

## E. SPEAKING

**Exercise 1.** In IELTS Speaking Part 3, the examiner is checking your *fluency* and *coherence*. This means you should try to speak without a lot of pauses or repetition, as well as talking about your ideas clearly, and in a logical order. Match the techniques with the descriptions. Remember, you can use these techniques to help you sound more fluent.

fillers	giving examples	rephrasing the question	responding to the question
signposting			

- 1 repeating the question, using different words, can give you time to think about your answer
- 2 keeping your focus on the topic and not talking about something you are not supposed to
- 3 general words and phrases that help you to avoid silence and give you thinking time
- 4 explaining the type(s) of thing(s) you mean, to support your answer and make your ideas clearer
- 5 helps you to answer in a logical way and gives a clear direction to what you are saying

**Exercise 2.** Complete the table with the words and phrases that you can use in everyday speech to help with *fluency* and *coherence*. The first one has been done for you.

Let me think about that for a moment.      All in all, ...

I've never thought of that before.      Basically, ...      My response would be ...

In other words, ...      What's more, ...      That's an interesting question ...

In answer to your question, ...      For example, ...      To answer that ...

Another way of putting it is ...      My point is ...      First of all, ...

**Rephrasing**

What I mean is ...

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Responding**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Fillers**

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**Explaining / Giving examples**

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**Signposting**

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**Exercise 3. There are many common expressions we use in everyday speech which can help with fluency. Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.**

1

I really enjoy work. a lot mean is, my job of fun is

I

What

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2

In answer first question, to your to find a job it can be hard

I agree that

for students

.

3

I've never about it be stressful but being the boss

thought

before,

it must

I think

.

4

There are lots of people on the course. that a popular subject My

point

English is

is

.

5

Well, first you need all, to go to university of

6

No pain, no gain! to work hard you need In other words,  
to succeed .

7

To that, work experience answer I would need more .

8

Let think for a me Yes, agree with you I think I  
about that moment. .

9

Basically, if to become you want a degree an architect, you'll need  
.

10

All experience is all, than that I believe more important  
qualifications in .

**Exercise 4. 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.**  
(🎧 Track 5.6)

All in all basically First of all I certainly think that I mean  
I'm trying to 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.

**Exercise 5. Read the IELTS Speaking Part 3 test and complete the student's answers with the words and phrases in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers. ( Video 5.1)**

**because   before   first of all   For example   interesting question   means   really  
think   well   whereas**

**Examiner:** ... Can you tell me what sorts of jobs are popular with young people in your country at the moment?

**Student:** Well, that is a very \_\_\_\_\_. I've never thought about it \_\_\_\_\_, but in my country ... young people ... study Economics. ...

**Examiner:** ... How should people choose which job is best for them?

**Student:** I think we are very influenced by society. Now, to say that we have an idol \_\_\_\_\_ that we want to look like or ... be like someone very famous. ... I think it's sad, because we don't \_\_\_\_\_ have our own mind. ...

**Examiner:** How important is it to get the right qualifications when choosing a job?

**Student:** I think, ... \_\_\_\_\_, in my country, qualifications are very important ... but sometimes it's not really good \_\_\_\_\_ you can't show that you can do other things. ... \_\_\_\_\_, when I compare my country with the United States where the system is more liberal, ... you can do things you haven't studied for.

**Examiner:** Now, let's talk about owning a business. What are the advantages of owning a business compared with working for a boss?

**Student:** ... When you work for someone, you have the security and the guarantee that at the end of the month you have a salary \_\_\_\_\_ when you earn money for yourself it could be dangerous ...

**Examiner:** What sort of challenges do people face when they own their own business?

**Student:** I \_\_\_\_\_ for example, if you want to make something totally different then you have to face up to stereotypes as \_\_\_\_\_, and the first problem is that when you want to begin a start-up, you have to face big companies ...

**Exercise 6. Find and correct the student's mistakes in the conversation from the IELTS Speaking Part 3 test below. There are seven mistakes.**

**Examiner:** Let's consider, first of all, choosing what work to do. Can you tell me what sorts of jobs are popular with young people in your country at the moment?

**Student:** Yes, at the moment, jobs in Law and Engineering. However, it's quite difficult to get a place on an Engineering course at university. (1 mistake)

**Examiner:** Why is that?

**Student:** Because everyone wants to get a place. (1 mistake)

**Examiner:** How should people choose which job is best for them?

**Student:** People should choose a job that they feel comfortable with. If you don't feel comfortable with your choice, you won't succeed. (1 mistake)

**Examiner:** How important is it to get the right qualifications when choosing a job?

**Student:** Well, if you study Engineering, you should find a job in it. (1 mistake)

**Examiner:** So, qualifications are more important than experience, do you think?

**Student:** Yes, because this happened to me. I wouldn't be able to do my job if I hadn't got qualifications first. (1 mistake)

**Examiner:** What are the advantages of owning a business compared with working for a boss?

**Student:** You can make your own decisions about what you think is best for the company. (1 mistake)

**Examiner:** So, you think the boss takes some of the responsibilities?

**Student:** Yes, I think the boss takes the most responsibility. (1 mistake)

### **Exercise 7. You are going to do IELTS Speaking Part 3.**

1. Can you tell me what sorts of jobs are popular with young people in your country at the moment?
2. How should people choose which job is best for them?
3. How important is it to get the right qualifications when choosing a job?

4. What are the advantages of owning a business compared with working for a boss?
5. What sort of challenges do people face when they their own business?
6. Do you think the government should help the people who own their own businesses?