

Students will need to bring the following to the exam:

- A pen
- One piece of photographic ID (passport/GNIB card/driver's license)
- The completed TIE application form (<http://ielt.ie/downloads1/general-tie-documents>)
- Their logbook containing their notes

The TIE has **three sections** which must be detailed in the **logbook**:

**1. Investigation:** Students must research a topic of their choice and be prepared to discuss it. Notes on the investigation/research topic must be included in the logbook.

**2. Book report:** Students must read a book and be prepared to discuss and/or write about it. Notes on the book must be included in the logbook.

**3. News story:** Students must follow a story in the news over several (minimum 3) days and be prepared to discuss and/or write about it. The story must be recent (taking place in the 4 weeks prior to the date of the exam). In addition to their own notes in the logbook, students must bring hardcopies of at least 2 different sources.

The TIE includes an **oral** and a **written** exam.

**The written exam:**

**Part 1:** Prepared task – the student must answer a question on either their chosen book or news story. The student must answer one of two questions.

**Part 2:** Unprepared task – the student must answer a question which they have not prepared for. The student must answer one of two questions.

**The oral exam (30-40 minutes):**

- Usually 2 (sometimes 3) candidates + the examiner

**Part 1:** Candidates introduce themselves

**Part 2:** Candidates take turns presenting their investigation. Examiner asks questions and encourages the other candidate to also ask questions.

**Part 3:** Candidate A presents their news story. The examiner asks questions and encourages candidate B to do the same. Candidate B then presents their book, followed by questions from the examiner and Candidate B.

**Part 4:** Decision Making Task (DMT): Candidates are given 6 pictures and asked to discuss a question using the images to help them answer. The candidates interact with each other; the examiner does not participate in this part of the exam.