

ESSENTIAL IELTS *SmartClass*



The best Kings teaching, clear progress and real outcomes — from the comfort of your own home

The **Kings Essential IELTS SmartClass** is a focused course delivered by our own IELTS experts to prepare you thoroughly for taking the IELTS Examination. You'll develop your core fluency, receiving expert instruction and preparation for the exam through specialist IELTS-focused lessons. This course requires a minimum level 4 on the Kings Scale (Pre-Intermediate).

Kings has been the official IELTS Testing Centre for the Oxford region since 1996. Since then we have tested around 50,000 students. Our expert instructors will fully prepare you for taking the exam from the comfort of your own home.

Section 1: The essentials

Key facts

Start dates: Every Monday

Levels available: Kings Level 4+ (Pre-intermediate)

Class sizes: Minimum 4, Maximum 8

Minimum age: 16+

Minimum course duration: 1 week

Lesson times: GMT*: 13:30 – 15:00, Mon – Thurs

*BST (British Summer Time) in place from 28 March – 31 October 2021.

Price: GB £150 per week

Included in the price

- 11 hours of structured language learning
 - 6 hours of live teacher led IELTS preparation classes
 - 5 hours of structured self-study
- Access to additional structured interactive exercises and group workshops focused on specific exam techniques, practice examinations and online tutorials
- Initial level test, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Access to Classmate — the Kings online learning platform
- 12 months access to Microsoft Office 365
- Official end of course Certificate with level assigned

Please note: the IELTS exam fee is not included in the course price and should be booked separately. Please see our dedicated [IELTS website](#) for further details.

Section 2: Course structure and content

Course Structure

11 hours

- 6 hours of live IELTS preparation lessons (1.5 hours per day, Monday – Thursday)
- 5 hours of structured self-study
- Access to additional structured interactive exercises, workshops and other teacher-led sessions

Course Content / Curriculum

Essential IELTS SmartClass covers a wide range of areas focusing on the four parts of the IELTS Exam: speaking, reading, writing and listening. Students will be given training in exam techniques and strategies.

Key areas covered include:

- understanding the requirements of each section of the exam
- understanding what the examiner is looking for
- planning and reviewing your answers
- time management
- mock exams: practise completing four parts of the exam under exam conditions

In addition to exam-specific training, the course also helps students to develop their broader communication and English language skills.

English language development

- Communication skills
- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax
- Study skills
- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Learner autonomy
- Cultural and personal development
- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Teamwork and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

Students can also combine the **Essential IELTS SmartClass** course with additional one-to-one lessons of IELTS preparation (supplement applies). Additional one-to-one lessons should be booked in advance where possible and are subject to availability.

Sample timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.30 – 15.00 IELTS Preparation Lessons	Writing and reading skills: writing types: processes	Reading techniques: locating information in the text, dealing with True/False/Not Given questions and unknown vocabulary	Writing skills: urban problems, describing places and writing about advantages and disadvantages	Listening and speaking skills: listening to and talking about personal interests, eating habits, comparing and contrasting places of interest	Free time
1 hour daily Self-study exercises	Reading for different purposes: An introduction to sub-skills	Using synonyms to identify answers in a reading text	Identifying errors in a written text	'Who is Who?' Listening to detail from multiple speakers	Vocabulary development and consolidation

Section 3: The SmartClass Advantage

1. Choose your perfect course

Kings SmartClass courses are designed for specialist outcomes. A range of courses suits different needs:

- [Essential English SmartClass](#)
- [Essential English Extra SmartClass](#)
- [Essential IELTS SmartClass](#)
- [Essential IELTS Extra SmartClass](#)
- [IELTS Maximum SmartClass](#)

2. Live learning experience

SmartClass uses Microsoft Teams to make learning come alive.

- Interact with teacher and classmates in real time
- Live digital whiteboard
- Share screens, files, video and chat
- Break out into smaller groups
- Students also have access to a huge range of learning resources including video, audio and text-based materials.



Kings student

"May I postpone my vacation? I do not want to stop my online classes. The IELTS teacher is very excellent, and she is also the IELTS marking teacher. In this afternoon class, the teacher's lecture caught our interest and made everyone enjoy it."

Xingyan Cai
from China

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3. Live teacher contact time

At the heart of every **SmartClass** course is direct live contact time with our expert Kings teachers. Students have a minimum of **6 hours** per week of live interaction with their teacher.

Classes of between **4 – 8 students** mean lots of personalised teacher contact.

Optional **1-2-1 lessons** can also be added. Prices on request and subject to availability.

4. Friends from around the world

With **SmartClass** students can share learning with new friends from all over the world. They can interact with their new friends in class, out of class – and stay friends after their course has finished.



Kings teacher

"**SmartClass** gives the chance for some individual attention that sometimes gets missed in normal lessons. The different environment...works really well with smaller groups. It's more of a relaxed atmosphere which may suit some students."



Nick Davids
Assistant Director of Studies
Kings Oxford

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5. Real outcomes

Progress is tracked through regular assessment of class participation, tests and assignments. Every student completing the full course receives a Kings Certificate of Completion.

Students preparing for IELTS or TOEFL will be fully prepared to maximise their test scores.

Section 4: Practical Information

Technical requirements

It's easy to get started with **SmartClass**. For the most immersive experience we recommend a modern laptop or PC. But students can also use a smart phone.

Basic requirements

- Laptop computer/phone/tablet
- Stable internet connection
- Microsoft Teams download

Further technical information

If you would like further details, you can visit this page:

[Requirements for Microsoft Teams →](#)

To download Microsoft Teams:

[Microsoft Teams Download →](#)

Time zones

This chart shows when **Essential IELTS SmartClass** lessons are running for each timezone. Note that BST (British Summer Time) will be in place in England from 28 March – 31 October 2021. Please double-check the lesson times for your timezone before your course begins.

	W. Europe	Saudi Arabia	Moscow	Istanbul	Dubai	Delhi	Bangkok	Shanghai	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Sao Paulo	Bogota	Mexico DF
GMT (UK)	1	2	3	3	4	5.5	7	8	8	9	9	-3	-5	-6
13:30	14:30	16:30	16:30	16:30	17:30	19:00	20:30	21:30	21:30	22:30	22:30	10:30	08:30	07:30

How to book

We've made booking a **SmartClass** course as quick and simple as possible:

[Book course →](#)

Notes on bookings

- Students must book with at least 48 hours' notice prior to course start date (excluding weekends)
- Students will first need to take the online Kings level test to be placed into the correct class. This must be taken under exam conditions without dictionary/internet assistance. Please submit this with your booking for the most efficient response. [Take the test here →](#)
- Confirmation of booking will be sent within 24 hours of receiving the level test.
- Students will receive details of their class times/level and the log in details to join their **SmartClass** course 24 hours before the start of their course.
- Payment can be made via our online payment platform or by bank transfer/credit card. See our [How to Book page](#) for further details.
- **Please note:** we need a minimum of 4 students to run the **SmartClass**. If this number is not met, an alternative start date will be suggested.

Looking for more intensive IELTS preparation?

Essential IELTS Extra SmartClass

- 13.5 hours of teacher led IELTS preparation lessons per week
- 5 hours of structured self-study per week

Download the factsheet:

[Essential IELTS Extra SmartClass →](#)

IELTS Maximum SmartClass

- 13.5 hours of teacher led IELTS preparation lessons per week
- 7.5 hours of teacher led general English lessons per week
- 5 hours of structured self-study per week

Download the factsheet:

[IELTS Maximum SmartClass →](#)

