



Tips for the IELTS Speaking Test

- Make sure you have got the vocabulary ready to talk about topics such as your work or study experience, your hobbies and topics of general interest. Also make sure you know appropriate phrases and linking words to express your opinion
- Spend the immediate time before the Speaking test speaking and listening or reading in English to get yourself into an “English frame of mind”
- Try to smile as that will make you relax.
- Be aware that the test will be recorded, but don't let that throw you or have any influence on your concentration. Speak as normally and naturally as possible
- Remember to speak clearly so that the examiner can understand you well
- Find a good and natural pace: Don't speak too fast as it will be difficult follow you. Don't speak too slowly either as that will cause you to run out of time to get your points across
- Use appropriate stress and intonation to make your speech sound natural
- Use filler words like “Well” or “So” to buy yourself some time to develop your response without leaving long and unnatural pauses
- Don't worry if you catch yourself making a grammatical mistake. Grammar is just one of the assessment criteria
- Make sure you use as wide a range of vocabulary and grammar as possible to demonstrate your skills
- Don't worry if the examiner stops you before you had the chance to finish your answer. The IELTS test is carefully timed and our examiners must follow the timings precisely. An interruption will not impact on your score.