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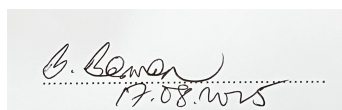
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Abstract

To anyone who has heard of IELTS or the International English Language Testing System, it is evident that the test forms the pillar upon which one may undertake higher education in foreign institutions, reviews the prospects of their careers, or even fulfills immigration requirements. My study was an aggregate of a couple of preparation strategies such as focused practice in reading, writing, listening, and speaking and specific work on vocabulary and grammar.

Among the strategies, it was possible to mention the usage of official IELTS practice materials, setting the special arrangements of mock tests, and requesting the guidance of professional teachers. The results indicated significant improvement in the total band score and specifically improvements were significant in the reading comprehension and listening skills. A recurring difficulty was maintaining time management in the writing aspect, yet such a challenge was indicative of having such a plan and practice beforehand is important to anyone aspiring to reach both their academic or professional aspirations via the IELTS.

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Chapter-1

Background and Overview

The current report documents how the author prepared to take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test and, as such, fulfills both functions: it develops English language abilities and, at the same time, introduces a real-life situation on two objectives: self-directed learning and preparing to take tests. An examination such as the IELTS that is recognized the world over is aimed at testing the ability of a candidate to express him or herself effectively in English in four essential areas including listening, reading, writing and speaking. The main goal of the author was to gain a band score that would meet the expectations of future academic and workplace-related activities. In the framework of the internship program at the university, the project also was to develop skills of time management and organization, to strengthen self-appraisal and reflective skills, to enhance the experience of managing an independent project, and increase the understanding of standardized testing strategies. The current report provides an outline of the strategies applied, the challenges discovered, and the results obtained at the preparation phase and, thus, sheds more light on the interdepartment of the language learning and the practical skills formation within the academic internship program.

The objectives of the IELTS examination and the internship are outlined in the beginning part of the report as the dual focus on language competence and increase in labor skills. It then goes on to explain the preparation activities that were specifically used, including the use of official preparatory materials, mock tests, and specific preparation activities. A large part of the report is devoted to the problems that emerged, the greatest number of which revolved around the issue of time management and specific deficiencies in skills pathways, as well as the approaches that were taken when dealing with them. At the end of the report, it is revealed what band score in IELTS has been attained and what lessons have been learned, what skills were acquired, and how effective the preparation strategy proved. Lastly the report concludes on the significance of findings of the results on future scholarly and career activities and gives suggestions on further students who are taking exam preparation like IELTS as an internship program.

Chapter-2

Goals of the Internship

- To learn how to work in an applied setting. Apply what I have learned in the classroom to face real issues.
- Develop skills to work as a professional in a team and communicate.
- Find out what I'm interested in with my career and identify various career areas.
- Develop a professional contact and connection system.
- To enhance resumes and be better prepared in job hunts.
- Get acquainted with the tools and technologies of my sphere.
- Develop more powerful problem-solving and critical thinking abilities.
- Give confidence and be independent in a work environment.
- Develop communication skills which will be done through participation in team meetings, giving gage reports, and report writing.
- Increase ethos and knowledge of phrases by reading, listening, speaking and writing.
- This involves consuming material that is related to the industry, participating in training and communication with other colleagues.
- Be an active listener by attending the meetings, conference calls and listening to the instructions of supervisors.
- Increase your critical thinking and arguing skills, through data analysis, making recommendations, and participating in problem-related discussions.
- Increase grammatical proficiency both in written and oral communication, by drafting emails, reports, and presentations and receive some critiques by your bosses.

Chapter-3

Preparation Phase

3.1 Motivation:

To me, the particular achievement was passing the IELTS examination as one of the stepping stones to my education and career goals. I realized that even then, whenever I was in classrooms and later in the workplace, my improved English abilities would help me collaborate efficiently with international colleagues and play a positive role in huge endeavors. Thus, passing with a bare-minimum score was not a very important goal to me, but instead trying to challenge my language skills to the point of being able to sustain my future ambitions. Another reason I wanted to do it was to see that I could bring my proficiency in vocabulary and expression in a second language up to a truly high level, through serious, strategic study.

3.2 Materials and Resources of a Study:

I relied on a number of tools to assemble my prep routine. The official Cambridge IELTS series (books 14-18) provided real, practice exams and useful sample questions and the IELTS liz web site provided lessons and snappy tips all for free. I also purchased Magoosh in the form of its IELTS course preparation since it allowed me to be organized and consistent in my work due to its organized modules and specific areas of practice.

