

Exercise 1

In this unit, you will learn strategies to help you answer IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions as well as ways to improve your Grammatical Range and Accuracy mark.

Read the information. Then watch the video of a native English speaker answering a question about television. Choose the two phrases that she uses to give herself time to think before she answers.

You may find that you can't immediately think of an answer to a question in the IELTS Speaking test, especially in Part 3. There are a number of strategies for giving yourself more time to think in these situations. These include:

- repeating or paraphrasing the question
- asking the examiner to clarify the question
- using a phrase to explain that the question is not easy to answer.

You will not be penalised for using these strategies as long as you don't use them too often. In fact, using them may help you achieve a higher mark, as they are natural features of native spoken English.

- I don't think there is an easy answer to that question.
- Let me see.
- Let me have a think.
- Let me think.
- That is a difficult question to answer.
- That is a good question.
- That's a tricky question.