

# IELTS Speaking Success

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# Each lesson has

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  - Model answers



Topic from there IELTS Question Bank

# Shopping







# IELTS Speaking

## Part 2

## Part 2 Cue Card

**Describe an item you bought but have rarely used**

**You should say:**

- **What it was**
- **Where you bought it**
- **Why you rarely or never use it**

**and explain how you feel about this purchase now.**

# 1. Ideas

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# ***What you might have bought, but not used and why***

## **Clothes**

**They didn't fit / wrong size**

## **Books**

**You didn't like it**

**New gadgets** (electronic appliances)

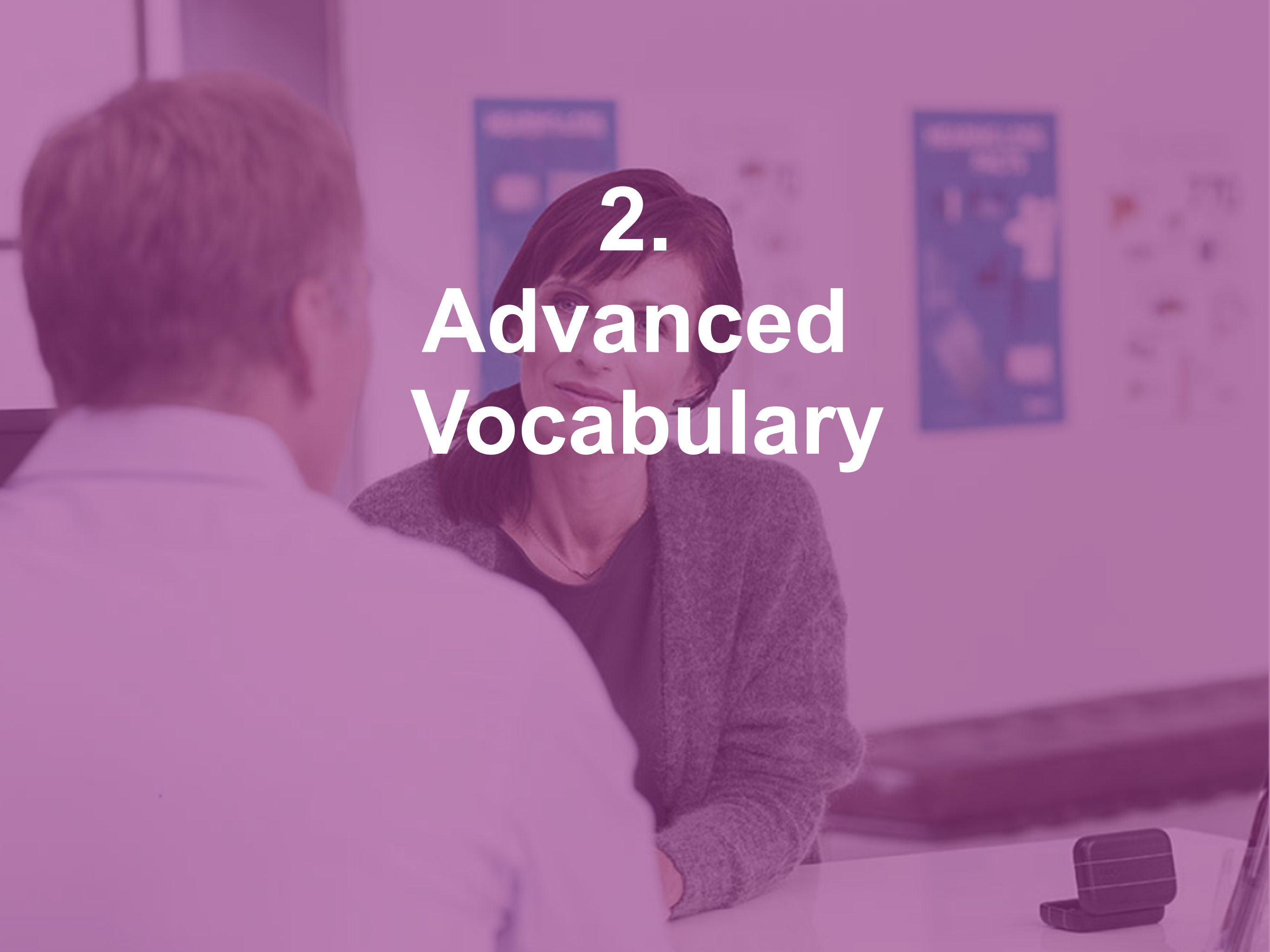
**New Tools** (for cooking, gardening, study)

**Not practical, not useful or it broke!**

**Equipment** (for a new hobby)

**Planned a new hobby - but didn't start it**



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# 2. Advanced Vocabulary



# Shopping

To be an impulsive buyer

To buy something on a whim

To browse a shop


To try something on / out

To be on a tight budget


Expensive, pricey, out of my price range

To cost an arm and a leg

Affordable

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# **3. Model Answer**

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# 4. Language Analysis



**A while back**, I bought some roller skates because I wanted to **get back into shape**. I had been rather lazy and inactive and needed to do some exercise.

