

IELTS Speaking

General Advice: 1 to 10

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Every word clear!

1. endings of words MUST be clear
2. do not speak too fast
3. auxiliary verbs MUST be clear (eg past perfect)
4. important words: make especially clear

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Use lots of fillers!

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Chunk your language!

Part 1:

Please describe your hometown a little

(well) one of the things people notice... very quickly... is that...

there's a lot of congestion...

on the roads.... there's overcrowding... particularly in the rush hour....

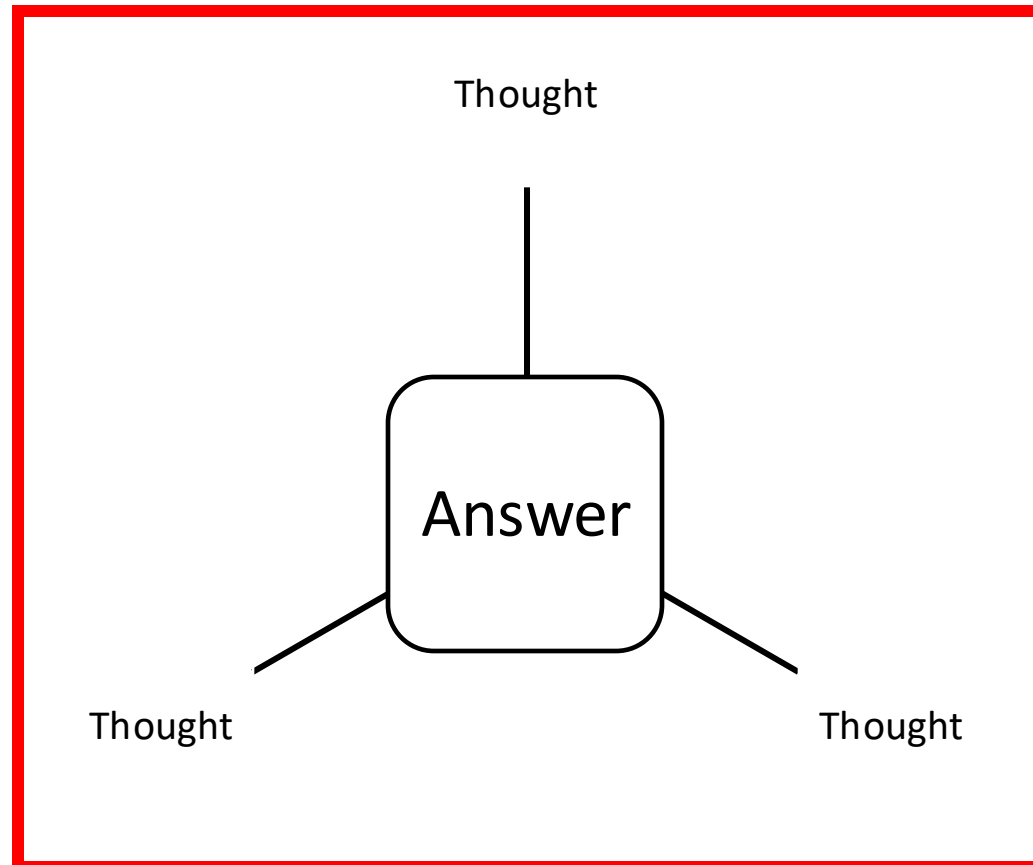
and on the buses... it's often completely impossible.... to get a seat

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Focused practice!

