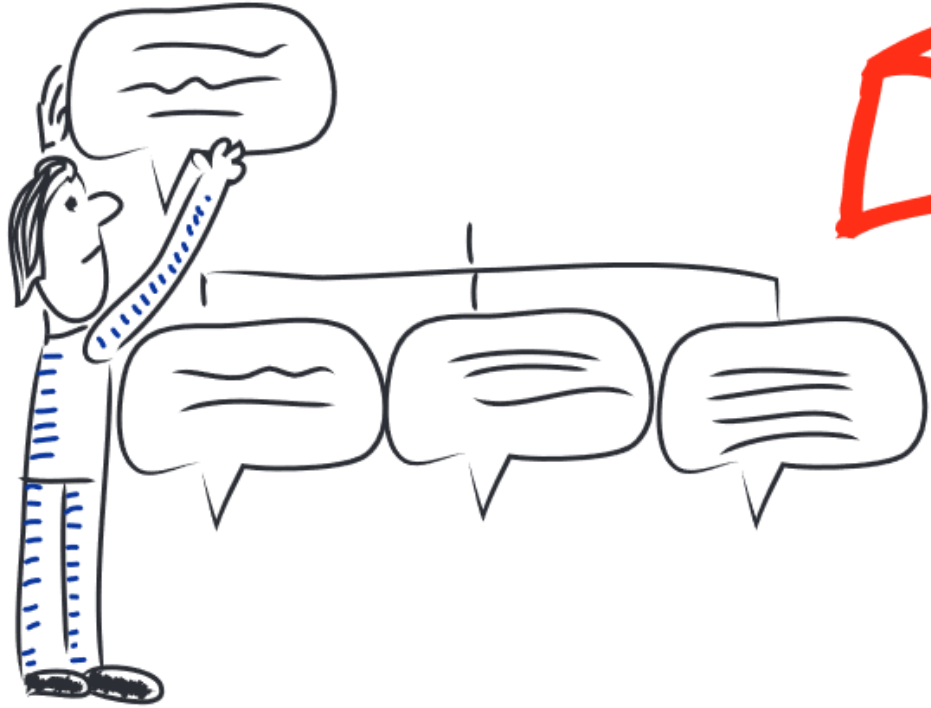


# - Advice on Task B -

Week 3

# — Fluency & Coherence —

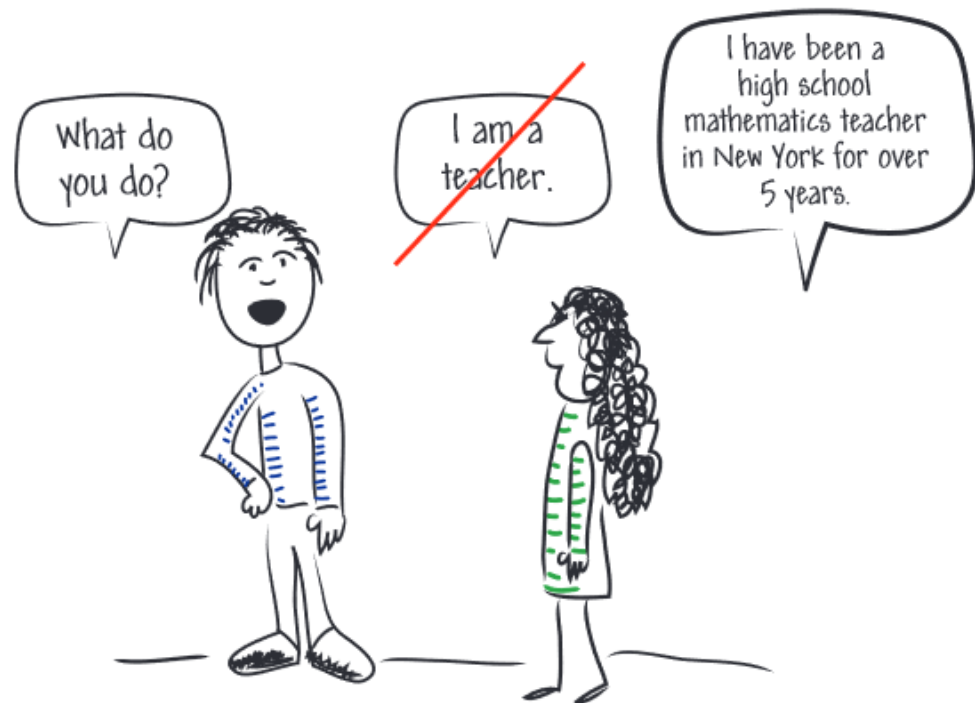


This refers to your ability to speak at length, including organizing ideas logically and appropriately signposting.

This also refers to your ability to express and justify opinions, to analyze, discuss and speculate about issues without long pauses or repetition of the same words.

