

# IELTS Speaking Test Part 1 – Interview

## *How to Prepare*

### **Understand the test format**

You have to understand the format of the speaking test in order to practice for the test in the same manner. If you practice the test in the same format you will be able to manage time as well.

### **Know the marking criteria**

You must know how different speaking tests are evaluated and on what basis they are evaluated. The examiner would have to take up the speaking test in a particular way.

### **Practice speaking daily**

You must practice speaking in English daily while focusing more on grammar. You should also focus on the fluency of English so that you'll be able to speak during the test without hesitation.

### **Be Prepared but Don't Memorize**

Make sure you prepare yourself for the topics you may find it difficult to speak about. Remember, more than your knowledge on the topic, the examiner will be looking for confidence when you speak. So even if you're asked about something you haven't specifically prepared for, don't hesitate, but just speak from your heart, without worrying, and automatically you'll be radiating with confidence.

### **Record yourself while practicing**

While practicing for the speaking test you can check your language fluency by recording your own speech using a phone or any other recording device and listening to it. By this, you will be able to assess how you speak.

### **Evaluate your Performance**

Once you've recorded yourself, listen to it again and try to evaluate it, and write down the areas where you can improve. It is important to focus on your weaknesses and improve on them.