

Exercise 1

In this unit, you will learn about expressing agreement and disagreement and answering follow-up questions in the IELTS Speaking test.

Read the information. Then listen to the phrases for expressing opinions. Decide which words and syllables (shown in bold CAPITALS) are stressed. Choose the correct answers.

Questions that require you to give your opinion on something are common in the IELTS Speaking test. Make sure you can use a wide variety of ways of expressing your opinion and not just the most common ways (*I think, in my opinion, etc.*). Remember that using a wider range of vocabulary will help you to achieve higher marks for Lexical Resource and Fluency and Coherence.

When you learn new phrases, make sure you learn the pronunciation as well as the meaning, especially the words and syllables that are stressed. For example:

*In **MY** op**IN**ion*

*From **MY** per**SPECT**ive*

1. I would have to say that ○ I would HAVE to SAY that ○ I WOULD have to SAY that	 1.mp3
2. if you ask me ○ if YOU ask ME ○ if you ASK ME	 2.mp3
3. it seems to me ○ it SEEMS to ME ○ IT seems to ME	 3.mp3
4. as far as I'm concerned ○ as FAR as I'M concerned ○ AS FAR as I'm concerned	 4.mp3
5. speaking for myself ○ SPEAK ing for My self ○ SPEAK ing for myself	 5.mp3

6. as I see it ○ AS I see IT ○ As I see it	 6.mp3
7. in my estimation ○ IN MY estimation ○ in MY estimation	 7.mp3
8. by my reckoning ○ by MY RECKoning ○ BY my RECKoning	 8.mp3