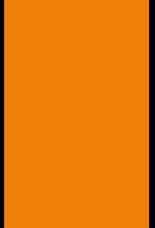




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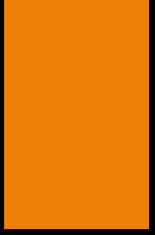
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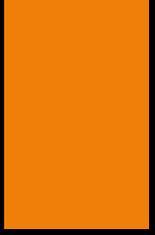
- The IELTS test can be an intense experience.
- It is very easy to lose your place and panic.
- The expressions you will learn today can help you regain your composure.

# BACKGROUND



- These expressions can also provide structure to your answers, which can help:
  - fluency
  - coherence
- Using a variety of these expressions can improve your lexical resource score.

# BACKGROUND



- So let's get started and look at 5 types of phrases that can help increase your IELTS Speaking Score.

# USEFUL PHRASES



## Tip 1: Clarify the Question

- There may be times in the test where you don't fully understand a question
- **DON'T PANIC!!!**
- It's okay to ask for repetition or clarification
- Here are some useful phrases to do this

# USEFUL PHRASES



- I'm sorry, I didn't fully understand the question.
- I'm afraid I didn't quite catch that.
  
- I'm sorry, would you mind repeating the question?
- Could you repeat the question, please?
- Could you say that again, please?
  
- Could you explain what you mean by...?

# USEFUL PHRASES



## Tip 2: Use opening statements

- A good opening statement can help impress the examiner and get you off to a solid start.
- Here are some phrases you can use to do this.

# USEFUL PHRASES



## Useful Intro Phrases

- That's a great question .....
- I'd have to say that .....
- Let me tell you about .....
- I'd like to talk about .....

# USEFUL PHRASES

You can also re-state part of the question at the beginning of your answer.

Q: Talk about what you usually do at the weekend.

A: I usually play badminton at the weekend.

Q: Tell me about a great teacher you have had.

A: I've had many great teachers, but if I had to choose one, it would be .....

Q: Where do you like to go shopping?

A: I like to go shopping in department stores.

# PRACTICE

## Let's practice

Q: Talk about what you usually do at the weekend.

A: I usually play badminton at the weekend.

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A: I've had many great teachers, but if I had to choose one, it would be .....

Q: Where do you like to go shopping?

A: I like to go shopping in department stores.

# PRACTICE



Let's practice some more

Q: Talk about the kind of music you like.

Q: Tell me about a holiday you went on recently.

Q: Where do you like to hang out with friends?

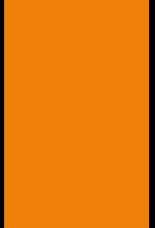
# USEFUL PHRASES



## Tip 3: Use closing statements

- A simple closing statement can help tell the examiner that you have finished speaking.
- This is especially useful in Part 2 of the speaking test and in the writing test.

# USEFUL PHRASES



Here are some useful conclusion statements

- In conclusion .....
- To sum up .....
- To summarise .....
- Therefore, .....
- So, that's why .....

# USEFUL PHRASES



Here are some useful conclusion sentences:

- In conclusion, I believe that spending time with my family is the most important thing in my life
- To sum up, I think that family time is an essential part of my life.
- To summarise, spending time with my family is central to me and the way I live my life.

# USEFUL PHRASES



Here are some examples:

- Therefore, I think my family are a key part of my life and spending as much time with them as I can makes me happy.
- So, that's why I enjoy meeting my family as often as I can.

# USEFUL PHRASES



## Tip 4: State your opinion

- Giving your opinion is a very important part of the IELTS Speaking and Writing Tests.
- It's always good to vary the words you use when stating your opinion.
- Here are some useful phrases you can use.

# USEFUL PHRASES



- I think .....
- I believe .....
- In my view .....
- In my opinion .....
- From my point of view, .....
- It seems to me that .....
- Personally, I believe that .....

# PRACTICE



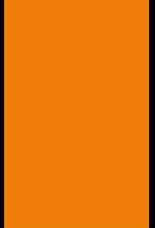
- Let's look at some example questions:
  - What do you think of / about ...?
  - How do you feel about ...?
  - What's your opinion of / on ...?

# PRACTICE



- Let's look at some example questions
  - What do you think about Italian food?
    - In my opinion, Italian food is among the best in the world.
    - I think most Italian food tastes the same, so it's a little boring.

