

IELTS SPEAKING TEST EXAMINER COMMENTS

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1. Fluency and Coherence

Question #	Well done
4 5	very good opening good example of effective repetition
Errors	
1-3 3	'well' was overused 'eventually' not really the right connector - 'inevitably' would be better.
To improve	
	<p>Your speech is very fluent and coherent and all topics are well developed.</p> <p>At first you tended to overuse 'well' in the early questions. Partial repetition or paraphrase of the question might be appropriate in places, but make sure it continues to sound natural and don't put in connecting phrases just for the sake of it. Your opening to Q4 is very good and Q5 is a good example of effective repetition. Later answers were introduced much better, though you returned to 'well' for the last 2.</p>

Your estimated score: Band 8	To get Band 9 (must get all points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Speaks fluently with only occasional repetition or self-correction; hesitation is usually content-related and only rarely to search for language ✓ Develops topics coherently and appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Speaks fluently with only rare repetition or self-correction; any hesitation is content-related rather than to find words or grammar ✗ Speaks coherently with fully appropriate cohesive features ✗ Develops topics fully and appropriately

2. Lexical Resource

Question #	Well done
1-6,7-9	very good range of natural and often idiomatic language
10	'downturns' was not accurate here, but you corrected it with 'downsides'
Errors	
7	'the food was exactly as I asked them to do' - one of the very few expressions that does not sound like native English. The correct preposition/collocation should be 'make' not 'do' but other expressions would sound better - 'exactly as I had requested' 'exactly as I'd asked for' etc.
7	'very glad' is not quite right here. 'very happy to' 'more than happy to' 'more than willing to' or simply 'very willing to'.
10	'people can get a bit scared' - 'can' not really right here - better to say 'people are beginning to get' or 'people are suddenly getting' etc.
To improve	
	<p>You use very good range of natural and often idiomatic language accurately.</p> <p>You use some paraphrase, but you could do it more to bring in more colloquial and/or more precise and higher level vocabulary - but again, make sure it continues to sound natural.</p> <p>Continue to work on precise vocabulary and build up some more colloquial expressions.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Uses a wide vocabulary resource readily and flexibly to convey precise meaning ✓ Uses less common and idiomatic vocabulary skillfully, with occasional inaccuracies ✓ Uses paraphrase effectively as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Uses vocabulary with full flexibility and precision in all topics ✗ Uses idiomatic language naturally and accurately

3. Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Question #	Well done
1	'I do prefer' – an appropriate intensifier
Errors	
2-3	'I do prefer' - it would be more natural to just use 'I prefer' - 'do' is an intensifier here and not really needed in both these cases.
4	'is mostly defined by where do they live' should be 'is mostly defined by where they live' since 'where' is not a question word in this case.
4	plural 'cinema' should be 'cinemas' as you are talking in general.
7	collocation/preposition - 'recommend that place for somebody' should be 'recommend that place to somebody' (You can recommend somebody for a role or job).
7	'I wish I would remember' is the wrong modal. It should be 'I wish I could remember'.
8	'experiment a place' needs a preposition 'experiment in a place' or experiment with a place' - though in fact neither sounds quite appropriate - maybe better to say he 'experiments by trying different food in different places'.
8	'experience different cultures for? food' should be 'through food'. (Perhaps you do say this but it isn't very clearly enunciated).
9	article in 'a regular food' not needed, just 'regular food' (as food is uncountable).
To improve	
	Your grammar was very good in terms of range and accuracy, but you should pay close attention to preposition use. You could try recording yourself and I bet you would even catch your own small mistakes.

Your estimated score: Band 8	To get Band 9 (must get all points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Uses a wide range of structures flexibly ✓ Produces a majority of error-free sentences with only very occasional inappropriacies or basic/non-systematic errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Uses a full range of structures naturally and appropriately ✗ Produces consistently accurate structures apart from 'slips' characteristic of native speaker speech

4. Pronunciation

Question #	Well done
1-10	Wide range of pronunciation features (good intonation, pausing etc.) and mostly easy to understand
Errors	
1,8	With 't's push your tongue more firmly against the roof of your mouth and spit it out: Q1 'beautiful', 'visited'; Q8 - 'partner' Also work on enunciating 'y' sounds at the beginning of words (bring the sides of your lips in tighter and the top and bottom of your lips should be more pointed)
1,7	Some of your 'e' sounds also need work Q1 - recently - you pronounce the first 'e' too short, more like 'ricently', make it wider, more like 'reecently' Q7 'beg' - it is again too short and sounds more like 'bag' (it is of course a different 'e' sound to the first one in 'recently')
1,5	You speak a little too fast - make sure there is a clear gap between words e.g. Q1 - 'city to live in' 'no matter what is your background' and clear enunciation of syllables: 'generally' Q5 - 'areas' (3 clear syllables needed)
1	'quite dark? through the winter' - word not clearly enunciated here.
8	'with other? people' - again word not clearly pronounced and part of the problem is the stress on 'WITH' instead on the first syllable of 'OTHer'.
10	'famine' mispronounced - the 'i' is short and 'ine' is pronounced as 'in' here, NOT, confusingly, like in
To improve	
	You have a wide range of pronunciation features (good intonation, pausing etc.) and you are mostly easy to understand, but you tend to slur some syllables especially those with 'i' or 't'. You should work on enunciation (clear expression of each syllable and words)

Your estimated score: Band 7	To get Band 8 (must get all points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Uses a range of pronunciation features with mixed control ✓ Shows some effective use of features but this is not sustained ✓ Can generally be understood throughout, though mispronunciation of individual words or sounds reduces clarity at times ✓ Is easy to understand throughout; L1 accent has minimal effect on intelligibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Uses a wide range of pronunciation features ✗ Sustains flexible use of features, with only occasional lapses

Marking

Fluency and Coherence	8
Lexical Resource	8
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	8
Pronunciation	7
Estimated IELTS Speaking Band	8

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