

1.1 Lesson Summary

General Tips and Tricks for PTE Speaking Tasks

Tip #1

Word stress, sentence stress, and liaison are important in English speaking.

We will look at these in more detail as we go through question types.

Tip #2

Test your microphone at the beginning of the test.

Position your mic carefully – not directly in front of your mouth!

Tip #3

There may be some noise from other test-takers around you.

Be sure to speak clearly, especially if your voice is naturally quiet or high (women take note!)

Tip #4

Time does not carry over in the speaking test, so do not rush your answers.

Do not pause for longer than 3 seconds. The microphone will automatically turn off 😞

Tip #5

Remember that not all question items are the same difficulty!

Don't panic if you get a difficult one. This is normal.

Tip #6

Read Aloud is an important test item if you need to improve your reading score, as it contributes to your reading grade.

Repeat Sentence, Retell Lecture, and Answer Short Question also contribute to your listening score.

Tip #7

While still important, **content** is **in some cases** less important than **pronunciation** and **fluency**; in certain question types, it has a lower maximum score (/3).

Therefore, practising pronunciation and fluency should be a priority, as they are easy to practise together.

Tip #8

Embrace your own way of speaking – speak in a way that is natural for you. There is no one correct accent!

If you make a mistake, self-correct and keep going. DO NOT restart the task. Native speakers hesitate too 😊

Tip #9

Observe punctuation; full stops, commas, and semi-colons (;) are important indicators in speaking.

Tip #10

Fluency and speed are not the same thing.

Aim for fluency, not speed.

Tip #11

Use the free PTE Academic Official Practice app after using my courses; the question content is different! This will help you to **drill** what you have learned in this course.

If you can, do at least one official, scored practice online test too.

Tip #12

Focus your speaking practice on **your personal weaknesses**.

It is impossible to perfect everything in a short period of time!