

IELTS Academic reading structure

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In this lesson of the IELTS Reading course from Simply IELTS, you will know the IELTS Academic Reading Structure and what type of texts that may appear



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- The module contains 3 texts and 40 questions.
- Each section contains one long text.
- The texts are authentic and taken from books, magazines or newspapers. They are written for a general audience and deal with academic topics of general interest.
- The texts are suitable and accessible to candidates entering undergraduate or graduate courses or pursuing professional qualifications.
- Texts range from descriptive and factual to discursive and analytical.
- Texts may contain non-verbal material such as diagrams, graphs or illustrations. If the texts contain technical terms, a simple glossary is provided.

Sample text from IELTS Academic reading test

Here are a sample text from previous [IELTS test](#) to show you the IELTS Academic reading structure to be familiar with it.

In the next lessons in this course, you will find more reading test samples and practice exams.

“Aphantasia: A life without mental images”

Close your eyes and imagine walking along a sandy beach and then gazing over the horizon as the Sun rises. How clear is the image that springs to mind?

Most people can readily conjure images inside their head – known as their mind’s eye. But this year scientists have described a condition, aphantasia, in which some people are unable to visualize mental images.

Niel Kenmuir, from Lancaster, has always had a blind mind’s eye. He knew he was different even in childhood. “My stepfather, when I couldn’t sleep, told me to count sheep, and he explained what he meant, I tried to do it and I couldn’t,” he says. “I couldn’t see any sheep jumping over fences, there was nothing to count.”

Our memories are often tied up in images, think back to a wedding or first day at school. As a result, Niel admits, some aspects of his memory are “terrible”, but he is very good at remembering facts. And, like others with aphantasia, he struggles to recognize faces. Yet he does not see aphantasia as a disability, but simply a different way of experiencing life.