

Video 2 transcript: “IELTS Academic or General”

Hi and welcome to the second video in this series. In this clip I just want to answer just one question: **Should I take the IELTS academic or the IELTS general?**

First, let me underline again that the two tests are identical in their level of difficulty – they just focus on different aspects.

For this reason, the answer to the question must be: **It all depends on what you intend to take the test for.**

Let’s look at this example:

You have just finished your undergraduate studies in languages and want to continue with a master course in an English-speaking country. To be able to enroll in a university course you will be required to submit an **IELTS academic** test result with a band score of about 7.0.

I will talk about the band scores and requirements in another video. For now, our keywords here are: **University – master course – IELTS academic.**

Let’s look at another example:

You have finished your studies and want to move to another country to live and work. You want to show your future employer that you have sufficient knowledge of English to function well in the workplace. In this case, the **IELTS general** might be the way to go.

Our keywords here are: **Live and work in a foreign country – IELTS general.**

So, the best thing to do if you have to decide which test to take is to carefully examine what you need it for and research on the internet what foreign universities, employers or immigration offices require you to submit.

In the next video I will outline what the two tests have in common and where they are different. Thanks for watching and see you in the next video.