



IELTS Speaking

IELTS SPEAKING: IMPROVING
YOUR GRAMMATICAL RANGE

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Introduction



Speaking and Writing Scoring Criteria

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

Introduction



Grammatical Range & Accuracy

- In the IELTS Speaking and Writing tests, it is important to use a wide range of grammatical structures.
- Learning the most common verb tenses is one way to do this.

Verb Tenses



There are 13 verb tenses in English Grammar

1. Present Simple
2. Present Continuous
3. Present Perfect
4. Present Perfect Continuous
5. Past Simple
6. Past Continuous

Verb Tenses



7. Past Perfect
8. Past Perfect Continuous
9. Future Simple
10. Future with 'be going to'
11. Future Continuous
12. Future Perfect
13. Future Perfect Continuous

Verb Tenses



5 MOST COMMON ENGLISH VERB TENSES

1	Present Simple	57.51%
2	Past Simple	19.7%
3	Future Simple	8.5%
4	Present Perfect	6.0%
5	Present Continuous	5.1%

Verb Tenses



I have chosen 5 verb tenses that can be very useful in the IELTS Speaking Test.

1. Present Simple
2. Present Continuous
3. Present Perfect Continuous
4. Past Simple
5. Future with 'be going to'

Verb Tenses



1. Present Simple

Structure:

Subject + verb (base form) + object.

This tense is used to speak about:

1. general truths
2. current actions
3. actions that happen regularly

Verb Tenses



1. Present Simple

General Truths

- I. The sky is blue.
- II. Elephants are large animals.
- III. Ellen is John's sister.

Verb Tenses



1. Present Simple

Speak about current actions.

- I. I feel terrible.
- II. Graeme really loves football.
- III. Susan doesn't want to eat dinner

Verb Tenses



1. Present Simple

Speak about repeated actions:

- I. Muhammad plays guitar every day
- II. I go on holiday twice a year.
- III. He never watches movies in the cinema.
- IV. I like to go shopping at the weekend.

Verb Tenses



2. Present Continuous

Structure:

Subject + be verb (is / am/ are) + verb (ing form) + object.

This tense is usually used to speak about:

1. actions or events that are ongoing now
2. future arrangements / plans

Verb Tenses



2. Present Continuous

actions or events that are ongoing now

- I. They are playing basketball at the moment.
- II. We are all studying English.
- III. She is taking an exam just now.

Verb Tenses



2. Present Continuous

Future arrangements / plans

- I. I am meeting the boss on Tuesday.
- II. We are going shopping this weekend.
- III. Sarah is travelling to Egypt tomorrow.

Verb Tenses



3. Present Perfect Continuous

Structure:

Subject + have/has been + verb (ing form) + object
(optional) + since / for + time duration + object.

This tense is usually used to speak about:

1. a situation that started in the past and continues in the present.

Verb Tenses



3. Present Perfect Continuous

- I. I have been living in London since 2018.
- II. She has been studying English for 4 years.
- III. We have been coming to this restaurant for around 5 years.
- IV. He has been preparing for the IELTS test.
- V. I've been playing the piano since I was 10.

Verb Tenses



4. Past Simple

Structure:

Subject + verb (past form) + object.

This tense is usually used to speak about:

1. a situation or event that occurred in the past.

Verb Tenses



4. Past Simple

- I. I went to Japan last year.
- II. It rained yesterday.
- III. She chatted with her friends online.
- IV. John arrived here last week.
- V. I bought a new TV.

Verb Tenses



5. Future with 'be going to'

Structure:

Subject + be going to + verb (base form) + object.

This tense is usually used to speak about:

1. a definite future plan

Verb Tenses



5. Future with 'be going to'

- I. I am going to write a letter to him.
- II. They're going to visit Ireland next week.
- III. She is going to get her results tomorrow.
- IV. Sharon is going to play the flute at the concert.

Speaking Part 1



- Now that we know these 5 common verb tenses, how can we put them to use in the IELTS test.

- Let's look at some common topics from Part 1 of the speaking test.

Speaking Part 1



Work

- I am an IT consultant, and I work for a large multinational company.
- I have been working there for 4 years.
- I like my job a lot, mostly because the atmosphere in my office is very friendly.
- I was promoted to the position of team leader last year, and I am currently working in the overseas development department.

Speaking Part 1



Hobbies

- I like a variety of different outdoor activities, but my favourite pastime is playing badminton.
- I have been playing badminton since I was in primary school, and these days I try to play 2 or 3 times week.
- Actually, I am going to play with a work colleague tomorrow. She is a great player, so I really enjoy practicing with her.

Speaking Part 1



Pets

- I don't have any pets now, but I did when I was younger.
- I had a cat named Ginger, and a hamster called Terry. I played with them every day when I was in primary and middle school.
- I don't have any plans to get another pet, but I might consider it in the future.

Speaking Part 1



Books and Reading

- I love reading books, but don't have much time for it these days.
- I used to read every day when I was in school and university, but now I am lucky if I can read one book every two weeks.
- I am currently reading a John Grisham book called The Judge's List. It is a legal suspense novel and I'm really enjoying it.

Homework



Write 5 sentences about the following topic:

- Music

You should try to use at least 3 of the grammar tenses we have looked at today.

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Homework



- Please write your sentences in the comments section of this video.
- I will give some feedback on your answers



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