### **Spoken Connectors**

***A while back...***

*Some time in the past, not very recent*

### **Idiomatic expression**

***To get back into shape***

*= to get fit again*

What's more, I had seen other people, young and old, skating in the local park, so I was quite envious; envious of their freedom and their energy. I guess **I coveted their skates**, I think **deep down** I just wanted to be cool and hip like them.

### **Advanced Vocabulary**

***I coveted their skates***

= *to want something someone else has*

***Deep down***

= *felt strongly and hidden from others*

So, I **nipped down** to the shops. I browsed a few different sports shops, **as you do**, trying to educate yourself. I wanted to find out why some skates were so much more expensive than others, and what I needed **to look out for** when buying roller skates.

#### **Natural English**

***I nipped down to the shops (Inf.)***

= *I went to the shops*

(can say nip out, down, round)

***As you do***

= *like everyone does*

(indicating this is normal)

***To look out for***

= *to look carefully at things in order to find a particular thing.*



I was **on** a bit of a **tight budget**, so in the end, I opted for **an affordable pair** of nice, black skates. Of course, the salesman also **twisted my arm** and convinced me to buy the protective gear; the helmet and padding.

#### **Idiomatic expressions**

***To be on a tight budget***

= *to have little money planned for spending*

***He twisted my arm***

= *he convinced me to do something*

#### **Essential vocabulary**

***An affordable pair (of skates)***

= *not too expensive (you can afford it)*

That was in Autumn, then November came and it was windy and rainy. Then winter **set in** and it started snowing, and I just didn't go out, I kept **putting** it **off**. So the skates sat on the shelf and **gathered dust**.

### Advanced vocabulary

*Winter **set in***

= *winter began (usually negative)*

*I kept **putting it off***

= *to postpone something*  
(separable phrasal verb)

### Idiomatic expression

*It **gathered dust***

= *not used for a long time*

I don't feel bad about it. I am sure that one day I will **get round to** using them. Once the weather **perks up**!

### Advanced vocabulary

*To **get round to** doing something*  
= finally do something you have wanted to do

*Once the weather **perks up***  
= When the weather **improves**  
(used for weather, person's mood, prices...)





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## Part 3

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# 1. Technique



# You may be asked...

Why do some people buy things they later don't use?

Are second-hand shops popular in your country?

To what extent do you agree that we have become a consumer society?

How has the way we shop changed in recent years?

How has globalisation affected our shopping habits?





# Question type


**Why** do people **do** 'verb'?

**Why** do you think some people **do** 'verb'?



1. **Why do some people prefer not to shop online?**
2. **Why do people buy things that they don't need?**



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# 2. Model Answers

**Why** do some people **prefer not to shop online?**

**Give an opinion (Speculation)**

1. I **guess**, it **could be** because they don't know how to do it.
2. I **suppose**, it **may well be** that they feel it isn't safe.
3. I **reckon** they **might** want to see and try out the actual product before buying it.



**Why** do some people **prefer not to shop online?**

**Justify your opinion (give a reason)**

1. I guess, it could be because they don't know how to do it. **There are still a lot of older people who don't know how to use the Internet properly.**
2. I suppose, it may well be that they feel it isn't safe. **It's not uncommon for people to be hacked online, right?**
3. I reckon they might want to see and try out the actual product before buying it. **Some products don't really lend themselves to being bought online.**



**Why** do some people **prefer not to shop online?**

**Give an example**

1. I guess, it could be because they don't know how to do it. There are still a lot of older people who don't know how to use the Internet properly.

**My father is a prime example, he can't do much beyond surfing the news online.**

2. I suppose, it may well be that they feel it isn't safe. It's not uncommon for people to be hacked online, right? **I recall a case recently where thousands of people lost money from their bank accounts due to online fraud.**

3. I reckon they might want to see and try out the actual product before buying it. Some products don't really lend themselves to being bought online. **You know, such things as clothes or shoes; I think you really need to try these on before buying.**

# Why do people buy things that they don't need?

## Opinion/reason/example/conclusion

1. I guess, we are all victims of a consumer society. We're surrounded by marketing that urges to buy new things all the time. I've just bought a new mobile phone, not because my old one is broken or lost, but just to get some new features that really caught my eye. I don't really need it, but it seems the norm nowadays to buy, buy, buy.

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