**SPEAKING\_IELTS SPEAKING BAND 4-6 DESCRIPTORS\_SIMPLIFIED**

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| Band | **Fluency & coherence** | **Lexical resources** | **Grammar** | **Pronunciation** |
| 6 | Willing to speak at length  Occasional pauses & repetition & self-correction | Generally paraphrase successfully  Wide enough vocab to convey sufficient ideas. | A mix of complex & simple  May make mistakes | Generally understandable |
| 5 | \*\*\*Simple & complex sentences (which, if, etc) – complex sentences are usually incorrect.  Can maintain flow of speech – still pauses, repetition and self-correction | Attempt to paraphrase – not always succeed.  Limited vocabulary to convey sufficient ideas. | Both complex & simple sentences – still errors with complex ones. | 50-50 |
| 4 | Mostly simple sentences – with connective devices (because, although, not only…but also)  Noticeable pauses & speak slowly & frequent repetition & self-correction | Rarely paraphrase  Frequent word form & word choice errors | Mostly simple sentences  Complex sentences – rare – can cause misunderstanding | Frequent mispronunciation |

**SPEAKING\_TOPIC: SHOPPING.**

* **Do you enjoy shopping?**

(answer\_paraphrase)

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(what do you enjoy buying specifically?)

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(why? & example: what did you buy recently?)

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* **How often do you go shopping?**

(answer\_paraphrase)

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(extend: why? what do you shop for? etc)

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* **Where do you usually shop?**

(answer\_paraphrase)

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(extend: what does the place look like? why? what can you shop there? Example?)

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* **What’s the most expensive item that you’ve purchased?**

\*\*\*what tense should you use to answer this question?

(answer\_paraphrase)

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(extend: how much did it cost? where & when have you bought it? Are you happy with your decision?)

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