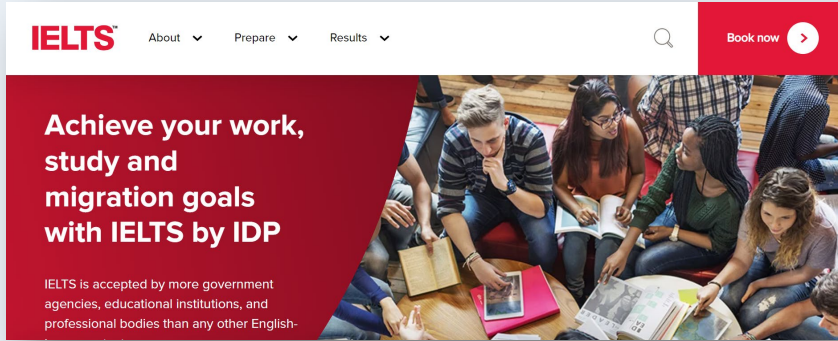
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Speaking: 4 assessment criteria

X Fluency and Coherence

X Lexical Resource

X Grammatical Range and Accuracy
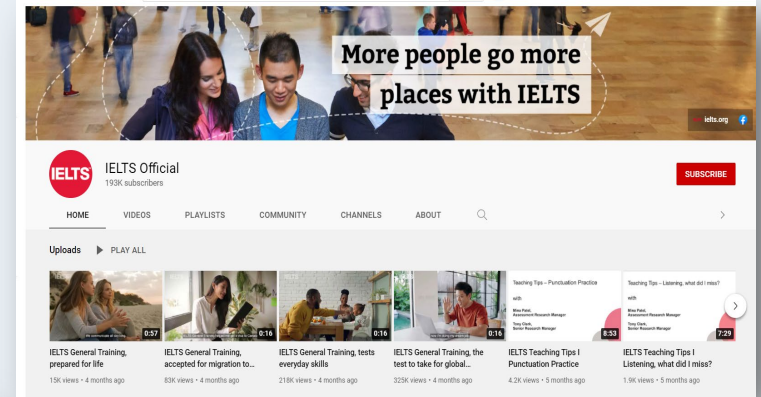
X Pronunciation

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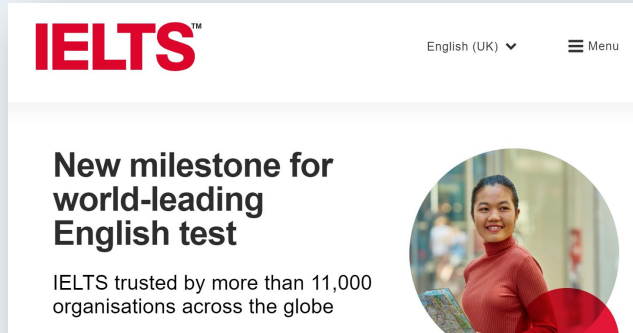
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