

IELTS MASTERY GUIDE 2026

The 'Semantic Mapping' Strategy

To score Band 8.0+, you must stop reading for general meaning and start reading for logic.

1. Vertical Scanning: Do not read sentences left-to-right. Move your eyes down the center of the paragraph to catch 'Anchor Keywords' (Dates, Names, Capitalized Nouns).
2. The Distractor Trap: In Listening, if you hear 'However' or 'But', the previous answer is likely a distractor. The real answer usually follows the contradiction.

The 4-Week Mastery Roadmap

Week 1: Deconstruction. Focus entirely on Grammar Audits and Phonetic drills.

Week 2: Speed. Practice Reading passages with a strict 15-minute timer (saving 5 mins for transfer).

Week 3: Output. Write 2 essays per day using the PEEL structure.

Week 4: Simulation. Full 3-hour mock tests at 9:00 AM to mimic exam conditions.

Vocabulary Vault

Replace basic words to boost Lexical Resource:

- Bad -> Detrimental / Deleterious
- Good -> Advantageous / Beneficial
- Big -> Substantial / Significant
- Change -> Transformation / Paradigm Shift