



BRAYS B2 UNIVERSITY ENGLISH

IELTS

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BRAYS B2 University English with IELTS practice

This is an Upper Intermediate English for Academic Purposes course. It corresponds to CEFR level B2. You will find a collection of reading and listening activities, sample essays, web projects, news items, grammar reference units and IELTS exercises. There are 12 units to this course, focusing on cultural and academic aspects, grammar and exam practice.

An ideal course for Erasmus students.

Approximate course length = **100 hours**

UNIT 1

Visit top universities (2 items)

2 web projects to help you navigate the web to find out about and compare top universities around the world.

Find out about courses (3 items)

1 web project, **1** language exercise and **1** vocabulary activity helping you to find out about different kinds of university courses and types of assessment.

UNIT 2

Use reading strategies (5 items)

5 language exercises providing you with practice of different reading strategies, for example, skimming, scanning, predicting and identifying different types of text.

Listen with a purpose (6 items)

6 listening activities providing practice of listening for gist (main ideas) and detail, plus practice in predicting information.

Work out the meaning of words (4 items)

1 web project, **1** vocabulary exercise, **1** listening activity and **1** language exercise that gives you practice in using context (surrounding text) to work out the meaning of unknown words or expressions.

UNIT 3

Take a look at future forms (2 items)

2 grammar reference units that help you check your knowledge of how to express predictions, intentions and general possibility in academic English.

Study the elements of a good essay (5 items)

5 sample essays that show you how to plan your writing, structure your essay and separate ideas into paragraphs, plus how to write introductions and conclusions.

Get some IELTS reading and listening practice (8 items)

6 IELTS academic reading tasks and **2** IELTS listening tasks giving you reading and listening practice.

UNIT 4

Get to know the people on campus (2 items)

1 language exercise and 1 vocabulary activity helping you become familiar with the roles of the different people working in a university.

Find your way around campus (2 items)

2 academic English vocabulary activities helping you become familiar with the departments, facilities and support networks available on campus.

UNIT 5

Summarize it! (4 items)

3 language exercises and 1 academic English listening activity providing practice of creating a summary of a text, and of classifying key ideas.

Take note! (4 items)

4 listening activities offering practice in taking notes when listening to a lecture.

Make your point (4 items)

3 listening activities and 1 language exercise providing practice of the kind of language you can use to participate in class discussions, plus practice of identifying turn-taking signals.

UNIT 6

Convey the right message (4 items)

4 grammar reference units helping you check your knowledge of words and structures used to compare and contrast in academic English and also helping you check your knowledge of ways to express cause and effect, logical results and purpose.

Study different types of essay (4 items)

4 sample essays that show you how to write comparison-contrast essays, argument essays, evaluation essays and essays that describe a problem and present solutions for it.

Get some more IELTS reading and listening practice (7 items)

6 IELTS academic reading tasks and 1 IELTS listening section helping you to prepare for your IELTS test.

UNIT 7

Find somewhere to live (2 items)

1 language exercise and 1 IELTS vocabulary activity providing practice of the kind of language used in advertisements which offer accommodation.

Share student experiences (3 items)

2 web projects and 1 language exercise giving you practice of the kind of language you can use to talk about different experiences at university.

UNIT 8

Complete tables and diagrams (7 items)

5 listening activities and **2** language exercises that provide you with practice of completing tables and labeling diagrams with the information you read or hear.

Interpret statistics (3 items)

1 web project, **1** listening activity and **1** language exercise giving you practice in interpreting information that is presented in the form of statistics.

Identify opinions (4 items)

3 language exercises and **1** ESL listening activity providing you with practice in distinguishing fact from opinion and identifying the writer's/speaker's point of view or purpose.

UNIT 9

Choose the right verb forms (5 items)

5 grammar reference units helping you check your knowledge of how the present continuous, the past simple, the present perfect and passive verb forms are used in academic English, and practicing noun-verb agreement and verbs followed by prepositions and the '-ing' form.

Describe and explain processes (5 items)

5 sample IELTS essays showing you how to describe processes, changes and historical developments in academic writing. They also show you how to explain how something works.

Get some more IELTS reading and listening practice (9 items)

6 IELTS academic reading tasks, **1** IELTS academic writing and **2** IELTS listening section helping you to prepare for your IELTS test.

UNIT 10

Use the appropriate register (2 items)

2 language exercises that help you practice the kind of language you can use to interact with members of staff and other students.

Do academic research (3 items)

3 web projects showing you how to search for academic information online. They help you identify reliable resources and become aware of how information is put into categories.

UNIT 11

Pay attention to key words (2 items)

2 listening activities giving you practice in using the specific language used by speakers to introduce their ideas and signpost their talk for their listeners. They also provide practice of understanding sentence stress.

Understand long descriptions (2 items)

1 listening activity and **1** language exercise providing practice of understanding long descriptions in lectures and academic texts.

Use appropriate language and punctuation (5 items)

3 language exercises and **2** vocabulary activities providing practice of using academic vocabulary. They also give you practice in finding errors and identifying the meaning of punctuation marks.

UNIT 12

Take a look at adverbs, quantifiers and clauses (4 items)

4 grammar reference units helping you check your knowledge of how adverbs, quantifiers, relative clauses and participle clauses are used in academic English.

Take a look at reporting and references (2 items)

1 sample IELTS essay and **1** web project showing you how to use other people's ideas in your academic writing. It looks at paraphrasing, reporting and referencing.

Get some more listening, reading and writing practice in IELTS (11 items)

8 IELTS reading tasks, **2** IELTS listening exam practice and **1** IELTS writing test preparing you for your IELTS test.

More IELTS sample papers (41 items)

41 IELTS test preparation exercises to complete your exam preparation.