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IELTS Writing Task 2

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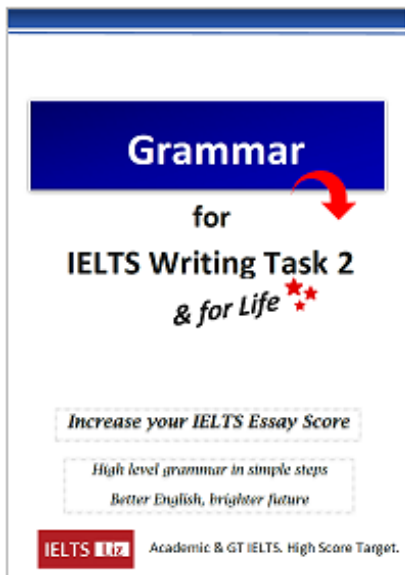
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Note

Chapters marked with 🔍 are for people who have less than one month before their test. These chapters are the most critical to review if you are short of time.

Chapters marked with *** are for people who have finished IELTS and wish to focus exclusively on English language development. It might still be useful to review all chapters, but I have marked those which will be most helpful to you.



What will I learn from this Grammar E-book?

Can this e-book help me increase my IELTS essay score?

Will this e-book improve my level of English?

Can I use this e-book after I finish IELTS?

1. Will this e-book help me increase my IELTS Writing Task 2 score?

Answer: Yes, certainly. This e-book targets IELTS grammar band scores 7, 8 and 9. It is designed to help you improve your English and help you showcase a wider range of grammar skills and grammar features in your essay. This e-book will also help you reduce your errors which is often why people get a lower score.

2. I have finished IELTS. Will this e-book help me improve my English?

Yes. This e-book will help you take your English to a higher level by teaching you complex English grammar in easy steps. It is not only for IELTS Writing Task 2, it is for life and for your future. I hope this e-book will remain your English grammar teacher for a long time.

3. Is grammar important in IELTS Writing Task 2? How much is it worth of my score?

Answer: Yes, it's very important. It counts for 25% of your marks and is one of the most common reasons people struggle to get band 7. See page 3, Vol I.

4. What are complex sentences in IELTS Writing Task 2 and do I need to use them? Do they need to be long?

Answer: IELTS categorises complex sentences as any sentence that is not simple in structure. This means if you use a gerund noun phrase or a clause, your sentence is no longer simple. A complex sentence does not need to be very long. In fact, sentence length will affect your score and this e-book explains this in detail. Complex sentences are a requirement of band score 7 and above. This e-book will help you achieve that score. See the chapters relating to complex sentences (page 6 - 19, Vol I). Clauses, noun clauses and noun phrases including gerund phrases are taught in separate chapters.

- 5. I have been told I need a wider range of sentence structures. I want a list of examples. Will this e-book show me that list?**

Answer: There are hundreds of examples of sentence structures in this e-book. You will easily be able to extend your range of sentence structures to get a higher score.

- 6. Are linking words and grammar related? Will this e-book show me linking words with model sentences?**

Answer: Linking words relate to the marking criterion of Coherence and Cohesion. However, different linking words produce different sentence structures. For this reason, they also connect to grammar. Yes, this e-book will help you with linking words and show you how to vary your sentence structures when using them. See Chapter: Linking Words & Sentence Structures (p45 - 69, Vol I).

- 7. What range of tenses do I need to use? Will I get a higher score if I use lots of tenses? Will I get a higher score if I use the passive voice?**

Answer: There is no fixed number of tenses that you have to use for any band score. You use tenses depending on the time period you are writing about and what you are referring to. You should not only use a range of tenses, but also use them naturally. You cannot force particular tenses into your essay unnaturally. Some tenses will be used more than others and this e-book explains that. The passive should be used only when appropriate. You can still get a high score without it. See the following chapters: Tenses (p102 – 112, Vol II) and Passive Voice (p127 - 135, Vol II).

- 8. I often make mistakes with “a” and “the”. Will this e-book help me improve this?**

Answer: Definitely. There is a great chapter on articles. You will love it. See p150 - 162, Vol II.

- 9. What do I need to know about punctuation?**

Answer: Punctuation does not need to be complex. It only needs to be accurate. There is a chapter on punctuation to help you understand the IELTS requirements and to help you improve your use of punctuation. See p239 - 245, Vol III.

- 10. I think prepositions are difficult to get right. Will this e-book help me with prepositions?**

Answer: There is a chapter on prepositions which will help you learn the rules and avoid errors. See p204 - 216, Vol II.

- 11. What about common errors that lower your score?**

Answer: There is a chapter that lists all common errors to help you avoid them. See p250 - 268, Vol III.

- 12. Can I use “we” or “I” or “you” in my IELTS essay?**

Answer: This relates to the use of pronouns. There is a whole chapter which explains what pronouns you can use and how to use them effectively for IELTS. See p163 - 169, Vol II.

13. Will this e-book help me with vocabulary? I get mixed up sometimes with countable and uncountable nouns. What about paraphrasing?

Answer: This e-book has nearly everything. Even though it is a Grammar E-book, there are two chapters relating to vocabulary issues, one on Countable & Uncountable Nouns and one on Paraphrasing (see p183 - 189, Vol II and p225 - 228, Vol III respectively). Furthermore, the hundreds of model sentences in this e-book contain great vocabulary for you to learn.

14. One of my problems is paragraphing. I know paragraphing isn't about grammar, but will this e-book help me with paragraphing?

Answer: Yes. I tried to put as much additional advice and help into this e-book as possible. There is a chapter on paragraphing which also includes what type of information to add as supporting points. See p236 - 238, Vol III.

15. Over-generalisation can cause people get under band 7 in Task Response. Will this e-book tackle over-generalisation and offer advice?

Answer: Yes. Although this is part of Task Response, I have put it into this e-book to help you. This is actually a very important aspect of IELTS Writing Task 2. If you over-generalise, you will get under band 7 in TR. Over-generalisation means you have written in very general terms and have not been specific enough. It is something that many teachers forget to teach. This e-book dedicates a whole chapter to over-generalisation and using cautious language. It helps you learn to be more analytical in your thinking and to be more precise when expressing your ideas. This will definitely help you boost your score and is particularly aimed at high band score candidates. See p217 - 224, Vol III.

16. Does the e-book contain grammar exercises so I can practise?

Answer: Yes. There is a Workbook which has 64 pages of exercises for you to practise. At the back of the Workbook, there are three model essays for you to proofread to spot errors. Proofreading is a great skill because it means you can use 2 minutes of your time in your writing test to spot errors and correct them. This will help you with your score. More errors = lower score.

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