

KEYWORD TABLE

1. Reading test 2, passage 3 in Cambridge IELTS book 9.

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
achievement	success
distinctive	different
previous events	past experience
traps	pitfalls
new experiences	novelty
psychological illness	mental disorder
decide on an action	decision making

2. reading exercise from Simon's website 1

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
scientists believe	according to research / scientists found
link between television and mental ability	watching television makes... stupider
young children	toddlers
many people were skeptical	many suspected that... were faked
he took legal action	he was quick to sue anyone
who tried to copy him	who pirated his stunts

IELTS READING

3. test 3, passage 3 in Cambridge IELTS book 5

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
a military impact	used on a battlefield
brings together separate research areas	encompassed disparate fields
become a common topic of conversation	ignited public debate
the expression was first used	the term was coined
at its lowest point	(opposite of) it peaked
the problems have not changed	(opposite of) moving the goal-posts
expectations not justified	there was undue optimism
new investment priorities	investors are now looking for

4. Cambridge IELTS 8 (test 1, passage 1)

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
affected by cold temperatures	could not be depended on in freezing weather
farming communities	where agriculture was practised
civil calendar	municipal calendar
months were equal in length	12 months of 30 days
divided the day into two equal halves	split the day into two 12-hour periods
a new cabinet shape	a new floor-standing case design
to organise public events	to co-ordinate communal activities

5. reading test on page 109 of Cambridge IELTS book 9

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
aim	objective
present a professional image	project the professional image
must be in good condition	torn, dirty... is unacceptable
brightly coloured	flashy
avoid wearing too much	wear in moderation
are allowed	are permitted
is recommended	is strongly encouraged
if advice is repeatedly ignored	if the problem persists

IELTS READING

6. reading test 3, passage 3 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

Keywords in questions	Similar words from the passage
effect of recording	people talk abnormally when being recorded
taking notes	written comments
body language	non-verbal behaviour
influenced by social situation	social background... known to influence
helped to be less self-conscious	make the speaker forget about the recording
various methods	structured sessions, translation, interview
camera might miss things	camera cannot be everywhere
comment objectively	make unbiased statements
focus on	deals only with

7. the general test questions on page 122 of Cambridge book 4

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
banana cultivation	tropical fruit growing
cattle farming	agriculture... beef and dairy
recreation programs	fitness courses
elderly care	aged support
infant illness	early childhood nursing
beach protection	coastal management
fish farming	marine industry

8. reading exercise from Simon's website 2

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
construction	building
more expensive than predicted	costs far exceeding initial estimates
plans	proposals
allow vehicles to use the tunnel	accommodate wheeled vehicles
the tunnel is considered to be	the structure was listed in recognition of
a significant work of architecture	its architectural importance

IELTS READING

9. passage 2 of test 3 in Cambridge IELTS book 9 (page 67)

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
location of the first site	first station to be installed
bringing power back into Britain	power re-imported into Britain
a previous attempt	originally developed then abandoned
tidal power is more reliable than wind	unlike wind, tides are predictable
cut air pollution	reducing emissions
closure of power stations	close power plants
increasing national income	a big export earner to nations
in the vicinity of coastlines	around coasts
can be raised	designed to be lifted
sea life	fish and other creatures
not in danger	unlikely to be at risk

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
taking notes on	written comments on
body language	non-verbal behaviour
social situation	social setting
various methods	several direct methods
necessary	unavoidable
allows claims to be checked	enables claims to be checked
the camera might miss things	the camera cannot be everywhere
comment objectively	make unbiased statements
focus on	deals only with
additional information	supplemented by data
those who speak the language	native speakers of the language

10. the reading test on page 74-77 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

IELTS READING

11. test 1, passage 2 in Cambridge IELTS 7

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
ancient water supplies	Roman Empire... pipes and sewers
environmental effects	destroyed river ecosystems
surprising downward trend	unexpectedly... demand has fallen
the need to raise standards	must be built to higher specifications
feeding increasing populations	food production... soaring populations
due primarily to	mainly because of
industrial growth	industrial output... continued to soar
modern technologies	new technologies
domestic water consumption	water in homes

12. the test on page 122 of Cambridge IELTS 6

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
conflicting theories	a matter for disagreement
widespread destruction of life	wiped out three quarters of species
existed all over the world	colonised all continents
clear proof	establishing definitely
hunted from the air	catching fish over open water
concrete evidence	proof of this
have been discovered	are known today

13. Cambridge book 9 test 2

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Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
national policy initiative	New Zealand strategy
global team effort	international working party
a hypothesis	researchers have suggested
worldwide regulations	international standards
more at risk than others	extremely vulnerable
auditory problems	hearing loss / hearing impairment
current teaching methods	modern teaching practices
cooling systems	air-conditioning units

