

Exercise 4

Read the information about achieving Band 8 in the IELTS Speaking test. Then watch the video of a student doing IELTS Speaking Part 1. How well does she do? Choose the correct examiner's comments for the marking criteria.

It is important to know what the examiner is looking for in the IELTS Speaking test. If you are aiming to achieve Band 8, you need to make sure you fulfil the following criteria.

Fluency and Coherence

- Speaks fluently with only occasional repetition or self-correction.
- Hesitation is usually content-related and only rarely to search for language.
- Develops topics coherently and appropriately.

Lexical Resource

- Uses a wide vocabulary resource readily and flexibly to convey precise meaning.
- Uses less common and idiomatic vocabulary skilfully and shows some awareness of style and collocation.
- Uses paraphrase effectively.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

- Uses a wide range of structures flexibly.
- Produces a majority of error-free sentences with only very occasional basic errors.

Pronunciation

- Uses a wide range of pronunciation features with very few errors.
- Is easy to understand throughout.
- Student's native-language accent has little effect on understanding.

1. Fluency and Coherence

- The student frequently repeats herself.
- The student rarely repeats herself.

2. Fluency and Coherence

- The student hesitates when she is thinking of content rather than language.
- The student hesitates when she is trying to use more advanced words or grammar.

3. Lexical Resource

- The student tries to use a wide range of vocabulary, but there are a number of inaccuracies.
- The student uses a wide range of vocabulary accurately.

4. Grammatical Range and Accuracy

- The student consistently makes grammatical errors, making it difficult to follow her.
- The student makes very few errors, but still makes some basic errors.

5. Pronunciation

- The student is easy to understand, but there are some errors with pronunciation.
- The student is very easy to understand throughout the test, and she doesn't make any pronunciation errors.