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IELTS SKILLS FOCUS

IMPROVING YOUR SPEAKING PART 2

This month we turn our attention to Speaking, and in particular how to give a strong Part 2 response.

Success in this section begins right at the start. When the examiner says, "Can you start speaking now? I will tell you when your time is up," take a breath, look up, and start confidently. Simple openings like "I'd like to tell you about ..." work well, but if you want to sound more advanced, try a fuller introduction such as "There are several cities I've visited recently, but the one I'll focus on today is Chiang Rai."

After your opening, give some background. This sets the context and helps the examiner follow your story. Then move through the stages of your talk in a clear order. Add detail as you go because the more vivid your description, the more naturally your vocabulary will shine.

Useful phrases can also help you sound fluent. For example, use "As far as I know ..." when you are unsure about a detail, or "Anyway ..." to return smoothly to your main point after adding extra information.

Finally, remember that while the instructions say one to two minutes, the goal is to keep speaking until the examiner stops you. Only they have the stopwatch.

With a confident opening, clear structure, and lots of detail, you'll be able to make the most of your two minutes and really showcase your ability.

1. -- A 2. -- A 3. -- C 4. -- B 5. -- A 6. -- A
Answers

MEET OUR PEOPLE

JAE
FOUNDER



Jae has always been passionate about helping students grow in confidence with English. Having once struggled with English herself, she understands exactly how learners feel and what they need to succeed. Recognising a gap for focused IELTS support in Chiang Mai, she decided to establish Regent and has since guided countless students towards their goals—whether earning scholarships, securing places at top universities, or simply becoming more confident in English. Outside of school, she enjoys listening to podcasts about people and their stories, finding inspiration in learning from different perspectives. Her vision is to grow Regent into Northern Thailand's leading IELTS preparation hub.

TECH TOOLS FOR IELTS

BBC - LEARNING ENGLISH FROM THE NEWS

IELTS often features topics from the real world like the environment, society, and technology. BBC's Learning English from the News brings you these exact themes, with short audio or podcast episodes based on current news stories. Each episode includes a full transcript and worksheet, so you can learn the vocabulary and practice in context.

Website: www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/learning-english-from-the-news_2025

Choose one episode each week—listen first without looking, then read the transcript and complete the worksheet. Highlight or note down new words, and try to re-use them when you speak or write on the same topic.

Tip: Stick to one episode per week rather than rushing through too much at once. That gives you time to really digest the content, understand the vocabulary properly, and internalise how it's used



ACHIEVEMENT SPOTLIGHT

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In terms of teaching quality, the teachers' care and attention, and the information provided by the school, I feel confident there won't be any problems with my children's IELTS exams. If any parents are looking for a place for their kids to study for the IELTS exam, I highly recommend coming to Regent English. ”



CULTURE CORNER QUIZ

BRITISH ENGLISH SLANG

How good is your English? Test your British slang knowledge with this quick quiz!

1. What does “loo” mean?
A) Bathroom/Toilet B) A type of train
C) A living room
2. If a Brit says “I’m knackered,” what do they mean they are?
A) Very tired B) Angry C) Hungry
3. What is a “cuppa”?
A) Coffee B) Glass of milk C) Cup of tea
4. What does “mate” mean in British English?
A) Romantic partner B) Close friend
C) Younger sibling
5. What does it mean if someone is “chuffed”?
A) Embarrassed B) Proud and happy C) Confused
6. If something costs a “quid,” how much is it?
A) £1 B) 10 pence C) £100

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