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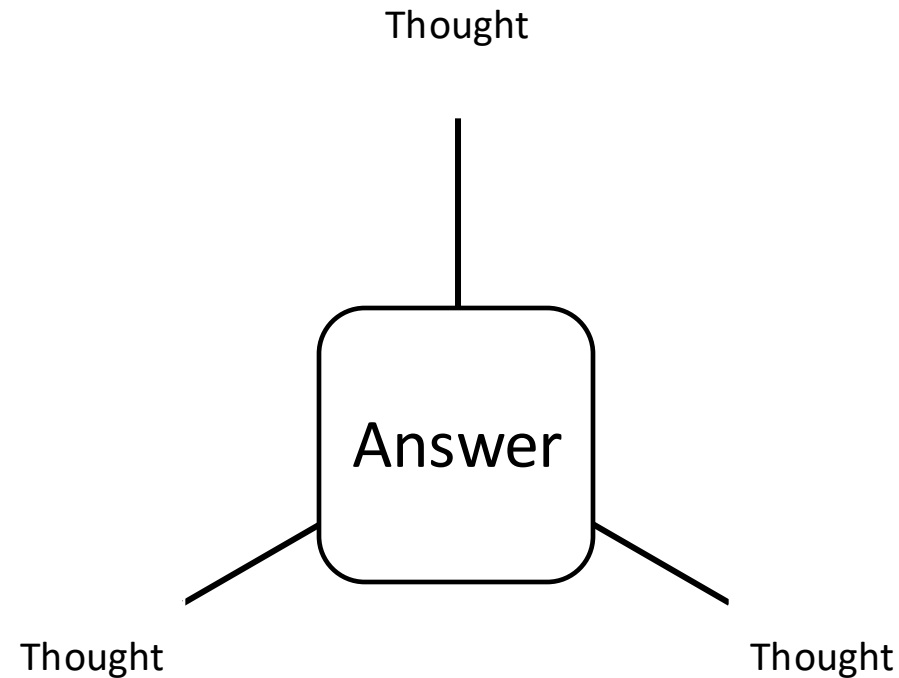
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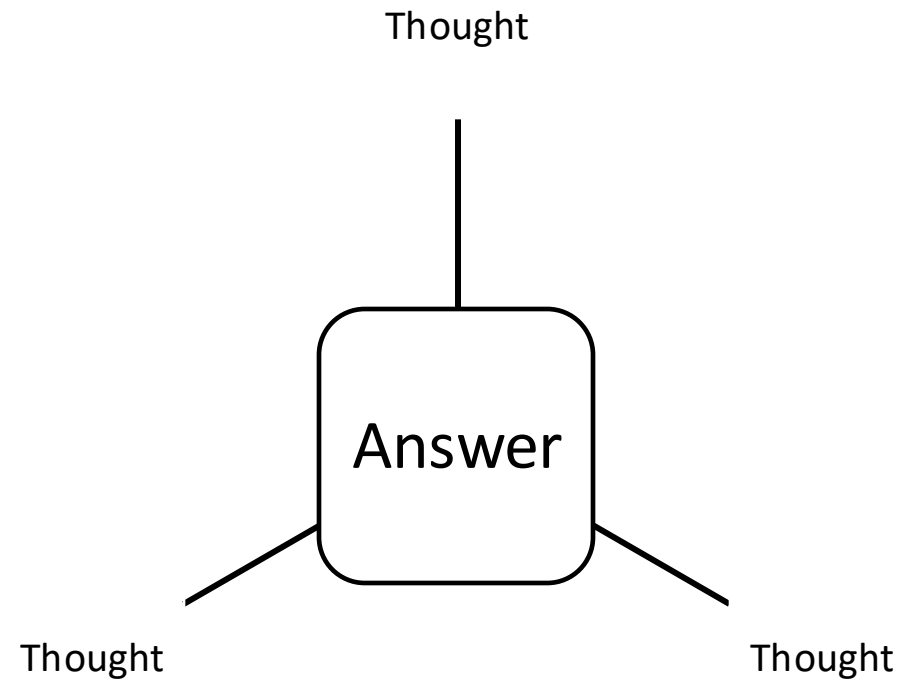
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Use drills to practise patterns!

Wish about **PRESENT**: wish + past tense verb

(actually) I (really) wish (that) I had more free time

Wish about PRESENT: wish + past tense verb

(actually) I (really) ____ t ____ I h ____ m ____ free time

Wish about **PRESENT:** wish + past tense verb

Drill:

1. I had more free time
2. I lived closer to the centre of the city
3. I did not have so much work to do
4. there was less pollution in my hometown
5. I were a lot fitter than I am
6. I could focus better on my work
7. I were better at managing my time
8. the transport system was better

Practice:

1. What do you do to help you concentrate?
2. Do you walk a lot?
3. What languages can you speak?
4. Do you spend a lot on jeans?
5. How often do you have haircut?
6. Do you like crowded places?

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Speak aloud and confidently when practising
drills – copy me!

Wish about PRESENT: wish + past tense verb

(actually) I (really) ___ t___ I h___ m___ free time

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Thoughtful answers!

How often do you have haircut?

How often do you have haircut?

to be honest... I'm not sure... I guess about once every 2 months... something like that... I think the last time must have been about 6 weeks ago... maybe a bit longer... but I don't have a fixed pattern...

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Learn some (totally) natural (speaking) patterns!

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Only learn what you can use!
(use what you learn)

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Use grammatical structures!

1. past perfect: telling stories
2. conditional sentences (if..)
3. past modals (must have been)
4. other modals (could be / might be etc)
5. wish sentences
6. comparisons
7. reported speech

