

Time-Gaining Phrases / Hesitation Devices

Forrest, R. (2018, May 7). *How to buy yourself time in the IELTS speaking test with 8 simple phrases*. Love to learn English.

<https://lovetolearnenglish.com/tips-for-ielts-and-toefl/2018/5/7/how-to-buy-yourself-time-in-the-ielts-speaking-test-with-8-simple-phrases>

Mann, D. (2013). *Practice ideas for hesitation devices*. Tefl.net. <https://www.tefl.net/elt/ideas/functional/practice-ideas-for-hesitation-devices/>

1. PHRASES – Categorize the following time-gaining phrases.

Actually, ...	As a matter of fact, ...	Err.
How shall I put it? (2x)	I don't know.	I mean, ...
If you ask me, I say, ...	In fact, ...	kind of / kinda (informal)
Let me see. / Let's see.	Let me think about this.	like (informal)
Now, ...	OK, ...	sort of / sorta (informal)
That's an interesting question.	The thing is, ...	Uhm.
Well, ...	What I'm trying to say is...	You know, ...
Let me just take a moment to consider it.		

Categories	Phrases
Noises	
Fillers	
Stalling for time	
Not finding the exact word	
Introducing ideas bringing surprise	
Looking for words	
Framing words	

2. JUST A MINUTE! – Speak for one minute without repetition or deviation.

Topics:

- 1) Last summer
- 2) My favourite place for sightseeing
- 3) My family
- 4) My personality
- 5) My hobbies and interests
- 6) My fears