

# PTE Academic Lesson Plan Ideas: Test Taking Strategies

## Scope and Sequence

### Introduction

These lesson plan ideas have been designed to provide specific test taking strategies for each question type in PTE Academic. You can use them to develop lessons with a focus on strategies or integrate them into test preparation classes.

There are 22 lessons, each of which focuses on three strategies that your students can apply when responding to a particular PTE Academic question type. The series of lessons follows the order of the actual test, and each lesson takes a five-step approach to introducing and practicing the question type strategies:

- Step 1: Introduction to the question type with an example screenshot for clarity
- Step 2: Explanation of three key strategies specific to the question type
- Step 3: Detailed strategy breakdown with guided practice opportunities for individuals, pairs, or groups
- Step 4: An additional practice question that students answer within a set time limit to reinforce their understanding
- Step 5: Students compare their responses and discuss sample responses and explanations

After completing all lessons, students will have practiced all question types in PTE Academic using authentic test questions.

Most of the lessons include two questions – one in Step 3 to illustrate the different strategies in guided practice, and one in Step 4 where students make an attempt at providing responses under timed conditions, simulating the actual test. Each lesson includes the test questions with accompanying transcripts, sample responses, sample answers, and explanations, on separate pages that you will need to copy and distribute to your students. You may also need to prepare additional worksheets based on the suggestions for activities targeting each strategy.

Mp3 audio files are provided for the sample prompts and sample responses. Make sure you have the right media player to play the files.

Although the strategies have been specifically developed to help test takers achieve better results on PTE Academic, they can be beneficial to any learners trying to improve general academic English proficiency.

The lesson plan ideas can be used in conjunction with The Official Guide to PTE Academic for Teachers, which provides a more detailed description of each question type and additional practice questions in the guide itself and in the accompanying Question Bank and digital resources. You can refer to the Task sections in The Official Guide to further explain each question type when introducing it in Step 1 of the lesson. You can ask your students to respond to more questions from the Official Guide or assign them for homework.

The lesson plan ideas can also be used in conjunction with PTE Expert B1 and B2 coursebooks, which provide rigorous preparation for PTE Academic by developing students' language awareness and understanding of the test. The coursebook series is ideal for both classroom use and self-study. For teachers, it provides a clear and organized framework for teaching ensuring that all key skills and test strategies are covered. For students, it includes language skill-building with test taking strategies to help students approach each question type with confidence. It also includes access to extensive online practice and additional resources.

If you have any specific feedback about the lesson plan ideas or queries about other test preparation resources provided by Pearson for PTE Academic, you can contact us at [pearsonpte.com/contact-us](https://pearsonpte.com/contact-us)