

## IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 2

- 7 Read this Part 2 question. Give yourself one minute to plan your answer, making notes if you wish. Then talk for one to two minutes.

Describe your dream job.

You should say:

- what qualifications or experience you would need
  - what the job would involve
  - what you think the most difficult thing about the job would be
- and explain why it is your dream job.

## Grammar: Speculating

The questions above ask about an unreal situation. To talk about an unreal situation, you can use *would* + infinitive.

*Example: My dream job would be to teach children to sail.*

You probably do not know about every aspect of your dream job. For example, you may not know exactly what the job would involve. If this is the case, you will have to speculate.

- 8 Listen to the sample answer and then read Track 17, page 103. Underline the language the candidate uses to speculate about the job.

*Example: I imagine the job would involve ...*

Here is some useful language for speculating:

**maybe, perhaps:** *Perhaps the job is more difficult than it seems.*

**It is fairly/quite/very/extremely (un)likely (that) ...:** *It is fairly likely I would need more qualifications. It is extremely unlikely that I would ever get such a job.*

**I'd hazard a guess (that) ...:** *I'm not sure, but I'd hazard a guess that it's not as well paid as being an accountant.*

**It is quite possible (that) ...:** *It is quite possible that managers often wish they didn't have so much responsibility.*

**I imagine/suspect (that) ...:** *I suspect that I wouldn't find it a very satisfying role.*

You can also use modals to speculate:

**must + infinitive:** *Being a miner must be a dangerous job.*

(You are guessing, but you are almost certain it is dangerous.)

**can't + infinitive:** *It can't be very rewarding.*

(You are guessing, but you are almost certain it is not rewarding.)