



## IELTS Preparation Course – 50 hours

The MPI-Bell Centre of English is able to offer high quality 50-hour IELTS preparation courses taught by qualified and experienced IELTS examiners. This course is designed for those wishing to sit the IELTS examination at some point in the future, but whose English level is not yet at the point where they can be confident of achieving success. Therefore, this course combines examination practice aimed at developing good examination taking strategies, with a strong language development focus. These two complimentary aspects will certainly help to enhance your final score in the IELTS exam.

### Course Aims

The main aims of this course are:

- To enhance your level of English to a point where you feel confident about taking the IELTS exam
- To develop your writing skills and techniques in areas such as organisation, editing, and creative thinking.
- To increase your confidence in test taking.
- To help you understand the requirements of question types in all four papers and to respond appropriately.
- To help you understand the expectations of the IELTS examination Board and some of the most common errors made by Chinese learners.

### Course Outline

- Skills development for all four papers of the exam:

**Speaking** – The course will improve your pronunciation, and your ability both to describe events and to ask questions. You will talk about those topics most likely to occur in the IELTS test.

**Listening** – You will focus on improving the listening skills most likely to be tested in the exam, e.g., recognising numbers and directions; understanding conversations & lectures, labelling diagrams, and answering gap-fill questions.

**Reading** – The course will aim to increase your reading speed; ability to identify important information; extend your vocabulary; as well as to practice and improve your ability to answer IELTS reading tasks such as gap fill and short answer questions.

**Writing** – you will learn how to write different kinds of essays, such as describing data and discursive questions, whilst writing both quickly and accurately.

- In addition, you will gain substantial IELTS practice using specimen test papers and cassettes

**Course Duration.** This is a 50 hours course, with two 2-hour classes a week.

In order to undertake the 50 hour IELTS course you need to achieve a score of at least 5 in the Bell placement test.