

## Exercise 1

*In this unit, you will learn about how to structure your response to the task card in IELTS Speaking Part 2.*

*Read the information about IELTS Speaking Part 2. Then read the tips. Choose the correct answers to complete the tips.*

In IELTS Speaking Part 2, you will be given a task card with a topic that you must talk about for between one and two minutes. Before you start speaking, you will have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You will be given some paper and a pencil to make notes.

On the task card, there will be a short description of a topic along with ideas about what to include in your talk. Remember that the examiner won't speak during your talk. When you have finished speaking, or when the two minutes have passed, the examiner will ask you one or two extra follow-up questions about the topic to conclude Part 2.

1. It is a good idea to give an introduction to your talk.
  - Ask the examiner questions to see what they know about the topic.
  - You can do this by paraphrasing the question.
2. You need to have enough to say about the different points on the task card.
  - Try to memorise the different task cards that you have seen when practising Part 2.
  - Try to think of two or three examples for each point.
3. You should use the one-minute preparation time effectively.
  - Use the time to make short notes about each of the points.
  - Use the time to write down as much as you can in full sentences.
4. You need to use language that will help you to structure your talk.
  - Make sure you speak clearly and don't use contractions.
  - Use a variety of connectors rather than short sentences.

5. It is important to keep talking for the whole two minutes.
- Decide what you are going to talk about quickly, and make something up if you need to .
  - Take your time to choose something that you can talk about.