

## UNIT 5: CONSUMERISM

## E. SPEAKING

**Exercise 1. Watch the video of the student doing the IELTS Speaking test, then choose the correct answers to the questions below. (▶ Video 5\_1)**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The IELTS Speaking test takes <b>5-10 / 11-14</b> minutes, and has three parts.</li> <li>2. In Part 1, you answer questions about yourself and your <b>opinions / suggestions</b> .</li> <li>3. In Part 2, you speak for 1 to 2 minutes about <b>part 1 / a topic</b></li> <li>4. In Part 3, you have a longer <b>discussion / presentation</b> about the topic from Part 2.</li> <li>5. The three parts are <b>always / not always</b> in the same order.</li> </ol>	
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**Exercise 2. Watch the videos of a student doing the IELTS Speaking test. Which part is she doing in each video? Choose the correct answers. (▶ Videos 5\_2 → Videos 5\_4)**

1. The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 1./ The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 2./  
The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 3.

2. The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 1./ The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 2./  
The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 3.

3. The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 1./ The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 2./  
The student is doing IELTS Speaking Part 3.

**Exercise 3.** In the IELTS Speaking test, you should ask the examiner to repeat the question if you don't understand it.

Watch the video of the student doing the IELTS Speaking test and notice the phrase she uses. Then choose the correct answers to complete the phrases. (▶ Video 5\_5)

1. Sorry, I **don't** / **didn't** understand.
2. Could you **give me** / **repeat** the question, please?
3. I'm sorry, would you mind **repeating** / **saying** that again?
4. I'm afraid I don't **know** / **understand** the question.
5. Excuse me, could you repeat **that** / **this** ?

**Exercise 4.** Watch the videos. Then complete the sentences with the words the student uses. These words help with *fluency* and *coherence*. (▶ Videos 5\_6 → Videos 5\_7)

**Examiner:** Some people say that buying things only makes people happy for a short time. What do you think?

**Student:** I don't think so **well** / **because** if I buy something ... I can always use it **but** / **and** I will feel satisfy and I can share to others to let them see this new thing, let them try it.

**Student:** I used to buy clothes from the shopping mall near my home ... It has an online shop .... In our country, we can buy things easily, **but** / **well** my mother always told me that I can't buy clothes during the summer, **because** / **well** I have a lot of summer clothes already!

**Exercise 5.** Complete the conversation. Use the words in the box.

anyway	now	right	so	well
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**Examiner:** \_\_\_\_\_, I'd like to change topics and talk to you about shopping. Do you like going shopping?

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_, most of the time I like shopping, apart from if the mall is very busy.

**Examiner:** \_\_\_\_\_, I see, so you mean you don't like crowds?

**Student:** No, I don't like crowds at all. \_\_\_\_\_, it's not normally a problem because I often shop online.

**Examiner:** \_\_\_\_\_, would you say that you shop more online than in malls?

**Student:** Yes, definitely.

**Exercise 6. Using linking words and phrases can help to improve *fluency* and *coherence*.**

**Put the examples in the box in the correct columns.**

*Another reason is ...    On the other hand    The main reason is ...    In general    But*  
*In most cases    Secondly    First of all    However    Generally In addition    In the first place*

Explaining your main idea	Adding a similar idea

Adding an opposite idea	Explaining something generally

**Exercise 7. Complete the conversation. Use the words and phrases in the box.**

*another reason    however    in addition    in most cases    the main reason*

**Examiner:** Why do you think that shopping on the internet has become so popular?

**Student:** Well, in my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_ is that it's so convenient. You don't have to leave your house to do it. \_\_\_\_\_ is that it's often cheaper. \_\_\_\_\_, there is a lot of choice online, so you can choose from a wider variety. \_\_\_\_\_, I still prefer to shop in a mall. I like to spend the afternoon with my friends looking at clothes. \_\_\_\_\_, it's better to shop for clothes in a mall because you can try them on before you buy them

**Exercise 8. You are going to do IELTS Speaking Part 2. You will need some paper and a pencil.**

*Describe a time you went shopping to buy something, but you were not able to buy it.*

*You should say:*

- what you wanted to buy*
- when and where you tried to buy it*
- why you were not able to buy it*

*and explain how you felt when you weren't able to buy it.*