

IELTS Speaking Feedback Service

Feedback Summary

Overall Band 7

Fluency and coherence: Band 7

- Fluency is generally your strength. You are willing to speak at length and can produce long turns without much effort, especially in part 2.
- In part 1 you could extend your answers more by explaining them. The examiner asked “*Why?*” several times. This happens when the he believes that you can say more.
- When you expand your answers more, the examiner will not ask “*Why?*”
- Not many hesitations and effective use of discourse markers. “*In my opinion*”, “*To be honest*”. Try not to overuse these as it can sound unnatural and forced.
- Try the following video on how to increase your fluency.
<https://youtu.be/AQ7xvtJQQto>

Lexical resource: Band 7

- You have the resource (range) to talk about a variety of topics.
- To extend your range, keep vocabulary records, categorized into topics, and add 10-12 new words per day. Regularly review the vocabulary and try to use them in your writing and speaking.
- Study collocations more and try to include more adverbs to express your feelings... “*totally*”, “*really*”
- You could also try to use more idioms. Start with idiomatic phrasal verbs which are very common in speech and sound natural.
- You use paraphrase effectively but there were some occasions when you repeated yourself.
- Try the following resources on how to use idioms and building your vocabulary.
<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-vocabulary>

Grammatical range and accuracy: Band 6

- This is the area you should try to work on the most.
- Even though you show a range of structures and error free sentences are frequent, you made a few basic errors.
- Try to refresh your use of the Past Simple. “*We go to the same school*” (*went*), “*I not really like her*” (*I didn’t really like her*)
- Review plurals also. “*My house has 3 bathroom*” (*bathrooms*)
- Review subject/verb agreement “*She now live in*” (*lives*)
- These errors did not impede communication, but they are quite noticeable.
- Try the British Council site to review your grammar.
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar>

Pronunciation: Band 7

- You can generally be understood throughout and your accent has little effect on communication.
- Good use of word, sentence stress and intonation.
- Try to work on individual sounds (phonemes) especial the final syllables of words. “*house*”, “*trustworthy*”
- When you practice for the test, record yourself. Then when you listen back, note the pronunciation areas you should work on.
- Try the following video for IELTS Speaking pronunciation tips.
<https://youtu.be/CvD8Z5CuK5k>.

Feedback for each part

Part 1

- You generally answered the questions well, but you could have done better here. There were several occasions when the examiner had to ask “*Why?*” because your answer was a little short.
- When answering, try to expand your answers more by explaining what you said. You can use linking words (cohesive devices) such as “*because*” or “*the reason why...*”
- You can also expand your answers by including examples... “*for example*” “*for instance*”
- Also, talk more about your own experiences and especially your feelings.

Resources for Part 1

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-speaking-test-part1> Tips and strategies.

<https://youtu.be/vfpxKxBFirI> A band 9 model answer for part 1.

Part 2

- This was the strongest part of your test mostly in terms of fluency and coherence.
- You spoke confidently with very little hesitation and included some useful personal reactions and feelings.
- Discourse markers were used flexibly “*In my opinion...*” “*To be honest...*”. This is a good strategy to buy time while you are thinking about developing and extending your answer.
- Another excellent strategy was when you had said enough about your friend you described a second friend. This meant you spoke for 2 minutes and avoided the examiner asking you to say more which is a confidence booster.

Resources for Part 2

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-speaking-part-2> Tips and strategies.

<https://youtu.be/ulIj8bg3ljY> How to speak for 2 minutes.

<https://youtu.be/1W8kAzshoBI> A band 9 model answer for part 2.

<https://youtu.be/D4y0XwXMhd4> How to answer the follow up question.

Part 3

- Generally, you expressed your opinions in response to the questions.
- Some answers were a little short. You often used a few sentences.
- However, when you answered, “*Is this positive or negative?*” you gave a full answer which included your opinion.
- Try to extend your answers in part 3 by giving some examples, talking about your (or others) experiences.

Resources for Part 3

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-speaking-part3> Tips and strategies.

<https://youtu.be/9shKh4Nj34g> A band 9 model answer for part 3.

Overall

You have an enthusiastic, confident manner and appear keen to take part in the test. Examiners will notice this.

Part 2 was where you really did well. Keep using this strategy. In parts 1 and 3, try to expand your answers and this will have a significant positive effect on your band score.

Review grammar, especially past tenses and plurals and try to cut down on the noticeable basic errors. Work on pronunciation of individual sounds, especially final syllables and continue to build your vocabulary and include more idioms.

We wish you the best of luck in the IELTS Speaking Test. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email Total-IELTS.

Resources for the IELTS Speaking Test.

<https://youtu.be/xwFGaPizAcU> IELTS Speaking Test myths.

<https://youtu.be/1dS-pt0jSH8> How to adopt a positive approach.

<https://youtu.be/gQ3Pp5ogjhU> Mistakes to avoid.

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