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#### **1. Understanding the IELTS Exam Structure**

Before diving into preparation, familiarise yourself with the exam format to align your study strategy with the test requirements.

- Listening (30 minutes): Four sections, 40 questions
- **Reading (60 minutes):** Three sections, 40 questions
- Writing (60 minutes): Two tasks (Task 1 & Task 2)
- Speaking (11–14 minutes): Two tasks (Task 1 & Task 2)

#### 2. Goal Setting: The First Step to Success

Define your target band score based on university or immigration requirements. A clear goal will shape your study priorities.

| Band Target | Listening | Reading | Writing | Speaking |
|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| 7.5         | 8.0       | 7.5     | 7.0     | 7.5      |

### 3. Weekly Study Goals

| Week   | Goals   | Time Allocation<br>(Daily) |
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| Week 1 | Familiarise with the IELTS format<br>and focus on understanding<br>question types for all sections.   | Listening:<br>30 mins      |
| Week 2 | Build foundational skills in each<br>module; focus on vocabulary<br>building, grammar, and<br>comprehension strategies.                     | Listening:<br>30 mins      |
| Week 3 | Practice individual modules and refine strategies; focus on timing and identifying weaknesses.  | Listening:<br>45 mins      |
| Week 4 | Take timed module-wise practice<br>tests, refine essay writing<br>structure, and improve fluency in<br>Speaking.                            | Listening:<br>1 hour       |
| Week 5 | Full-length practice tests and<br>mock interviews to simulate exam<br>conditions; focus on test-taking<br>strategies and stress management. | Listening:<br>1 hour       |
| Week 6 | Revise key concepts, take daily<br>full-length practice tests, and<br>focus on polishing weak areas.  | Listening:<br>1 hour       |