

IELTS Grammar Master Book

Free Edition – Band 7 to Band 9 Grammar System

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A practical grammar system for IELTS Writing and Speaking focusing on advanced structures, accuracy, and real Band 9 improvements.

1. Sentence Structures for Band 9

Band 9 writing demonstrates a wide range of sentence structures used naturally.

Combine simple, compound, and complex sentences effectively.

Basic: Technology is useful. It has disadvantages.

Band 9: Although technology offers substantial benefits, it also presents notable drawbacks.

Reason: Complex clause + precise vocabulary.

2. Advanced Tenses

Present perfect for trends: Crime rates have declined significantly.

Past perfect for earlier events: By 2010, the population had doubled.

Avoid tense inconsistency.

Incorrect: The government has implement new rules.

Correct: The government has implemented new rules.

3. Complex & Compound Sentences

Use subordinating conjunctions: although, whereas, while, because.

Use coordinating conjunctions: and, but, yet, so.

Example: While online learning offers flexibility, it may reduce interaction.

4. Relative Clauses

Defining: Students who practice daily improve faster.

Non-defining: Technology, which evolves rapidly, influences education.

Reduced: Students studying abroad gain experience.

5. Passive Voice

Use passive voice in academic writing when focusing on the action.

Example: Significant improvements have been observed.

Avoid excessive passive constructions.

6. Conditionals

Zero: If you heat water, it boils.

First: If governments invest, the economy will grow.

Second: If taxes were lower, businesses would expand.

Third: If policies had changed, outcomes would have improved.

7. Nominalisation

Nominalisation creates formal academic tone.

Implement → implementation

Develop → development

Example: The implementation of reforms improved outcomes.

8. Linking Devices

Addition: Furthermore, Moreover.

Contrast: However, In contrast.

Result: Therefore, As a result.

Use linkers logically and moderately.

9. Practice Exercises with Model Answers

Exercise 1

Original: Many people think university is important but it cost too much money.

Band 9: While higher education is widely regarded as essential, it can impose a significant financial burden.

Why: Complex clause + corrected grammar + formal tone.

Exercise 2

Original: Governments should spend more money because traffic is bad.

Band 9: Governments should allocate greater funding to public transport in order to alleviate severe congestion.

Why: Precise vocabulary and academic phrasing.

Exercise 3

Original: Online learning is good. It is flexible.

Band 9: Online learning is advantageous due to its flexibility and accessibility.

Why: Nominalisation and concise structure.

Exercise 4

Original: If governments invest more, the problem will reduce.

Band 9: If governments were to invest more strategically, the issue would be significantly mitigated.

Why: Advanced conditional.

Exercise 5

Original: Pollution is increasing and it causes health problems.

Band 9: Rising pollution levels have contributed to a growing number of health-related issues.

Why: Nominalisation and accurate tense.

10. Band 6 vs Band 9 Comparison

Band 6	Band 9
Limited structures	Wide range of structures
Frequent grammar errors	Near-perfect accuracy
Basic vocabulary	Precise academic vocabulary