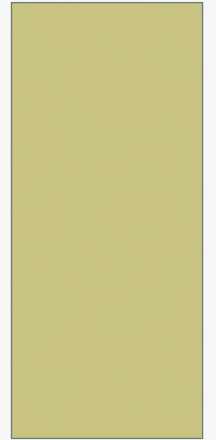


# IELTS SPEAKING

PART 3 STRATEGY AND TIPS



# WHAT IS PART 3?

- A. Speaking part 3 is very similar to part 1.
- B. Part 3 will be within the same framework as Speaking part 2. The same subject matter.
- C. What makes part 3 a challenge is that the questions are longer, have difficult vocabulary, and require more in-depth answers.

# HOW TO HANDLE DIFFICULT VOCABULARY

A. The good thing to remember is that in part 3, you can ask a question about something you don't understand. You cannot do this in part 1 as the questions are too easy and you are not allowed to ask questions in part 2.

# HOW TO GIVE PART 3 IN-DEPTH ANSWERS

Answering Strategy:

1. Directly answer the question with a short paraphrased response.
2. Explain your answer with another sentence.
3. Then cap it off by giving an example or add another sentence of explanation. Just remember the magic words “for example”, and you will always be able to extend your answer.
4. If there is another point of view, provide its argument.

So: Answer – extend – extend again – explain alternative

# HOW TO BUY TIME

If you are not clear on what you want to get more time, say the following to give you time to think:

- That's a difficult question, let me think for a second.
- That's a very interesting question, let me think.
- It's very difficult to know exactly, but I think/but I believe/perhaps....
- It's difficult to say, I think....
- I don't really know for sure, but I would say....

# SPEAKING PART 3 EXAMPLE ANSWER 1

- **Discussion**

- – Do you think people will still be interested in reading fiction in the future?
- Well.....when you think about it, humans would not have the advances we have today without fiction, so yes it will still be read. We can look back at all of the science fiction magazines and books and see how they inspired the future. For example, rockets and computers were written about in fiction 50 and 100 years before they were actually invented.
- – Do you prefer reading a physical book or its digital version?
- For a long time, I refused to partake in digital books because I liked the feel of a real book. However, it became very cumbersome to carry around 5 or 6 books when I was traveling. So, overall I like a real hard book with pages, but I am slowly becoming accustomed to digital books.
- – Do you think people are interested in reading detective stories? Why?
- How does the American saying go....."curiosity killed the cat." Men and women are forever curious and detective novels are a perfect avenue to engage in the human past time of solution by deduction. Recently, I read a detective thriller by an Author and I became fully engrossed because I wanted to eventually read if and how the crime was solved.

# SPEAKING PART 3 EXAMPLE ANSWER 2

- **Discussion**

- – What is the impact of vehicles on people's lives?
- In the ancient past man had to rely on his feet or a horse to travel from one place to another, and it would take days to arrive. Now, with airplanes, magnetic levitation trains, and automobiles, our business and personal lives have been upgraded. For example, with the new magnetic trains, we can travel from Southern California to Northern California in 2 hours.
- – Do you think people will live further away from work places in the future? Why?
- I personally believe that as we become more globalized in our work that people will reside thousands of miles away from their employment. For example, I design websites for a company located in Thailand, and I live currently in Morocco. Computers and languages such as English are helping us to work far away from an employer.
- – What needs to be done to help people travel less?
- The primary solution to less travel would be confidence in the employer that most assignments can be accomplished remotely from home or near home. Some bosses are still very old school and want to see your face in the office. Probably as the old generation dies out or retires, the new generation employer will probably encourage remote work with the aide of top notch computer programs.

# SPEAKING PART 3 EXAMPLE ANSWERS 3

- **Discussion**

- Is it important to learn history?
- Of course acquiring knowledge in the area of history is significant for a number of reasons. To begin, by gaining an awareness of history, we can learn how to not repeat the same mistakes or to reinvent the wheel with an idea that has been previously created,. For example we can look at the dark ages in Europe when a lot of scientific knowledge was lost and had to be rediscovered.
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- What are the ways that people in your country are encouraged to visit historical sites?
- Unfortunately, the residents in my country are not very keen on their historical sites because the government does not promote the attractiveness of this endeavor. For example, I can remember going through high school and not taking one field trip to our numerous historical locations, because the educational ministers were more focused on the future instead of the past.
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- Which is better, learning history by reading books or visiting the historical site?
- Actually, I think there is equal value in both options. With the books we get an analysis of some historical sites that possibly don not look the same as they do now. On the other hand, seeing a place in person will allow you to gain your own perspective. For example, I recently went to the Pyramids in Egypt and exploring the inside for myself gave me a perspective that a book cannot provide.