3.3 Study Schedule:

Within a period of more than three months, I developed a continuity of habit. I spent approximately 1012 hours a week on IELTS preparation: I practiced every spot of the test, kept track of grammar and vocabulary learning, and completed practice tests.

3.4 Outcome:

As a result of this specific effort, the progress in my score advanced. My final mark was better than what I first had as a goal, and satisfied my larger goals. Above all, the experience on the examination day made me feel that I was quite ready to take the test and that all the work I invested was worth it.

3.5 Challenges Faced:

Some of the issues that I have been trying to overcome in my study this semester include a couple of obstacles, although the most obvious one has been to step up my game in writing. In the case with Task 2 essays, I worry about the familiar problems: when I am out of new ideas and have a disorganized structure. In order to get myself out of this loop, I have started researching the various kinds of essays I can expect to encounter and mucking about with brainstorming

techniques and exchanging my practice essays with a tutor so I can actually see where the problem lies. Add to that the fact that staring at the same screen for hours wears out my concentration pretty quickly, so I also created 10-minute breaks and started alternating stuff (swapping notes or looking at slides) to keep my mind focused.

No matter how well I had planned a study schedule, I encountered a lot of obstacles on my way preparing to take IELTS.

These two things, my internship and preparing for the IELTS, were equally demanding of me and it often felt like I got pulled in both directions. My strategy to survive was strict timing, time prioritization, and reducing distractions. I also used my time on the way to work to the best of my abilities, turning up the podcast or turning through the vocabulary books. Essays and reports that were streamlined, clear and well structured were a burden to my knees. I thought my writing was a mess and there were always spelling or grammatical errors. My way of overcoming these difficulties was gathering suggestions by a tutor who analyzed the structure of an essay, grammar, and vocabulary. The daily writing with Grammarly checkups became my daily routine. I never did have that conversational English and speaking test just seemed to get my tongue tied. There was hand-wringing, word jams and syntax falls. I increased my fluency through communication with native speakers through a platform where native speakers and learners can exchange their languages and I recorded myself to be analyzed later. Confidence was also an area of work which I did by looking at the mirror and picturing myself acing the test.

It was hard to remain pumped up during the prep, especially when one feels that there is not much progress being made. Doable goals, monitoring of the same and a self-pat on the back after every milestone acted as a motivation. The fact that I was mindful of the greater good-and the benefits of a good IELTS score down the line-also helped. Moral support came through friends, family and my tutor whenever self doubt reared its ugly head.

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Applied Methods and Techniques

The skills required to master the IELTS test involve more than a mastery of the English language: it is a matter of being able to master that language as the test itself formally engages. The next methods and techniques, which were applied, underline this pivotal interaction:

4.1 Fluency-Based Methods:

Immersion / Exposure: Regular use of natural English through news articles, podcasts, films, and literature, also leads to vocabulary building, increased comprehension, and more natural fluency. This exposure develops a sense of oral and written fluency with English, which is critical towards gaining impulse speaking and writing.

4.2 Shadowing and Repeating:

The active copying of native speakers (retractions, imitating the speaker in pronunciation and intonation fluctuations) also contributes to the enhancement of the pronunciation and fluency. Barking out difficult phrases and sentences helps to remember them and to develop trust in free speech. Broad reading is done in various genres and concentrating on as many English accents as possible enhances vocabulary, comprehension, and familiarisation of candidates relating to varying writing and use of speech patterns. This exposure is essential since it makes it easier to adapt to a rich variety of topics one is likely to come across in the IELTS exam. What is most important is speaking with a partner or tutor regularly and getting constructive feedback on fluency, pronunciation and the accuracy of grammar. Capturing a performance and scrutinising it can give invaluable self-analysis.

4.3 Strategy-Oriented Strategies:

being familiar with the Marking of the IELTS test: Proper knowledge of the IELTS marking criteria of the various sections is key. Being informed about what the examiners expect will make candidates pay more attention to the provision of requested things (e.g. coherence and cohesion in writing, range and accuracy in grammar in speaking). Time management is important. Timed practices will enable one to develop reading, writing, listening and speaking speed and efficiency. This needs proper planning and timing of every segment.

Frequent use of natural English in article news, podcasts and movies, as well as literature, also results in vocabulary acquisition and improved comprehension and more natural fluency.

Through this exposure, one would build a feel of oral and written fluency with English, which plays a pivotal role in acquiring the desire of impulse speaking and writing.

