

## IELTS Speaking Test Reminders

- Listen to the questions carefully and make your responses relevant.
- Ask the examiner to repeat or clarify if you didn't understand the question.
- Use fillers (*umm, well, basically, let me think*, etc.) to give yourself time to think.
- Open your mouth, speak clearly and not too quietly.
- Don't repeat the same simple words all the time.
- Don't give very short answers.
- Don't use words and phrases that you are not sure about.
- For Part 2, try to talk for at least a minute and stop if you have nothing more to say and you feel that your English is getting worse.
- Remember to answer the last part of the cue card in Part 2.
- Use connecting words and phrases (*however, on the other hand, what's more*, etc.)
- Pay attention to the grammar used in the examiner's questions.
- Remember the **-s** in the present simple third person singular: She works
- Don't use the present continuous when talking about things that you do regularly. Use the **present simple**: *Every day, I travel to work by car.*
- Use the **present perfect simple** (have + past participle) to talk about a complete change that started in the past and continued to the present.



*Eating habits in my country **have changed** a lot in recent years.*

- Use the **present perfect continuous** (have been + -ing) to talk about a change that started in the past, continued to the present and is still in progress today.  
*The standard of living in my country **has been improving** lately.*
- Use the **past simple** if you say when something happened in the past.  
*The standard of living in my country **started** to improve 20 years ago.*
- Use **would ('d) + infinitive** when talking about hypothetical or imaginary situations.  
*Q: What would you do if you won the lottery? A: I'd buy a large house.*
- Use **as .... as, the same as or similar to** when comparing two similar things.  
*Moscow is **as expensive as** New York City.*