

Exercise 5

Complete the conversation from IELTS Speaking Part 3 using the words and phrases in the box. Then listen to the conversation and check your answers.

Remember, these words and phrases will help you score better on fluency and coherence.

All in all	basically	first of all	I certainly think that	I mean	I'm trying
say is	my point is	well	what's more	you know	

Examiner: So, do you think that it is more difficult for women to be promoted into top-level jobs?

Student: Yeah. _____ if you look at the numbers, _____, there just aren't enough women in top-level positions and _____, we aren't doing enough to change that. What _____ we need to take a serious look into what is causing the gap between men and women in the workplace.

Examiner: Why do you think it is more difficult for women to get top-level jobs than men?

Student: _____, there are a number of reasons. _____, I think we live in a male-dominated society, and the men at the top are the ones making the hiring decisions, _____? _____, if more women were at the top, there would be more of them choosing who to hire and not just choosing based on gender. _____, there should be a fifty-fifty mix of men and women on any hiring team. _____, introducing this rule would be of great benefit to women trying to get promoted.

