AI-00493 IELTS Speech Distraction and Filler Words



What are speech distractions? What are filler words? List 20 guidelines to avoid filler words. List 50 common filler words.

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Speech distractions are elements or habits that can disrupt the flow and clarity of one's speech. Filler words, in particular, are words or sounds used in conversation that do not add meaning but instead fill gaps in speech while the speaker thinks.

Here are 20 guidelines to help avoid using filler words:

- 1. Practice pausing instead of using fillers.
- 2. Slow down your speech.
- 3. Use silent pauses to gather your thoughts.
- 4. Prepare and organize your thoughts before speaking.
- 5. Focus on active listening to reduce nervousness.
- 6. Replace fillers with specific words or phrases.
- 7. Eliminate distractions when speaking.
- 8. Use gestures and body language to enhance communication.
- 9. Record and review your speech to identify fillers.
- 10. Enunciate your words clearly.
- 11. Practice breathing techniques for better control.
- 12. Engage in public speaking training or courses.

- 13. Visualize what you want to say.
- 14. Be mindful of your audience.
- 15. Maintain eye contact to stay connected.
- 16. Practice with a speech coach.
- 17. Know your subject well.
- 18. Avoid overusing buzzwords or jargon.
- 19. Encourage feedback from others.
- 20. Relax and stay confident while speaking.

Here are 50 common filler words:

- 1. Um
- 2. Uh
- 3. Like
- 4. So
- 5. You know
- 6. Well
- 7. Actually
- 8. Basically
- 9. Literally
- 10. Honestly
- 11. Anyway
- 12. Right
- 13. Okay
- 14. Ah
- 15. Err
- 16. I mean
- 17. In terms of

- 18. To be honest
- 19. As I was saying
- 20. For instance
- 21. To start with
- 22. And then
- 23. In a way
- 24. In other words
- 25. That being said
- 26. So to speak
- 27. All in all
- 28. At the end of the day
- 29. To sum up
- 30. As a matter of fact
- 31. By the way
- 32. On the other hand
- 33. Such as
- 34. Like I said
- 35. Right now
- 36. As you can see
- 37. To be fair
- 38. I think that
- 39. To tell you the truth
- 40. The thing is
- 41. Believe me
- 42. As far as I know
- 43. To put it simply

- 44. At this point
- 45. Needless to say
- 46. The fact of the matter is
- 47. To be clear
- 48. In my opinion
- 49. It's important to note
- 50. Keep in mind