



# **IELTS Speaking**

**10 TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR  
IELTS SPEAKING SCORE**

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# Questions



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# Speaking (Intro)



**The IELTS Speaking exam will be graded on:**

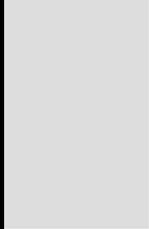
- 1. Fluency & Coherence**
- 2. Lexical Resource (Vocabulary)**
- 3. Grammatical Range & Accuracy**
- 4. Pronunciation**

# Speaking Tips

## Tip 1: Don't memorise answers

- **The is especially common in Part 1.**
- **You won't give the examiner an accurate measure of your English-language skills.**
- **The examiner will be able to tell if you have memorised your answers and this may influence your final band score.**

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## Tip 2: Don't use unfamiliar words

- **You may want to impress the examiner by using long, complex words in your test**
- **However, only use these words if you are comfortable doing so.**
- **To be safe, avoid using words you are not familiar with.**
- **There is a higher chance of making mistakes by either mispronouncing words or using them in the wrong context.**
- **Mistakes can affect your final band score.**

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## Tip 2: Don't use unfamiliar words

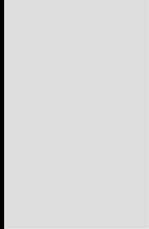
- **Use a range of vocabulary that you know well.**
- **Make sure the words you use are relevant to the topic being discussed.**
- **Making vocabulary lists or mind maps can help you learn more words connected to specific topic areas.**

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## Tip 3: Use a range of grammatical structures

- **Remember that one of the four grading criteria is**
- **Grammatical range and accuracy**
- **Try and use a range of grammatical structures using complex and simple sentences to express what you want to say.**
- **Know your own errors and practice speaking to friends in English, or record yourself to see if you can spot errors.**
- **If you hear an error, make sure to correct yourself.**

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## Tip 3: Use a range of grammatical structures

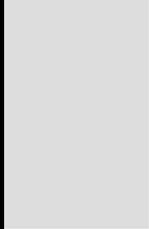
- **You will be assessed on your ability to use different grammatical structures accurately.**
- **It's important to practice speaking about the past, the present and the future using correct tenses.**
- **Let's look some simple sentence ideas and look at how the grammar is related to the time you want to express.**
- **The sentences are all about going to the cinema.**

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**Let's look at some of the most commonly used grammar tenses**

- **I went to the cinema yesterday. (past simple)**
- **I was watching a movie at the cinema (past continuous)**
- **I have never been to the cinema. (present perfect)**
- **I am going to go to the cinema tomorrow. (future with be going to)**
- **I think I'll go to the cinema this weekend. (simple future)**
- **I go to the cinema twice a month. (present simple)**
- **I am watching a movie at the cinema at the moment. (present continuous)**

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## Tip 4: Don't worry about your accent

- **The IELTS examiner will understand a wide range of accents so will be able to understand you.**
- **If you can communicate well, then there is nothing to worry about.**
- **But do be aware of sounds that you have difficulty with**
- **Also, make sure to use stress and intonation as English is a stress-timed language.**
- **Practice with friends and they will tell you if they can't understand what you are saying.**

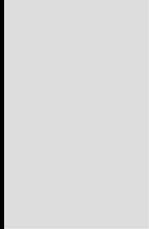
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## Tip 5: Pause to think

- **There is no harm in taking a brief pause to think about what to say.**
- **We all do it to process questions.**
- **This is sometimes referred to as 'buying time'**

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## Tip 5: Pause to think

**Here are some useful phrases to give you time to think during the Speaking test :**

- **That's an interesting question**
- **I haven't thought about that before, but**
- **Let me see ....**
- **Let me think about that for a minute**
- **That's a difficult question, but I'll try to answer it**

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## Tip 6: Don't worry if you make a mistake

- **If you make a mistake - don't panic!**
- **Try to correct yourself as smoothly as possible.**
- **If you can't correct yourself, just continue speaking**
- **You won't lose many points for a few mistakes.**
- **Don't waste time correcting errors - it will affect your fluency and coherence of your speech**

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## Tip 7: Extend your answers

- **Try and answer the examiner's questions in full**
- **Extend your answers and don't wait for the examiner to prompt you with a question.**
- **When your answers are short, this shows the examiner that you cannot talk in detail about a topic.**
- **If the examiner says 'Why?', they are prompting you to give a reason for your answer and to extend more fully.**

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## Tip 7: Extend your answers

- **Who, What, Why, Where, When, How**
- **Describe things in as much details as you can.**
  - **Use adjectives**
  - **Compare things**
  - **Give examples**

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## Tip 8: Smile while you are taking the test

- **Smiling can help create a friendlier atmosphere between you and the examiner.**
- **It can also help calm your nerves which in turn helps your pronunciation.**
- **When we smile, our mouth is bigger and the tone of our voice is more friendly.**
- **Using clear enunciation and tone will show the examiner that you can use a range of pronunciation features.**

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## Tip 9 : Vary your way of speaking

- **Don't speak in a monotone voice**
- **We need to vary our voice tone – it makes your voice more interesting.**
- **A flat voice tone makes it more difficult for the listener to identify what parts of your message are important.**

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## Tip 9 : Vary your way of speaking

- **To make your speech more engaging:**
  - **put emphasis on important words**
  - **pause at sections in your speech**
  - **use hand gestures in conjunction with the rhythm of your speech**
- **When we emphasise certain words it makes it easier to compare and contrast ideas**
- **It also increases the flow of conversation**

# Speaking Tips

## Tip 10

- **Practice common IELTS topics**
- **There are a lot of possible topics, but some come up on the test more often than others**
- **When you practice speaking about common topics, you can learn vocabulary associated with each topic.**
- **Common topics you can practice for the Speaking test include:**

# Speaking (Topics)

Here are some possible topics

**School**

**Free Time**

**Travel**

**Work**

**Family**

**Hometown**

**Friends**

**Environment**

**Books**

**Food**

**TV / Films**

**Possessions**

**News**

**Technology**

**Shopping**

**Art**

**Education**

**Hobbies**

**Music**

**Special Events**

**Internet**

**Crime & Punishment**

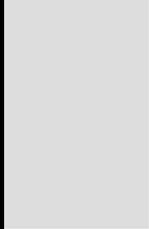
**Sport & Recreation**

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# Homework



- **Tell me what you find most difficult about speaking English.**
- **You should write 4 or 5 sentences**
- **Write your answer in the comments section of this video**



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