

Exercise 5

Read the information. Then watch the video of two native English speakers responding to IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions. Choose the correct impersonal phrases with it to complete the responses.

Impersonal phrases with *it* can help you speak in general, for example about groups of people and their beliefs and feelings. They can help you sound more objective. Using these phrases correctly will help you to improve your Lexical Resource and Grammatical Range and Accuracy marks.

1. It has been estimated that/It is widely accepted that watching too much TV can contribute towards a sedentary life style and that this can make people more susceptible to health problems, such as diabetes and obesity.
2. TV habits are already changing. It could be argued that/It has been reported that more and more people are turning to online TV and in particular features like catch-up TV, which allow viewers to watch programmes when they wish.
3. It has been proven that/It has been reported marketing companies target young children and teens, who are more vulnerable to persuasion. I think this needs to change and new laws should be introduced to prevent this.
4. I think it is obvious that we spend a lot of time on social media. In fact, it has been reported/it is said somewhere that some people spend more than seven hours a day online. That means that more than half of most people's day is spent on social media. That's too much.
5. If I could change one thing, it would be to remove advertising from TV. It could be argued that/It is claimed that the world would be a much better place without advertising. For a start, my favourite TV shows would not be interrupted every 15 minutes, something which I find very frustrating at times.