During the past semester, I already started to practice active listening, turning on English-language podcasts, news stations, and university lectures. When I hear a talk, I take notes with important points and later piece together these notes to be able to summarize the significant points.

Regarding speaking, I also established frequent meetings with English speaking people and language partners. We go over typical IELTS speaking questions and I get immediate access to feedback on fluency, pronunciation and grammar.

With error analysis I have also been able to identify similarities in past exams and past essays. By minutely focusing on those frequent errors, I devise strategies so that I can ensure that I do not repeat them.

I have created my own customized study plan because of my evaluation results and my progress. I may respond to my personal needs and demands. Any time I am told it needs adjustments through a mock test or an instructor critique, I adjust the plan accordingly.

To retain new information in my mind I am revising vocabulary, grammar and test taking skills frequently. Such reviews are efficient and effective due to the use of flashcards, quizzes, and special practice drills.

Mind mapping is now my favorite brainstorming method to organize my thoughts when writing, or when speaking, to give well-developed arguments. It makes me think very fast thinking, organized.

I perform frequent self-evaluations, too, monitoring the results of my practice tests and taking account of different teacher suggestions. This has helped me keep it straight concerning my strengths and my areas of blindness.

Pomodoro Technique- short phases of focused study (25 minutes) alternated with brief breaks- is what I use during studying time. Such rhythm allows me to prevent a burnout and be more focused for more prolonged periods.

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Practical Experience Insights

5.1 Understanding the Exam Format:

Preparation for the IELTS was quite similar to preparing for a final: I had to know what I was being tested to do. Thus, I disintegrated every part and considered it as a case study. In the Listening, I have prepared the overview of all these types of audio clips (monologue, dialogue, conversation, etc.) and matching question type (multiple-choice, form completion, etc.). In the case of Reading, I have paid attention to when the passages were primarily descriptive or argumentative and which kinds of questions typically appeared (True/False/Not Given, matching headings, and so on).

The killer was timing. I established difficult mini-tests: with a timer and a reduction of the available time as I dropped the timing. This imitated the test stress and it resulted in locking in the timing skills that will count on the test day.

Finally, I was able to know how the scoring system works. The fact that I was aware of the number of points that each component of the test would comprise of the total grade became a better way of making my study decisions coolly.

5.2 Effective Study Strategies:

Diagnostic testing: Prior to commencing with IELTS exam preparation, in my university, I attended a full-length practice test. By doing so, I received a clear picture of my strengths and weaknesses and based on that, I developed a study plan that was specific enough and referred to my precise requirements.

Targeted practice: The diagnostic test also made it apparent that there were certain areas which I needed to concentrate on. To continue with an example, Writing- say my essays continued to be insufficient, I would have required more time to study various essay writing formats and even get feedback on how I had written them.

Time blocking: One thing that I had to adjust to almost immediately was the effectiveness of blocking off time on my calendar to do each part of the exam. By doing so it helps me remain consistent and it keeps the procrastination away.

Diversification of resources: I would be able to attend to the information received by viewing it through numerous perspectives and learning styles because of consulting the official IELTS practice materials, taking online courses, and finding language exchange partners.

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Skill Development

6.1 Listening skills:

Active Listening Exercises: I became skilled at active listening: by paying attention to the main ideas, background details and tone of the voice of the speaker of the audio recording.

Note-taking skills: Various note-taking skills I tried to use: making up abbreviations, symbols, and keywords, etc. to record major information within a short period of time.

Exposure to the accent: There were countless varieties of accents in English that I have listened to (British, American, Australian, and many others) as I engaged in listening to podcasts and following news broadcasts, as well as other video materials on the Internet. This assisted me to listen better to different accents.

Management of distractions: I practiced listening in a noisy setting in order to create some sense of what kind of distractions I may be faced with in the real exam.

6.2 Reading skills:

Speed-reading: I went through speed-reading skills like rapid skimming and scanning to enable me to locate relevant information within the reading texts.

To master new unknown words or phrases on usual IELTS topics, I referred to using flashcards, mentioned vocabularies, and context clues.

I trained on the identification of paraphrases by comparisons between original and reworded sentences. This gave me an insight regarding the way information comes in the reading passages. I have grown and familiarized myself with the skills of making inferences by reading between the lines and making conclusions using the information presented in the text.

