

Exercise 1

In this unit, you will learn about the different question types that you might encounter in IELTS Speaking Part 3. You will also learn key words and phrases to help you improve your Lexical Resource mark.

Read the information. Then watch the video of three native English speakers asking and answering IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions. Complete the phrases with the verbs in the box and read the definitions of the phrases.

Lexical Resource is one of the criteria you will be marked on in the IELTS Speaking test. It refers to the range and accuracy of the vocabulary that you use. There are a number of ways to help achieve a higher band for Lexical Resource:

- Learn and use collocations correctly. Collocations are words which naturally go together in English. For example, we say *go bankrupt* and not *become bankrupt*.
- Use a variety of vocabulary throughout the test. Don't just repeat the same words. For example, instead of saying *I think* all the time, use alternative words and expressions such as *I believe*, *I would say that, if you ask me*, etc.
- Use less common, higher level vocabulary, such as idiomatic expressions that native speakers use.
- Paraphrase well. Use different words in your answers from those used in the questions.

be	come	control	ease	explain	have	know	lose
			spend	step out			

1. _____ financially responsible: manage your money in a sensible way
2. _____ wisely: think carefully about what you buy
3. _____ your spending: limit or restrict your use of money so that you have a clear idea of where it is going
4. _____ where your money is going: have a clear idea of what you are spending your money on
5. _____ track of something: not know where something is or what is happening with it
6. _____ an input in something: play a role or have a say in something
7. _____ into the big wide (scary) world: enter the adult world of responsibility
8. _____ as a shock: be a big surprise
9. _____ the transition: make the change from one situation to another work well
10. _____ the jargon: clarify what technical words or phrases mean