

Speaking Skills Review

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Speaking Skills

1. Stating a preference

You will have to state a preference in a category, and then provide reasons why is it important or you prefer to have a certain characteristic. You will have to present it in this way:

Outline

1. **Topic Statement**
2. **Description:** No longer than one sentence
3. **Lead into your reasons:** This one is optional
4. **Reason 1**
 - Details or examples
5. **Reason 2**
 - Details or examples
6. Conclusion

You have 15 seconds to prepare and 45 to present.

2. Choosing and Suporting

You will have to state your choice between two options. The outline is exactly the same as the one in the speaking skill one.

15 Seconds preparation time

1. **Analyze the question:** Read the question and understand what is it asking you to do. Try to paraphrase it in your mind.
2. **Prepare a key words outline:**

Language needed for the response

1. Use sinonims for key words

2. **Transitions:** To connect ideas
3. **Grammar:** Use preference language. (I prefer X. I'd rather X. Etc)
4. **Be careful with opinion language**

3. Stating a students Opinion and Reason (pg 245)

You will listen to a brief university announcement. Then you will listen and take notes on a discution between two students. One of the two will ofer a strong opinion.

You will have to state the students opinion and the reasons given for the opinion.
75-100 words reading, 60 seconds listening

Outline

30 seconds to prepare and 60 to speak.

1. **Sumarize the proposal**
2. **Explain the students opinion**
3. **Explain the reasons that the students gave**

4. Relating Reading

30 seconds to prepare and 60 to speak. You will have to relate an academic reading to an associated lecture.

Understandig the question

Read the question carefully. Make sure you understand what you have been asked.

Side by side note taking

Split the page in two. Take notes for the reading on the left and listening on the right.

While you speak

Summarize the main definition, concept, or problems and its main components

5. Summarizing and Paraphrasing problem and solutions

You will hear a short conversation between a male and a female speaker. One has a problem, and the other usually offers two solutions. You will have to paraphrase the problem and solutions.

6. Explaining and supporting

You will listen to a short lecture on an academic topic. 20 Seconds to prepare and 60 seconds to speak.

How to respond

Listen and take notes

- Take complete and accurate notes.
- Note definitions and examples.

Prepare

- Create an outline¹
- Define if it is a definition, concept, theory or phenomenon
- Number the 2 main points

Speak

- Refer to your notes
- Use appropriate vocabulary
- Use citation language

Speaking task 1 review

How long is the preparation time? 15 seconds

How long is the response time? 45 seconds

What type of questions will you be asked? You will be asked to state a preference

What kind of outline do you make in your preparation time? Give an answer and two reasons

What expanded outline should you follow when you speak?

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¹As in Speaking Skill 1

How can you demonstrate your knowledge of the vocabulary? Using synonyms for the key words.

How can you make your response cohesive? Using transitions to connect the ideas.

What pronunciation tips can you keep in mind as you answer? Try to speak in a normal pace.

What kind of grammar and vocabulary should you use? One that you are familiar with.