6.3 Writing Skills:

Mostly, I found myself preparing my essays by using clear introductions, well arranged body paragraphs and a good conclusion. I also addressed a combination of types of essays, such as an argumentative one, a descriptive one, a persuasive one, etc., and gave much consideration to grammar and vocabulary. My primary fields of work were:

Grammar and Vocabulary Improvement: I learned the rules of grammar, ways to construct sentences and new vocabulary.

Feedback Incorporation: I requested feedback of instructors, peers and hired writing services and incorporated their feedback to identify areas of improvement and improve my writing.

Task Analysis: I analyzed each writing prompt by reading then separating each in order to ensure I do not skip any of the requirements.

6.4 Speaking Skills:

To increase my fluency I would record myself when speaking and then I would listen to myself to determine where I paused or stumped upon. In the case of pronunciation, I listened to natives and practiced pronunciation drills. I also got acquainted with the typical topics of IELTS speaking and found responses to potential questions. There were also some mock interviews with classmates and teachers to experience the actual situation when I had to write the test.

6.5 Test-Taking Strategies:

As midterms are at hand, my test-taking strategy has been under development in order to maintain the amount of stress at a minimum. This is where I have ended up so far:

- 1. Reduction of anxiety: I have adopted relaxation like deep breathing, thinking etc. to reduce anxiety.
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- 2. Time management: I have already provided myself with a detailed plan regarding each section of the tests in order to complete everything within the provided time limit.
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- 3. Following the instructions: I am literally reading and following the instructions verbatim to not screw anything up.
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- 4. Answer review Answers: I have blocked-off a certain period of time (typically 10 minutes) to re-examine and clean up sloppy answers before submitting.
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- 5. The big picture: I am keeping count of my improvements by having frequent practice quizzes and examining the learned knowledge to evaluate weak instructions and restructuring my study schedule and celebrating successes to remain motivated.

I have kept track of my progress throughout the semester to monitor, so I have been taking practice examinations and I have been measuring my performance commonly. To add to that, I did read the feedback I received through the TAs and instructors, and then used those as valuable knowledge of where exactly I needed to improve.

My plan of study was subjected to certain alterations inspired by the data as well as the feedback, and I combined the new strategies with the tested ones so that each hour spent at the library or at home could count.

In the meantime, I did not forget to reward the minor successes (such as after finally figuring out that difficult question on the problem-set) which kept me confident and motivated.

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Tasks Handled Before Examination

I have done some complete practice tests in the form of an official practice examination which comprises all four parts Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking skills from books of Cambridge IELTS or official IELTS websites to give a snapshot of where I currently am. This will allow me to get acquainted with the exam structure and the types of questions, not to mention that it will allow me to understand my strengths and weaknesses at present.

I have been reading through my responses to get a dot to dot picture of areas of weakness. I have recognized what types of questions I had problems with, the areas where I lacked time, and the incorrect grammar or word choice usage. I have also identified speaking areas that I did not feel so fluent or had a poor vocabulary.

The method that I will use to speak more smoothly and without any stops is to choose one topic at random and allow myself two minutes to speak without stopping. I have taken a note of myself speaking and searched for pauses, hesitations and other hesitating areas. I have then gone out to minimize those breaks. This habit assists in relaxing and diminishes the fear of speaking directly.

Due to this I have been concentrating on IELTS topics that I see a lot and attempting to work on broadening my vocabulary through this. I am working through flashcards or vocabulary apps or making my own word list. I go through them every day and use them to make sentences and speak out loud practicing with the new words. To enhance pronunciation and intonation, I am focusing on particular sounds and the web-based materials. I also make a recording, analyze how clearer I am after I speak.

To simulate the speaking test and get feedback on my performance I practice with a partner who can act as the examiner. Use official IELTS speaking test questions. Get feedback on fluency, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation to reduce anxiety and to identify areas for improvement in a realistic setting.

To learn and practice different essay structures for various IELTS writing tasks I studied different essay types. Learn the typical structure for each type (introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion). Practice writing essays using these structures which provide a clear framework for writing, making it more organized and coherent.

Grammar & Vocabulary Review: To ensure accurate grammar and appropriate vocabulary in writing I reviewed grammar rules. To expand vocabulary related to common IELTS topics. Practice using correct grammar and vocabulary in writing. Improves the clarity and accuracy of writing. I wrote essays and reports using official IELTS writing prompts. Practice managing your time effectively.

