

IELTS SPEAKING TEST EXAMINER COMMENTS

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1. Fluency and Coherence

You are generally fluent and coherent, but answers are too short in the first few questions and you tend to repeat yourself without really developing the topics. You need to develop them a bit more and use more connectives and linking words and phrases.

You use 'like' as a filler appropriately, but try not to overuse it - find alternatives 'what I mean to say is' 'I mean' 'you know' etc.

Try to begin each response in a different way - rephrase the question or use a connector or introductory phrase. You tend to start all answers with 'well'.

Q2 - good connector: 'one other thing' (it should be followed the verb to be: 'one other thing IS that'),

- you put 'so' in the wrong place
- at the end you corrected yourself fluently but said 'thank you' instead of 'excuse me'

Q7 - 'as well as' not used correctly: 'we can go by bus, as well as we can go by car' should be: 'we can go by bus as well as by car'; 'why I like this restaurant' should be followed by the verb 'to be' - 'why I like this restaurant IS because'.

2. Lexical Resource

You need to expand your vocabulary more especially finding synonyms for common words and expressions 'like' 'good' etc. You overuse some words e.g. 'stay' - try: live, reside, share, or colloquial expressions like 'in digs' 'bunking up' etc. you also use 'I like to' or 'I like' too often (though you did change it to "I love to" in Q3) there are many alternatives: 'I enjoy', 'I'm fond of' or use intensifiers: 'I REALLY like' (you do this in Q7) 'I enjoy . . . very much' or idiomatic expressions: 'I'm into' 'I get a kick out of'; in Q7 you say 'whenever we like to celebrate', this should be 'whenever we WANT to/WISH to celebrate'.

You tend to repeat yourself and to use the same expression. You need to be more flexible.

You do not often try to paraphrase, to restate and express things in different words.

Q5 - 'when my mood is bad' is not wrong, but more usual to say 'when I'm in a bad mood'; 'thought process' is not quite accurate here either - better to say 'my mind is diverted' or 'it takes my mind off things'.

Q6 - 'I do shopping' should be 'I GO shopping' or 'I do THE shopping'.

Q7 - you need to be more descriptive of the food and atmosphere etc. You tend to just say general things such as 'we like' 'it's awesome'.

Q8 - 'people to people' should be 'person to person'.

3. Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Some attempt at more complex structures is evident, but not always accurate. Generally you speak without errors on simpler structures, but aim for more complex sentences, tenses and grammar forms.

Your points are usually comprehensible and you are able to express your points.

You tend to use 'some' with singular nouns as well as plurals. Only use it with plurals and try not to use it so often. Usually you can just use the plural form without it. e.g. Q6 'buy some t-shirts' could be just 'buy t-shirts' in Q7 - you say 'go to ANY good restaurant' this should be 'go to SOME good restaurant' or just 'go to A good restaurant'; Q8 - 'somebody' not used quite accurately here - better to say 'some people are from' or 'one person is from'.

Q1 - 'I stay' should be 'I'm staying' or 'I'm living'.

- prepositions missing or wrong: Q2- 'knock somebody's door' should be 'knock ON somebody's door' Q4 - invite colleagues OVER TO dinner' Q7 'one of the things I like over this restaurant' should be 'I like ABOUT this restaurant'.

- some articles missing: Q2 'in apartment' should be 'in AN apartment'; 'group of people' should be 'A group of people' Q4 'related to household' should be 'related to THE household' Q7 'they serve buffet' should be 'they serve A buffet'; Q9 'going to gym' should be 'going to THE gym', etc.

Q6 - Plurals errors - 'different kind of clothes' should be 'different kindS of clothes', 'their earring' should be 'their earrings' 't-shirt' should be 't-shirtS' 'pantS' etc. Q7 - 'one of the restaurants' should be 'one of the restaurantS'.

Q6 - word order - you said: 'like more shopping' instead of 'like shopping more'.

Q9 - 'eat them' should be 'eat it' because food is a singular uncountable noun. You get this correct in Q10.

4. Pronunciation

Generally clear and understandable but not always.

Q1 - you pronounce 'w' in 'work' a little like 'v'. Make your lips more rounded for the 'w' sound.

Q4 - you stress the word 'prefer' on the first syllable 'PREfer', it should be 'preFER'; at first I couldn't understand 'lunch or dinner' - stress 'lunch' and 'din' more clearly, 'thirdly' was also difficult to understand - emphasis the 'th' and 'd' sounds more.

Q6 - 'thought process' was hard to understand at first. Stress the 'th' and 't' sounds more and emphasis each syllable more, you tend to run them all together with only one stress. each word has at least one stressed syllable except for some prepositions and articles.

Q6 - you pronounce 'women' like 'woman'. In the plural form the 'o' sound is shorter and more like an 'i'; you pronounce 'wear' incorrectly - your 'w' sounds like 'v' and the 'ea' should sound more like a long 'a' as in 'say'.

Marking

Fluency and Coherence	6
Lexical Resource	5
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	6
Pronunciation	6
Estimated IELTS Speaking Band	6

Well done on the following:

- fluent and coherent speech and quite fast (enunciate each sound more).
- some good vocabulary expressions 'quality time' 'related to the household' 'people are more knowledgeable about' 'later down the line' 'divert my mind from certain situations' etc.
- despite grammar errors and lack of flexibility, you were understandable throughout.

Suggestions for improvement:

- develop the range of your vocabulary, find alternatives and synonyms and include some idioms and colloquialisms.
- rephrase and paraphrase more often using alternative words and expressions.
- do more practice on preposition use and article use.
- do more practice on the quantifiers 'any' and 'some'.
- do more practice on plurals.
- pronounce your 'th' 'd' and 't' sounds more clearly.
- stress syllables more clearly.
- there is no need to speak too quickly, though you have a good pace.

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