

## IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 1

**6** You are going to hear questions that are typical of Part 1 of the exam. Listen to each question and give your answers using some of the vocabulary you have learnt so far in this unit. Record your answers.

Now listen to the sample answers. (See also Track 31, page 108.)

## Grammar: Making comparisons

Imagine the following situation:

Mark got a band score of 3.5 in his IELTS exam. Anna got a band score of 6.5. Anita got a band score of 7.0.

We can use the comparative and superlative forms to compare their scores:

*Anna got a higher score than Mark.* (comparative)

*Anita got the highest score (in the group).* (superlative)

Look at the comparative and superlative forms outlined in the table below.

Adjectives	Comparative	Superlative
one-syllable adjectives e.g. <i>slow</i>	adjective + <i>-er/r</i> e.g. <i>slower</i>	<i>the</i> + adjective + <i>-est/st</i> e.g. <i>the slowest</i>
two-syllable adjectives ending in <i>-y</i> e.g. <i>easy</i>	adjective + <i>-ier</i> ( <i>y</i> + <i>-ier</i> ) e.g. <i>easier</i>	adjective + <i>-iest</i> ( <i>y</i> + <i>-iest</i> ) e.g. <i>the easiest</i>
two-syllable adjectives not ending in <i>-y</i> (1) e.g. <i>quiet</i>	adjective + <i>-er</i> e.g. <i>quieter</i>	<i>the</i> + adjective + <i>-est/st</i> e.g. <i>the quietest</i>
two-syllable adjectives not ending in <i>-y</i> (2) e.g. <i>modern</i>	<i>more</i> + adjective e.g. <i>more modern</i>	<i>the most</i> + adjective e.g. <i>the most modern</i>
two-syllable adjectives not ending in <i>-y</i> (3) e.g. <i>common</i>	adjective + <i>-er/r</i> OR <i>more</i> + adjective e.g. <i>commoner / more common</i>	<i>the</i> + adjective + <i>-est/st</i> OR <i>the most</i> + adjective e.g. <i>the commonest / the most common</i>
adjectives with more than two syllables e.g. <i>convenient</i>	<i>more</i> + adjective e.g. <i>more convenient</i>	<i>the most</i> + adjective e.g. <i>the most convenient</i>
irregular adjectives <i>good</i> <i>bad</i>	<i>better</i> <i>worse</i>	<i>the best</i> <i>the worst</i>