To improve my ability to understand spoken English in various contexts I listen to a variety of English audio materials such as podcasts, news, lectures, conversations. Take notes while listening. Try to summarize the main points which develop my ability to focus and extract information from spoken English. To practice with IELTS listening tests and become familiar with different question types I Practice with official IELTS listening tests. Pay attention to the different question types: multiple choice, matching, form completion. Develop strategies for answering each question type. Practice taking notes while listening to audio materials. Develop a system for quickly and accurately recording key information which helps me to remember important details and answer questions more effectively.

I chose to start off my semester by increasing my reading and writing. I am right now burning through articles and chapters all the time and the two major hacks that I have nailed down are reducing my subvocalization and increasing my eye span. The goal? Travel more distances faster.

I have also zeroed in on two other not quite but closely related skim-and-scan tricks. To start with, the big-picture skim: read the text by skimming it with your eyes and focusing on headings and the linking phrases to get the overall message. Then you pin-pointer scan: pick out certain words or phrases you know will come in handy when answering questions further along in the course. The two actions by themselves can take crucial time off of your total time reading.

Vocabulary acquisition is also a requirement. Wide readingHyper readingEither what I find in the classroom or external articles keeps me filling in the semantics gaps and then I go twofold by noting words in a special app or on an ancient, paper list. This has not only helped improve my overall understanding but also factors into me being much more competent at grappling with difficult test questions.

Mock-exam drills also form no complete practice test regime. The gold-standard material, in this case, is official IELTS reading tests, so I feed myself those and I monitor the amount of time I spend reading each section. By decomposing the time into small sizes per question the job seems to get much more manageable and I feel like I am at a certain pace of doing the paper-and not slate running out of time leaving me with easy points.

Then lastly is those full-length mocks in examination conditions. The litmus test is, does all the homework lead to a greater score on the big day? The current results are good though; I tell myself that only the official exam will be able to tell.

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Internship Output and Achievements

Reiterate Project Objectives: As I progressed with this internship I was on a mission to address the increasing need of a more holistic way to prepare to take the IELTS. Traditional approaches are more Grammar and vocabulary focused and they largely ignore the interactive nature of speaking, writing, listening and reading fluency along with skill and strategies used to excel in the tests. In order to fill that gap, the project hence aimed to prepare a comprehensive report.

Determining Effective IELTS Learning Methods: To establish the study methods that have seen former IELTS test and learning tutors being successful, I studied the various forms of teaching techniques, resource utilization and study practices that they have utilized.

Using An Easy to Read Accessible Report: The report I created is both elaborate and easy to read- perfectly suited to students, teachers, and schools. It made general use of clear language, good real-world examples, and useful suggestions.

Writing and Editing the Report: There were multiple versions of each section until it sealed on its final form as the report was written and proof-read with accuracy, coherence, and readability all the time. At each step, I sought out advice among the supervisors and the co-workers in order to elevate the general standards of the piece.

Final Report: The report has now become a well-constructed easily readable guide that sums up the major findings of the project and recommendations. The numerous revisions done to make the reportable and coherent have made the report more resilient and easy to relate to by many readers.

The internship also contributed to the development of the skills that I needed to complete my studies: conducting strategic literature reviews, administering survey and interview data, and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data with the help of the specific software. The calculations have been made and it became obvious how to track the trends, draw sound conclusions, and transform the evidence into something memorable and helpful, particularly, when I analyzed the survey user responses of the IELTS candidates and identified the greatest obstacles.

I also acquired skills on writing the findings, as I did several drafts and made revisions on my reports. The opportunity to provide those results to the mentors and the rest of students offered me a possibility to improve my public-speaking skills. In addition, interviewing others who take the IELTS exam now provided me with stronger interpersonal skills and an ability to understand the difficulties as they are perceived by them.

As a lesson at the project side, I was able to understand how to plan, organize and complete a complete research project within a short period of time. The setting of goals, management of resources, and making consistent progress tracking proved to be the primary techniques of keeping in track.

Subject wise, the internship improved my ideas regarding the structure of IELTS, their grading method, and the effective preparation methods. This is priceless experience when it comes to developing some new project involving language learning, language assessment or development of a test.

Altogether, my key learning experiences are a strategic approach to productive IELTS training, the evident findings regarding the difficulties of candidates, and a report full of useful hints on improving fluency and final scores.

Chapter-9

Important Takeaways From IELTS Preparation

When we refer to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) we are not actually talking about a flash exam on how facile we are with the language. IELTS essentially is a type of test that demonstrates you are able to communicate effectively and tactically. The eventual target, however, is to stroll with the knowledge that you possess the language mastery to catalyze the landing in the university lectures or the first jobs in the foreign country.

