

Exercise 8

Read the information. Then watch the video of a student doing IELTS Speaking Part 3 again. Match the techniques for extending answers with the student's answers.

In IELTS Speaking Part 3, it is important that you *extend your answers* as fully as possible. There are different strategies for dealing with different question types.

If you are asked a question about the types of thing that make something good, you are required to provide a list of different things and reasons. In this situation, use discourse markers such as *firstly*, *secondly*, *finally*, etc. to help you move from point to point.

If you are asked a *Yes / No* question that asks for your opinion on a topic (e.g. *Do you think cities are becoming too overcrowded?*), try to use more creative vocabulary rather than just using *yes* or *no* for your response. For example, instead of *yes*, you could say:

I believe so, yes.

Absolutely!

Yes, I think so.

Instead of *no*, you could say:

Personally, I don't see it that way.

No, I don't believe that to be true.

expanding on the topic to see the bigger picture
explaining what might be happening now and in the future
explaining why something happens or happened giving real life examples
providing a list of different reasons
stating or explaining your own view or preference

1. 'First of all, I think the environment must be good ... And secondly, I think transportation in a big city must be convenient ... And thirdly, I think people should be friendly ...'

2. 'People wanted to move to big cities to improve their living standards.'

3. 'I'd prefer to live in countryside because the air is much better.'

4. 'The biggest advantage of cities getting larger is that it can improve the whole economy of our country.'

5. 'For example, the city I lived in is Hangzhou, and the house price is really high.'

6. 'Maybe some teenagers or young people want to live in a big city and want their next generation to study in a big city to get a good education.'
