

IELTS Speaking

Part 3: strategies

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Part 3: Strategies: the framework: starting to answer

1. direct answer:
 1. yes / no question: yes / no / it varies
 2. open question: simple direct answer / it varies (various reasons etc)
2. (absolutely) no idea about that (no knowledge / opinion / information)
3. difficult to generalise
4. it depends what you mean by (something)
5. it depends on... (noun)

Part 3: Strategies: the framework: continuation

Continuation options:

1. **more data**: state more / facts / expand position
2. **quantify**: some... / the vast majority of... / others...
3. **condition: if** you mean... then
4. **for example**:
5. **list points**: (no number needed)
6. use key language phrases: eg I think there are bound to be XX / more framework phrases

Return to main point: so.. / summarise

(1) Direct answer: YES / NO QUESTION

Do you think competition is all about the prize?

ANSWER TYPE: well... personally... yes I do.

ANSWER TYPE : No, not really. I think lots of other things are important for most people.

ANSWER TYPE : well.. I think it varies a lot – it depends on the competition, the prize, and the person

(1) Direct answer: YES / NO QUESTION

Do you think competition is all about the prize?

ANSWER TYPE: to be honest... personally... yes I do.

I think that the whole point of a competition – usually is to win – **if** you are happy to lose **then** there is... I think... no point

obviously... I don't mean it's just about money... the prize might be a certificate or medal – but THAT is what people are trying to win

actually... **when I was school I** was in the running team... unfortunately I never came first ... but I wish I had done... that was the whole purpose of the race

so.. yes I really do.

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if the acting is no good, then the film is extremely unlikely to be successful – even if everything else is good

and .. even if the directing is not very good.. if the acting is excellent.. then the film can still be successful

also... I think a good story is important –

it keeps people interested in the film

(so) I think these are two of the most important things – good acting and a good story

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like...

if the story is exciting

if there are some famous stars in it

if the studio spends a lot of money advertising it

if it is well-written

and I guess there must be lots more as well...

so... I don't think it is possible to single out ONE or TWO – there are almost bound to be a lot of different factors

