

IELTS Speaking

Speaking features: chunking and stress

Part 1

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Stress and chunking

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3. it's a pretty good place / to grow up / in...
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5. there is nothing / particularly special / about it...
6. I would much rather / live / in a city / than the countryside...
7. one problem is / that / it's extremely expensive...
8. I believe / that the vast majority / of people / are honest...
9. my flat / is on / the eighteenth floor of a twenty storey block...

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11. I **asked** her / **if she had read** / **the book**...
12. I am **absolutely sure** / **that** / **if I had studied harder** / **I would have got** / **better results**...
13. I **suppose** / **I must have been** / **about** / **7 or 8 years old**..
14. to be **honest** / I am **not**...
15. to be **honest** / I am **not** / **very busy** / **these** days...
16. **frankly** / I have / **absolutely no interest** / **in** **photography**...
17. it is **extremely hot** / **in** **summer**...
18. **I think** / it is **really important** / to be **polite** / **especially** / **with people we do not know** / **very well**...

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