

Pre-Exam IELTS Mistakes Checklist

Run through this the night before your test. From computerielts.com

Reading & Listening

- ☐ I know the word-limit rule for each question type ("no more than X words")
- ☐ I copy answers exactly as spelled in the passage (Reading)
- ☐ I can confidently tell True/False/Not Given apart from Yes/No/Not Given
- ☐ I've practised flagging a hard question and moving on instead of getting stuck
- ☐ I never leave a question blank — a guess beats an empty box

Writing

- ☐ I underline every part of the Task 2 question before writing
- ☐ I know my minimum word counts: 150 (Task 1), 250 (Task 2)
- ☐ I'm not relying on a fully memorized essay or introduction
- ☐ I've practised writing to time (20 min Task 1, 40 min Task 2)

Speaking

- ☐ I extend every answer with a reason or example, even in Part 1
- ☐ I use the full 2 minutes in Part 2, not just 40-50 seconds
- ☐ I always justify my opinion in Part 3, not just state it
- ☐ I'm not relying on a fully memorized answer script

Exam Day

- ☐ I've taken the on-screen CBT tutorial seriously (not skipped it)
- ☐ I've done at least one full timed mock test under real conditions
- ☐ I know what ID / documents I need to bring
- ☐ I've checked my test centre location and travel time in advance