

#### 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.