

E. SPEAKING

Exercise 1 :

In IELTS Speaking Part 3, the examiner checks your *fluency* and *coherence*. This means that 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 descriptions with the explanations.

to avoid hesitation

to avoid repetition

to be coherent

to self-correct

to speak at length

to use connectives and discourse markers

- 1 use synonyms and paraphrases
- 2 use language which gives you time to think (e.g. 'Let me think about that for a moment.')
- 3 talk for a long time without stopping
- 4 use words and phrases which link ideas together
- 5 change a wrong word / phrase immediately after saying it to the right word / phrase (e.g. 'I think, I thought')
- 6 organise and explain ideas clearly

Exercise 2 :

Read the examiner's questions and the student's answers, looking at the words and phrases in **bold**.

Then match the descriptions with the student's answers.

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to avoid repetition

to be coherent

to self-correct

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to use connectives and discourse markers

1 **Examiner:** Has your hometown changed much in recent years?

Student: Actually, I would say that my **village** has **remained the same** in the **last few** years.

2 **Examiner:** What do you like most about your hometown?

Student: I live in a village and **the thing I like most** is the tranquillity. I **really enjoy** walking by the river or in the woods, and **I love** taking photographs of the wildlife.

3 **Examiner:** Is your hometown a popular place for tourists to visit?

Student: No, not really. **Firstly**, it isn't near any **big** cities and **secondly**, there isn't a train station or regular buses.

4 **Examiner:** Now, let's go on to talk about sport. What's your favourite sport?

Student: Oh, I love Formula 1®. My favourite **pilot** – **sorry, I mean driver** – is Sebastian Vettel.

5 **Examiner:** How often do you play sports yourself?

Student: **Well**, I play tennis on Tuesdays **and** Thursdays **because** the court at school is free on those days.

6 **Examiner:** Do you prefer watching sports **live** or on TV?

Student: **That's an interesting question. Let me think about it for a moment ...**

Exercise 3.

Watch the videos. Notice how the student uses a range of words and phrases to speak fluently and coherently. Complete the student's answers using the words in the box.

I think

Usually

and

and

because

because

but

don't know

whereas

Video 6.1)

Examiner: Do you prefer watching sports live or on TV?

Student: It depends, _____ on TV we can follow all the event or competition, _____ you can't miss anything, _____ when you're live at the events, ... it is very difficult to follow _____ a lot of people are around you, _____ I prefer as well the emotion that you have in a stadium, for example.

(Video 6.2)

Examiner: And now, let's go on to talk about celebrations. Family celebrations for example, birthdays and school graduations. What events did your family celebrate when you were growing up?

Student: [] we celebrated Christmas. It's a famous celebration in my country.

[] it's the moment when we can share a lot of things with our family; a moment when I can be with my family [] I [] ... it's something totally different ...

Exercise 4. In order to avoid repetition, it's useful to learn vocabulary related to IELTS Speaking Part 2 topics. Complete the table with the correct forms of the words related to the topic of the environment.

verbs	nouns	adjectives
donate	_____	donated
—	environment	_____
impact	_____	impactful
_____	litter	littered
preserve	_____	_____
_____	recycling	recycled
reuse	—	reused
_____	_____	_____
volunteer	volunteering	voluntary
_____	_____	_____

Exercise 5: Complete the sentences about the environment. Use the words in the box.

donate

donations

environment

environmental

impact

litter

preserve

recycled

reusable

voluntary

- 1 I think it's important to care for the .
- 2 We need more bins in cities so that people have somewhere to put their rubbish.
- 3 It's good that supermarkets sell shopping bags.
- 4 Doing work is a great way of helping out.
- 5 Charity organisations need in order to pay for things.
- 6 If we want to save wildlife, we need to the forests.
- 7 My town has places where you can take bottles to be .
- 8 Reducing the number of cars in the city will have an immediate on air pollution.
- 9 It's important to take issues seriously.
- 10 I like to to wildlife charities, because I like nature.

Exercise 6. In IELTS Speaking Part 2, it's important to answer the points on the task card *coherently*. Read the task card. Then watch the video and notice how the student deals with each point from the task card in a logical order. Complete the student's answers. Use the words in the box. (▶ Video 6.3)

Describe something you want to do that is good for the environment.

You should say:

what you want to do that is good for the environment

how you found out about doing this

how difficult or easy it would be to do this

and explain why you would like to do this for the environment

what you want to do that is good for the environment:

I think it's very good for the environment to [] , and ... you can find a lot of interesting things in your [] .

how you found out about doing this:

I saw a [] where people with old [] recycled them to make something totally different ...

how difficult or easy it would be to do this:

I think it's very [] because ... we have to change our [] to try and say, OK, I have something that I want to [] but maybe it can be useful to another person. ...

and explain why you would like to do this for the environment:

The way to achieve this [] or to make people more aware about this []
I don't know, is through [] or with a film ...

Exercise 7. Watch the video of an IELTS Speaking Part 3 test. Then read the examiner's questions and choose the points the student talks about.

1 What are some environmental problems the world is facing today?

- ☐ cars and traffic
- ☐ pollution
- ☐ smoking
- ☐ behaviour of large companies

2 Which environmental problems are people most concerned about in your country?

- ☐ cars and traffic
- ☐ industry
- ☐ pollution
- ☐ smoking

3 Is it important for countries to work together to solve environmental problems?

- ☐ developed countries
- ☐ industry
- ☐ regulations
- ☐ underdeveloped countries

- 4 What can ordinary households do to protect the environment?
- ☐ turning off lights
 - ☐ recycling
 - ☐ follow regulations
 - ☐ closing doors
- 5 Do you think it's an individual's responsibility to look after the environment or should the government make regulations about this?
- ☐ government
 - ☐ individuals' behaviour
 - ☐ regulations
 - ☐ raising awareness
- 6 How can companies be encouraged to do the right thing for the environment?
- ☐ run advertisements
 - ☐ set example
 - ☐ regulations
 - ☐ being responsible

Exercise 8. You are going to do IELTS Speaking Part 2 and Part 3. You will need some paper and a pencil.

Part 2

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Part 3

1. *What are some environmental problems that the world is facing today?*
2. *Which environmental problems are people most concerned about in your country?*
3. *Is it important for countries to work together to solve environmental problems?*