14. Reading from Simon's web 3

Keywords in the questions	Similar words in the passage
it is predicted	scientists believe
many lives will be saved	preventing thousands of deaths
prototypes... tested successfully	prototypes already work
motorways... used more efficiently	increasing lane capacity by up to 500pc
the impact on rail and plane	reducing demand for train and plane
drawbacks for certain professions	threaten some existing jobs

15. test 4, passage 2 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

Keywords in the questions	Similar words in the passage
investigative work	work of the scientific analyst
give a realistic picture	(opposite of) far from reality
define culture in more than one way	culture includes... also use the term...
history has been documented	historical sources... written records
subdivided for study purposes	broken down into smaller disciplines
evolutionary patterns	characteristics and how they evolved
shape of domestic buildings	why are some dwellings round?
make and use objects	use material culture... make tools

16. test 1, passage 1 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

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Keywords in the questions	Similar words in the passage
ignored by the media	(opposite of) frequent media coverage
children accept ideas	children will have formed opinions
mistaken views	misconceptions
easier to change	accessible to modification
yes/no questions	(opposite of) open-form questions
animals would have nowhere to live	provide animals with habitats
people are responsible	human activities are destroying...
for their continuing existence	to survive
the world gets warmer	global warming

17. test 1, passage 3 in Cambridge IELTS 6

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
negative effects on well-being	impact on people's health
respect for... grows	much more credibility
understanding remains limited	still huge gaps in our knowledge
problems	hardships
as a means of sustenance	surviving by
present inhabitants	descendants
life is a struggle	life is harsh
a few	a handful of
to give up	to abandon

18. the General reading test on page 116 of Cambridge IELTS 6

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
using the Internet	on-line
someone accompanying	and one companion
receives a discount	half-price seats
can get tickets 45 minutes before	on sale from one hour before
a group of adults	parties of twelve or more
get their money back	refund money

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19. Reading from Simon's web 4

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
many experts regard Faraday as	historians of science refer to him as
the foremost experimentalist	the best experimentalist
of all time	in the history of science
recommended to him	?? (not given)
a famous chemist	the eminent English chemist
a book based on the chemist's lectures	a book based on notes taken during these lectures

20. test 2, passage 2 in Cambridge IELTS book 8

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
responded to climate change	adapted to global warming
relevance today	help shape the modern world
a thousand years	ten centuries
enough food to last	self-sufficient in grain and livestock
human impact on climate	land clearance released carbon dioxide... triggering global warming
documentation is limited	incomplete written accounts
rather than	far from
some periods of	cycles of
no rain at all	droughts

21. reading test 2, passage 3 in Cambridge IELTS book 8

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Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
smell is damaged	smell is impaired
we become aware of	we begin to realise
the importance of	essential role
without realising	not consciously considered
common belief	reason often given
yet to be defined	still to decide
recognise	distinguish
they lack	doesn't exist
do not smell	odourless
not unpleasant	acceptable

22. the test on page 24 of Cambridge IELTS book 5.

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
pessimistic view of the world	the world seems to be getting worse
linked to	associated with
slow down	accelerating (opposite of 'slow down')
the selection of areas to research	funding goes mainly to areas...
exaggerate their claims	overstate their arguments
meet readers' expectations	provide what the public wants
long-term	extend well into our future
more urgent health problem	most pressing health problem

23. Reading from Simon's web 5

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
creative writing	writing good fiction
a new study	new research
parents	mothers and fathers
conducting tests	carried out tests
allowing for	taking into account
genetics	heritability element

24. reading test 4.1 in Cambridge IELTS book 7

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Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
it is generally believed	the conventional picture is
large numbers of people	thousands of slaves
it was possible to use kites	could have used kites
to raise very heavy stones	to lift massive stones
large pieces of	massive blocks of
use the energy of the wind	harnessing the wind
an object which resembled	artefact looks uncannily like
used for sending messages	using them to deliver messages

25. Reading from Simon's web 6

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
most dangerous mountain	climbers have died
an infamous history	since 1935... climbers have died
was conquered	was successfully climbed
fined climbers	threatened to fine
world's most challenging climb	a formidable challenge

26. the test on page 46-49 of Cambridge IELTS book 4

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
differed from many Western countries	unusual in the Western world
reluctant to accept	having a conservative attitude to
consulted therapists more often	made more visits to therapists
in increasing numbers	has seen the popularity climb
over the past 20 years	during the past 20 years
had a higher opinion than they do today	public has become disillusioned
retraining	taking courses
long-term medical complaints	chronic illnesses

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27. the GT test in Cambridge book 6, page 118

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
prioritise your work	tackle the most significant tasks first
create a working space	have a space for studying
catalogue references	log (titles and authors) alphabetically
photocopy important material	copy relevant pages
take a break	a period away from the task
talk about your work	bring your topic up in conversations

