

IELTS Reading text preparation worksheet

Before you start: This worksheet is designed to be useful for you when dealing with a wide variety of texts. Don't worry if it seems to have too many or too few spaces for you to write about a particular text, or to ask about things which don't seem to appear in a particular text.

Date of reading: _____

Date of text publication: _____

Title of text: _____

Where found (name of website/magazine/book/newspaper, etc): _____

Author's name: _____

Before you start reading the whole text, look at a couple of clues (the title, the first line, any illustrations, etc), and write here what you think the text will be about.

'I think the text is going to be mainly about _____

Now read through the whole text as quickly as you can. Keep your attention going, but don't stop to worry about the meaning of unknown individual words. Now write here what the text is mainly about.

'The text is mainly about _____

Now try to write a list of suitable headings, one for each paragraph.

Now try to identify the writer's opinions. Make a list of some things that the writer has a strong opinion about.

Write a short, simple summary of what you have learnt from reading this text. Somebody who has never read the text should be able to read your summary and understand it.

Write here a short list of words and phrases and collocations in the text which you want to remember.

Everything you have done in completing this worksheet should be helpful to you for the IELTS Academic Reading exam. Can you see why?