

Exercise 4

Read the information. Then read the IELTS Speaking Part 1 question and response. Listen to another version of the response, which uses more complex grammar for a higher Grammatical Range and Accuracy mark. For each underlined word or phrase, write the more complex word or phrase that you hear.

Many students think that the best way to achieve a high mark for Grammatical Range and Accuracy is to keep things simple and not make any mistakes. Whilst accuracy is important, to impress the examiner and achieve Band 7 or above, you are expected to be able to include higher level, complex grammatical structures in your answers. For example:

- a variety of verb tenses, including continuous and perfect forms, active and passive
- hypothetical language, such as the second and third conditionals or *would*
- subordinate clauses, such as relative clauses and participle clauses
- modal verbs and alternatives to modals, e.g. using *be able to* in different tenses instead of using *can* or *could*.

Make sure you are comfortable using this kind of grammar, and try to include examples of it in your responses in the IELTS Speaking test.

Examiner: What piece of technology do you use the most?

Student: I think -> it's my laptop. I use it every day -> for something. For example, this week I used it -> to study, but I also use it -> for games and internet TV. To be honest, I can't live -> without it. Having said that, I think I will buy -> a new one, because it is now -> slow and a bit unreliable. I need to -> wait until the new year though, as that's when the cheaper deals are. -> Right now, I can't -> afford a new one. I just hope my current model can last that long.