

1. What is the SpeechRater?
 - a. It's an automated speech recognition and scoring engine developed by ETS.
 - b. It's now used in TOEFL Speaking.
 - c. It's used together with human raters.
 - d. It generally cares about the language features of the answers.
2. SpeechRater cares about:
 - a. 作答长度
 - i. It's the number of words.
 - ii. You need to learn to speak faster.
 - b. 语速
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 - ii. You also need to make sure you speak clearly.
 - iii. Linking and weak forms
 - c. 表达连贯度
 - i. It's about speaking easily without hesitation.
 - ii. You need to speak a lot of English.
 - d. 停顿频率
 - i. Just keep talking.
 - e. 停顿恰当性
 - i. You need to stop where you have to.
 - ii. You need to learn sense groups and chunking.
 - f. 词语重复度
 - i. It's about not repeating what you just said. It's about fluency.
 - ii. You need to know what to say next.
 - iii. You need to know how to answer questions.
 - g. 韵律节奏
 - i. It's about your rhythm. Fast/slow, sentence stress, etc.
 - ii. You need to learn this systematically.
 - h. 元音饱满度
 - i. It's pronunciation. It's usually your diphthongs and longer sounds.
 - ii. You can use Sounds of English.
 - i. 词汇复杂度
 - i. It's about the depth of your vocabulary.
 - ii. You need to learn how you can use more difficult words easily.
 - j. 词汇多样性
 - i. It's about now always using the same words.
 - ii. You need to have some variety in your sentence patterns so you can involve various words.
 - k. 语法准确性
 - i. It's just your grammar.
 - l. 语句逻辑连接
 - i. It's about the connecting words in your response.
3. Conclusions
 - a. To let the SpeechRater like you, you need to:

- i. Speak quickly and fluently.
 - ii. Speak with good intonation and rhythm.
 - iii. Speak with good pronunciation.
 - iv. Demonstrate vocabulary depth and variety.
 - v. Use lots of connecting words.
- b. To achieve those, you should consider the following
 - i. Sounds of English
 - ii. American Accent Training
 - iii. Shadowing
 - iv. Speak a lot
 - v. Use connecting words
 - vi. Watch/listen to lots of English
 - vii. Show vocabulary in easy places

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