

# IELTS SPEAKING TEST EXAMINER COMMENTS

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## 1. Fluency and Coherence

You speak coherently and your speech flows well, though there is some over-repetition of expressions and fillers 'I don't know', 'it's about', etc.

Work on the rhythm and stress of your sentences for better coherence.

Good range of connecting words and phrases, but you could still develop more.

## 2. Lexical Resource

You use an appropriate range of vocabulary to discuss your opinions and give explanations, though there is some lack of precision when it comes to giving more detail. Q9 'not very useful', Q10 'not so huge'

You use some colloquialisms accurately.

Try to paraphrase more to give emphasis and extra detail.

Some inappropriate uses:

Q4 'family banding' should be 'family bonding'

Q5 'it's great for me' can be replaced by several alternatives: 'I love it', 'it appeals to me', etc.

Q6 'lot of empty places' should be 'a lot of empty spaces'

Q7 'my first went' should be 'my first visit'

Q10 'how I can imagine' can be replaced by several

You tend to overuse 'a lot of' and 'it's about' find alternatives like 'several' 'a large number' and 'it's to do with', 'it relates to', 'what I mean by this is'

Some lack of precision in expressions Q5 'it feels me'

Whenever you use a Russian word explain it, Q7 'banya'

### 3. Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Generally accurate and varied grammar, however your use of complex structures can be developed more.

Some persistent errors:

Some missing or incorrect articles, Q9 'all over world', Q10 'a whole world'.

Q3 'no matter what seasons are outside' – should be 'no matter the season outside'

Pronoun use 'we enjoy themselves' should be 'we enjoy ourselves' Q9 'it's fast food' instead of 'there is fast food'

Q5 'my caring about them' wrong form of word 'my care for them' but it is not usually used like this, we would usually say 'to show I care for them'.

Some incorrect prepositions/collocations: Q10 'convenient for', Q8 'express your love to' - should be 'express your love for'.

Plurals are missing in some expressions: Q10 'a lot of products', 'other problems'.

### 4. Pronunciation

You use a range of pronunciation features, but not always effectively. This area needs most practice.

Some pronunciation errors meant I couldn't understand: q1 word before 'cities' and 'facilities' Q10 'our terms?'

Two main areas to work on

1. Long vowels and diphthongs (double vowels 'ea' 'ie' etc.) Pronounce these longer  
Q5 'sweater' you pronounced as 'sweeter'  
Q10 'ie' in 'ingredients' in-gre-di-ents, food  
Q7 'noodles' pronounced 'noddles'

And

2. Don't raise intonation after every clause, (part of a sentence), listen for where intonation should fall or remain flat. Usually only raise when you are asking a question.

Other areas:

Rhythm of some phrases and stress patterns not correct: Q9 'fOOD culture' pronounced 'food CULTure'

Practice 'th' sounds

Watch out for 'w' pronounced like 'v'

Ending 'd's are pronounced too much like 't' (such as in 'food') . Try to pronounce 'd's at the end of words more like those at the beginning: e.g. 'do'.

## Marking

Fluency and Coherence	5
Lexical Resource	6
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	6
Pronunciation	5
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### Well done on the following:

- speaking fluently and coherently and using good connecting words and phrases
- having a good range of vocabulary and finding words to express your meaning
- having a good range of accurate grammar
- showing interest and enthusiasm on the topics

### Suggestions for improvement:

- work on the pronunciation suggestions
- try to incorporate more colloquialisms and to find a more varied range of descriptive vocabulary to allow for more paraphrasing and restating
- pay attention to prepositions and pronouns

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