

EXERCISE 5

In the IELTS Speaking test you might sometimes want more time to think of what to say. If this happens, you can use a phrase that gives you more time.

Complete the phrases that you can use to give you more time. Use the words in the box.

Let difficult expert mind question really remember think

1. Examiner: Are there any disadvantages to being famous?

Student: The first thing that comes to _____ is that journalists might write bad things about you.

2. Examiner: Do you think it's right that the media can talk about the private lives of famous people?

Student: I've never _____ thought about that before. I suppose a lot of people want to read about famous people.

3. Examiner: What would you like to become famous for?

Student: Let me _____. I know! I'd like to manage a famous restaurant one day.

4. Examiner: How do people become famous in your country?

Student: That's an interesting _____. There are a lot of talent shows on TV.

5 . Examiner: Are you interested in any well-known or famous people?

Student: _____ me see. Yes, I am a big fan of the tennis player Novak Djokovic.

6. Examiner: Would you enjoy being famous yourself?

Student: That's a _____ question! I don't think I would like photographers following me.

7. Examiner: Have you ever met a famous person?

Student: I don't _____ it very well but a famous football player came to my school when I was six or seven.

8. **Examiner:** Why do the media often report embarrassing things that celebrities do?

Student: I'm not an _____ on this but it's probably because embarrassing stories are more interesting and sell magazines.