# Expand + Build

→ As you are speaking about a topic, expand & build on what you say by adding a few details. ←



# Structure

You can first write out what you want to say.  
Structure your response.

Then use bullet points on paper/tablet to help  
you when you record your response. You can  
write some parts in full (such as evidence).



# — Develop Your Answers —

It is important to develop your answers and to speak at length. You can do this by talking about ...

I think there are a variety of reasons for this, such as ...



REASONS

EFFECTS

COMPARISONS

SUPPORTING EXAMPLES

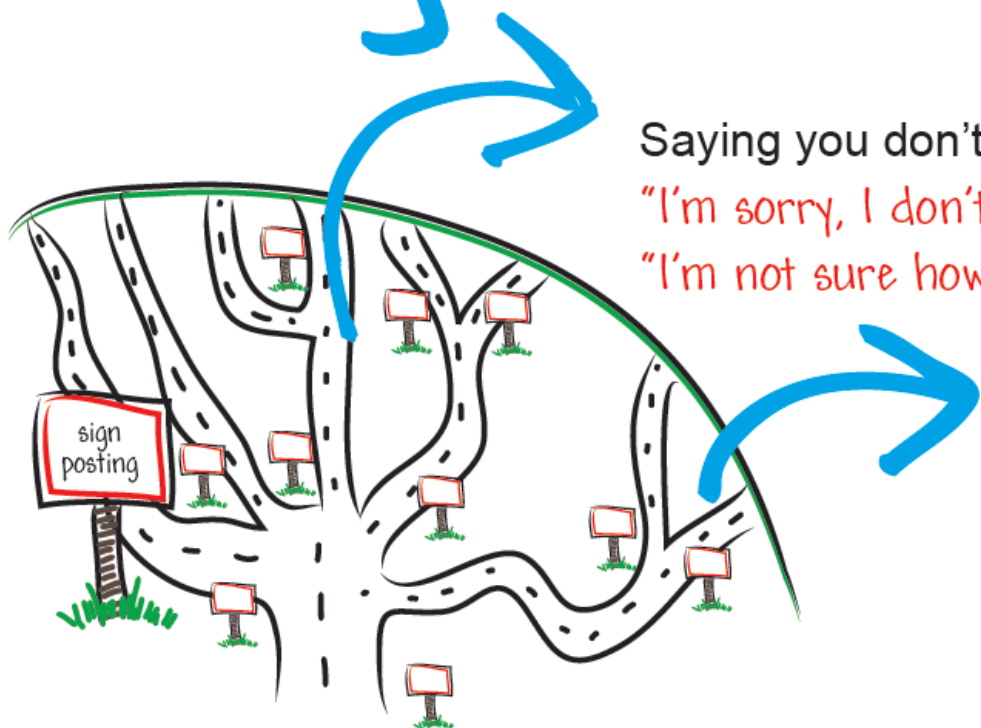
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

... but be sure you are sign posting what you say.

Avoid: long pauses, repetition of the same words

# Sign Posting

Here are some examples



Saying you don't know about a subject, but sharing what you do know:

"I'm sorry, I don't know much about that, but I would probably say ..."

"I'm not sure how to answer that but perhaps ..."

Creating a pause when you can't remember a word:

"What's the word I'm looking for?" **OR** "It's the thing that ..."  
**OR** "It's the person who ..."

## SPECULATING ON THE FUTURE

- "I think we'll probably see a lot of ..."
- "Maybe there'll be more ..."
- "It's unlikely that we will have ..."

## COMPARE / CONTRAST

- "in my view, there are two main differences ..."

## RESPONDING TO A POINT

- "yes, I agree because ..."
- "I'm not sure I agree with that, you see ..."

# - Linking Words -

Connecting your ideas effectively is key, but try to practice this using a variety of linking words, rather than the same ones again and again. Try to add more words to this list to help improve your range of linking words:

## And

Not only that...

On top of that...

Likewise...

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## But

Whereas...

In contrast...

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## If

Provided that...

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## So

As a result...

Because of this...

Consequently...

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## Because

This is due to...

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<b>Also, as well as</b>	To add ideas
<b>Similarly, as, in the same way</b>	To compare
<b>Even though, despite, yet</b>	To contrast
<b>So that, so, for this reason</b>	To express a result/purpose
<b>For example, for instance, to illustrate this</b>	To give examples
<b>Because, since, thus, that is why</b>	To give an explanation or reason
<b>Actually, I have to say</b>	To preface what you really think
<b>I must admit</b>	To confess that something is true
<b>On the other hand</b>	To introduce another point of view
<b>Well</b>	To give yourself time to think



# Practice Speaking English



It is the key to improving fluency,  
there are no short-cuts.