# PART 1: THE INTERVIEW

## 1.MAKE A STRONG START

+ You should be natural when starting with part one.

+ Do not be so complicated and do not be so brief.

Ex:

Q: Do you enjoy your job? Why or why not?

A: Yes, I do enjoy my job because it gives me a chance to use my specialty in developing web applications for the different organizations with modern technologies.

**AVOIDING BAD STARTS**

* THE OVERCOMPICATED
* THE GET-TO-THE-POINT
* THE OVERLY BRIEF
* THE IRRELEVANT
* THE REPETETITIVE
* THE EXAM VOICE: Be natural.

**GOOD STARTS EXAMPLE**

1. Do you like to travel?
2. How long have you been living in your home?
3. Who did the cooking in your family when you were a child?
4. How popular are bicycles in your town?
5. What are you studying now?
6. Do you like to spend your free time alone or with other people?

The main idea here is CONTINUING YOUR ANSWER AFTER YOUR OPINION to develop your answer. There are different types of development:

* Why Question -> Giving a reason or a speculation.
* How Question -> Give the extra details.
* Question about the popularity -> making a comparison.
* Question about the choices -> Giving an example.

## 2.AVOIDING REPETITION

Key idea: Paraphrasing

* Repetition demonstrates a lack of flexibility with language.
* Band 7: Use vocabulary with flexibility to discuss a variety of topics.
* Band 6: Has a wide range of vocabulary to discuss topics at length and make meaning clear despite inappropriate answers.

Example questions:

1. Would you rather live in a hot place or a cold place?

**Working on paraphrasing:**

**DO:**

* Play the IELTS word association game.
* Play the one-minute topic card game.
* Have conversation in English.
* Listen and talk on a variety of topics.
* Read & Practice

**DO NOT:**

* Try too hard to demonstrate your range (to be overcomplicated).
* Take too long to find the perfect words (There are no perfect words, be yourself).
* Repeat the same words over and over again.

**The IELTS word association game:**

Example #1: Would you rather live in a hot place or a cold place?

* Warm
* High temperature
* Summer
* Beach
* Sunshine
* Sunbathing
* Swimming
* Ocean

I’d rather live in a warm place, I love the high temperatures in summer. Some of my favorite things are sunbathing at the beach, swimming in the ocean, and enjoying the sunshine.

Example #2: Do you like shopping?

Todo

Example #3: What subject in the university did you enjoy the most?

Todo

**The one-minute topic game**

Get a list of topics then randomly select it then speak about it in just one minute. The aim here is to talk about that topic for one minute without any preparation. Do not forget to record yourself for the self-correction later.

Challenge yourself by increasing the time when you are familiar with the one-minute rule.

**Reference:** Check your English vocabulary for IELTS by Rawdon Wyatt, Vocabulary for IELTS Advanced by Pauline Cullen, IELTS Topic vocabulary courses on Udemy.