

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

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if you mean – making a lot of money – **then** maybe one of the most important factors is having an exciting story –

or maybe the special effects

or a well known name – like Superman or Harry Potter

if you mean winning prizes – or that critics like it - **then** I think it is often important to have great acting – interesting characters... and so on

but.. honestly... I don't have any particular knowledge about this – it's very hard to say