# PRACTICE



- Let's look at some example questions
  - How do you feel about rap music?
    - I believe rap music is the leading music genre in the world these days and it is only going to become more popular.
    - From my point of view, rap music is a little repetitive and doesn't really interest me that much.

# PRACTICE



- Write your opinions about these topics in the chat:
  - Horror movies
  - Winter Sports
  - Smartphones
  - Studying English

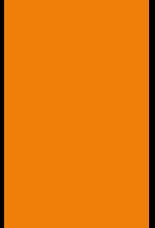
# USEFUL PHRASES



## Tip 5: Support your opinion

- Once you stated an opinion, the examiner will expect you to back it up.
- The most common way to do this is by giving reasons
- Here are some useful expressions you can use

# USEFUL PHRASES



- One reason for this is .....
- One of its main advantages is .....
- This appeals to me, because...

## Adding more information

- Moreover, it .....
- Furthermore, it .....

# USEFUL PHRASES



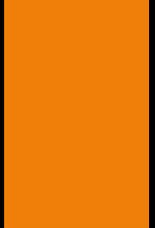
- What do you think about Italian food?

In my opinion, Italian food is among the best in the world.

One reason for this is that the ingredients are usually fresh and are all well matched with each other. Furthermore, there are a lot of different types of dishes, so we can discover many different flavours.

So, that's why I believe Italian food is some of the best food in the world.

# TEST



- We are now going to have a short test using some of the vocabulary I have explained today
- You can write your answers in the chat

# TEST



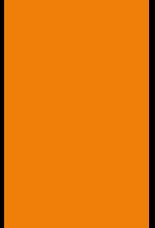
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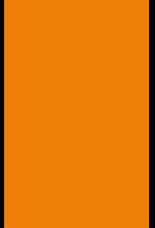
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1. That's a \_\_\_\_\_ question!
2. I'd \_\_\_\_\_ to say that ...
3. Let me \_\_\_\_\_ you about ...

# TEST



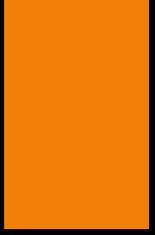
1. That's a great / fantastic / good question!
2. I'd like to say that ...
3. Let me tell you about ...

# TEST



1. \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion .....
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ up .....
3. \_\_\_\_\_ summarise .....
4. So, that's \_\_\_\_\_ .....

# TEST



1. In conclusion .....
2. To sum up .....
3. To summarise .....
4. So, that's why .....

# TEST



1. I \_\_\_\_\_ that education is very important.
2. In my \_\_\_\_\_, children should be encouraged to exercise more.
3. From an environmental \_\_\_\_\_ of view, electric cars are better than diesel cars.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, I believe that a shorter work week would benefit most employees.

# TEST



1. I think / believe that education is very important.
2. In my view, children should be encouraged to exercise more.
3. From an environmental point of view, electric cars are better than diesel cars.
4. Personally, I believe that a shorter work week would benefit most employees.

# TEST



1. \_\_\_\_\_ reason for this is that most people in my country enjoy outdoor life.
2. One of its main \_\_\_\_\_ is that it reduces carbon emissions.
3. This \_\_\_\_\_ to me, because I like to eat out with my friends and family.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, it includes lots of extra features such as .....

# TEST



1. One / A reason for this is that most people in my country enjoy outdoor life.
2. One of its main advantages is that it reduces carbon emissions
3. This appeals to me, because I like to eat out with my friends and family.
4. Moreover / Furthermore / Also, it includes lots of extra features such as .....

# Increase your Speaking Score



Here is a summary of my 5 types of expressions that can help increase your IELTS Speaking and Writing Scores:

1. Clarify the question
2. Use opening statements
3. Use closing statements
4. State your opinion
5. Support your opinion

# Q & A



- If you have any questions, please write them in the chat.
- I will try to answer as many as I can.
- You can also ask some questions in the comments section of the video.

# Homework



- For today's homework, you are going to write using 3 of today's language points:
  1. State your opinion
  2. Support your opinion
  3. Use closing statements
- You should write your answer in the comments section of this YouTube video.

# Homework



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# Homework



Today's question:

- How do you feel about shopping in department stores?



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