Ok, and here it is in a nutshell:

1. Foster an actual control over English. That implies daily speaking and writing exercises. Pay attention to grammar, but be more concerned about conveying your ideas with both speed and comfort- the level of interaction that comes easily.
2. Make IELTS a game and learn it. Study the form of each of the sections, and master some rudimentary tips in time-rescue. Find question types first and then find shortcuts to read faster such as skimming long passages and scanning to find the correct information. Such plans will release additional scores.
3. IELTS study aids. General English texts will assist, and focus on examination preparation tasks and practice papers, which are like the real exam. That laser-focus picks on precisely the skills you do not want to remain on test day.
4. Seek feedback--and act on it . Get real feedback with teachers, or native speakers or students who have passed IELTS. Even the cruelest critics can demonstrate you your weak points and educate your style.
5. Adhere to a good study habit. Fifteen minutes a day counts as well. It is important to remember that even the minor victories will take you towards the desired score.

Ultimately, acing in IELTS is to be embraced by good English proficiencies coupled with smart exam strategies. Take these steps, practice and the doors you wish to open will swing wide open.

Chapter-10

Future Goal and Roadmap

Passing the IELTS test is a very big deal but it is only a step in my greater academic and professional journey. My intentions in the future are very ambitious and thus I have been formulating a strategy that involves the enhancement of my understanding of the English language itself as well as the tactical knowledge that is apt.

10.1 Career Aim:

This case is aimed at targeting multinational technologies, finance or medical institutions. Naturally, I must have technical proficiency, data analysis, machine learning and all that but I should be able to collaborate with other people of any background on sharing my work rather than copy and pasting code. Learning IELTS was good preparation but I still require practice to get it right to state my arguments that explain hard stuff in a way it can be easily understood in a few sentences.

10.2 Work Experience:

I am also pulling a two-hustle, even though I am in my Masters program, I am getting an internship in organizations to get some on the job experience as well as building a relationship with the actual world of industry.

10.3 Personal Growth:

Regarding personal development, I understand that being a confident communicator is on my list of top priorities, so I have registered in a speaking club or booked a particular course associated with improving my public speaking skills and shaking off the stage terror often experienced when I have to speak publicly. The other thing I have also promised myself is to have a more social life around the English-speaking communities; buy a ticket to the cultural establishments, converse with the people who live here and absorb the language actively on a daily basis. Besides, I am staying in touch with English-speaking books, films, and music playlists, so my perception of the lingo and culture remains vivid and widening.

Imagine a roadmap as an instrument of visualizing the big picture during your work on your language skills; it can help you to stay alert to every small step you take. I have been developing the plan of the so-called Fluent Practice:

Practice = Natural, full-of-assurance fluency.

Specific practice will address specific issues so that I increase my progress.

I read a wide range of academic papers, industry-related publications and general interest articles which helps increase my vocabulary and refine reading comprehension.

My overall activity is not letting main ideas and words I do not know yet slip. I mark, write and summarize some of the main ideas and words I have not learnt yet.

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Final Thoughts

It was a life-changing internship. I was able to dive into the real work, applying class-learned theories and seeing how they happen in reality. That entire process, starting by having to cram and prepare for the IELTS exam, right up to sitting in the exam room and ultimately receiving the results opened up my eyes in a big way.

My IELTS preparation was more or less my warm-up performance. The brute force of vocab lists, paragraph learned-by-heart dismemberment and reassembly and time-limit fast-food-on-a-whim helped hone my critical thinking, my communication method and my time management punctuality. The same skills turned out to be my ace in the hole in the laboratory. I could reduce the bulky information into something clear and concise, break down some complex ideas logically and multitask without losing my mind when I encountered a project on my desk.

Preparing to take IELTS increased my self-confidence as well. It made me remember that learning is never really over-either in a classroom or out of one. That attitude has actually turned out to be my playbook to handle the curveballs that I needed to handle this summer and to prepare for whatever happens next.

Moving forward, I will continue to employ all the instruments that this internship (and the IELTS practice) provided me with. Combining classroom experience with real life experience, and good communication will hopefully place me in a sweet spot to achieve my career objectives and leave a dent in my area of passion.

In a nutshell, thus far, due to this summer, everything is different. The combination of this internship and IELTS preparation gave me a solid foundation to succeed over a long time and a proof that constant learning and improvement is the only path in the future.

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