28. test 1.3 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
can recognise perspective	can appreciate perspective
surprised	taken aback
representing movement	show motion
understanding of symbols representing movement	figured out meanings for each line of motion
abstract shapes	shapes that do not directly represent their meaning
assigned a circle to 'deep'	linked deep to circle
similar choices	choices closely resembled
comprehend visual metaphors	interpret abstract shapes

29. reading test from Cambridge IELTS 7 (page 48-52)

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
identifying problems	problems had to be understood
co-operation of district officials	support of district authorities
a future model	a reference for future work
almost inaccessible	virtually totally isolated
20%... outside the local area	80% was within the locality
breakdown of buses and trucks	motorised vehicles broke down
isolation was no longer a problem	accessible throughout the year

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30. Reading from Simon's web 7

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
the majority of	most of
on a daily basis	each day
conscious decisions	well-considered decision making
saving money	whether we save or spend
at least 40 percent	40 percent or more
the things we do	the actions people performed

31. test 4, passage 1 in Cambridge IELTS book 6

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
financial incentives	give \$200
who is responsible?	are doctors to blame?
not persuaded	not influenced
open to criticism	highly criticised
information is of little use	(opposite of) much-needed information
it is legitimate to make money	have every right to make a profit
drug companies	pharmaceutical companies

32. Test 4 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

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Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
about 1900	the early years of the twentieth century
records date from	began keeping records
intensive burst of energy	explosive release of energy
growing international importance	increasing global participation
recognised at a younger age	identified early
aims to develop power	focuses on increasing power
inadequate diet	deficiencies in minerals
links to	can lead to
current knowledge is basic	our understanding is fundamental

33. test 1, passage 1 in Cambridge IELTS book 6

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
exchange of expertise between sports	applying skills learnt in one sport to others
a reason for narrowing the scope of research	we can't waste time looking at questions that don't help performance
ideas have been reproduced	other countries copying
obstacles to achievement	factor that might have an impact on ability
before an event	before a championship
how performance requirements are calculated	they prepare a model based on what they expect will be the winning times
cameras - used by Australians	Australian competitions - digital cameras
sensors will be used in future	they are developing sensors
protein tests are currently used	developed a test that measures protein

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34. reading test (Cambridge IELTS 5, page 94-97)

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
there is plenty of scientific evidence	the amount of experimental evidence is considerable
types of bird	species of bird
scientists have yet to determine	it is not yet known
the trigger for	the cue for
temperatures are unpredictable	temperatures fluctuate greatly
longer days	increasing day lengths
the availability of food	adequate food resources
depend on insects	require fertilisation by insects
there is no limit	never reach a maximum

35. Cambridge IELTS 4 (test 1, passage 2)

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
nerves linked to	nerves serving
underdeveloped	rudimentary
vision is exceptional	extremely keen vision
hearing	acoustic sense
involved in mating	part of the courtship ritual
follow	track

36. a reading test in Cambridge IELTS Book 1 (page 40-43)

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
when they first developed language	evolution of speech
society is prejudiced against left-handed people	in a world designed to suit right-handed people
boys are more likely to be left-handed	there are more left-handed males than females
after a stroke	if a person is brain-damaged
the left side of the brain	the left hemisphere
the two sides of the brain develop different functions	left-right asymmetry exists
a common feature	systematic

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37. the test on page 50-53 in Cambridge IELTS book 4

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
unusual connections in the brain	link-ups between brain areas that might not normally communicate
recording how much time	if you plot the amount of time
young animal	a juvenile
mental activities	cognitive involvement
rehearsal for adult activities	develop the skills they will need to hunt, mate and socialise as adults
build up strength	get in shape
adulthood	adult life
a specific substance	a particular chemical
input concerning physical surroundings	environmental data
a wide range of activities	jumping rapidly between activities

38. the test on page 60-63 of Cambridge IELTS book 1

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
traditional	historically
lexicographical methods	the compiling of dictionaries
alternative expressions	related phrases
accurate word frequency counts	find out how frequently it is used
non-verbal	pauses and noises
a cooperative project	an initiative carried out by several groups
the portrayal of feelings	to convey emotion

39. the reading test on page 40 of Cambridge IELTS book 6

IELTS READING

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the text
people power	local pressure groups
increases in travelling time	commuting times far higher
higher incomes	wealthier
avoiding an overcrowded centre	pushing everyone into the city centre was not the best approach
benefits of working together	valuable to place people working in related fields together
improve the quality of life	creating a better place to live
only averagely good	reasonable but not special

40. Reading from Simon's web 9

Keywords in questions	Similar words in the passage
instruction	be taught by another person
we tend to regard geniuses	a genius is seen by others
solitary figures	disconnected from society
has the ability	possesses unique qualities
exceptional contribution to society	especially valuable to society

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