

IELTS Speaking

Course Goals: Method

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3. Reduce negatives.

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2. Focus.
3. Practice.

Speaking course process:

Key requirement:

1. A strategy for answering the questions - different for each part of the exam

Apply the strategy using both (A) specific language & (B) general speaking features

(A) Specific language:

1. Advanced structures that are used repeatedly in the exam
2. Limited number of: flexible and natural collocations that will all be used in the exam
3. Small list of particular words (eg adverbs) that improve naturalness

Speaking course process:

(B) General speaking features – use throughout the exam

1. extensive use of fillers / discourse markers – improves spoken style – vital
2. more adverbs to improve spoken quality
3. speaking style features (eg pronouns / avoid repeating the question)
4. thoughtful attitude
5. every word clear
6. stress: far greater use than most students do
7. chunking: this is speaking not writing
8. energetic confident delivery: engaged body language

Speaking course process:

Studying process:

1. Understand the goal / target of the lesson eg advanced structure
2. Practise using drills to be able to speak the language confidently and easily with different content
3. Commitment to use the feature in the exam
4. Practise answering questions using the structure / language etc
5. General question practice including all the features that have been learnt for the exam

NOTE: the goal is to have **some** perfect expressions (eg structures) and to do better in other areas (eg every word clear). It is NOT to be perfect – we are aiming for better!

IELTS Speaking: 3 related elements

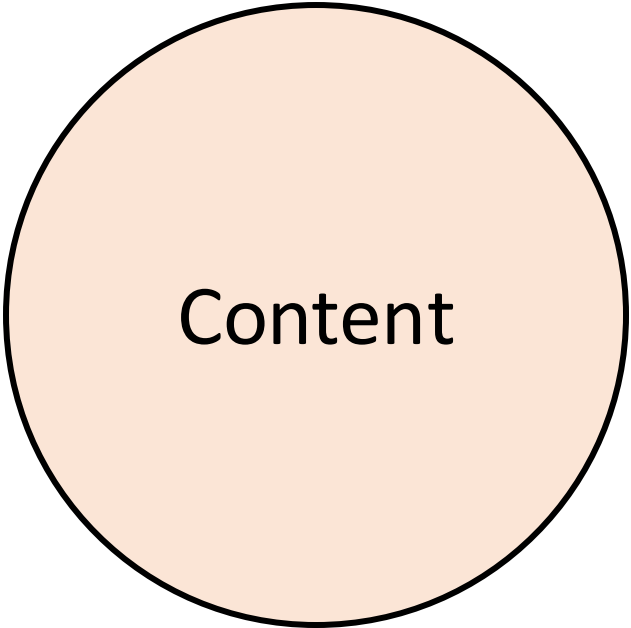
Understand the three parts of the speaking triangle.

Learn and practice elements to develop each one.

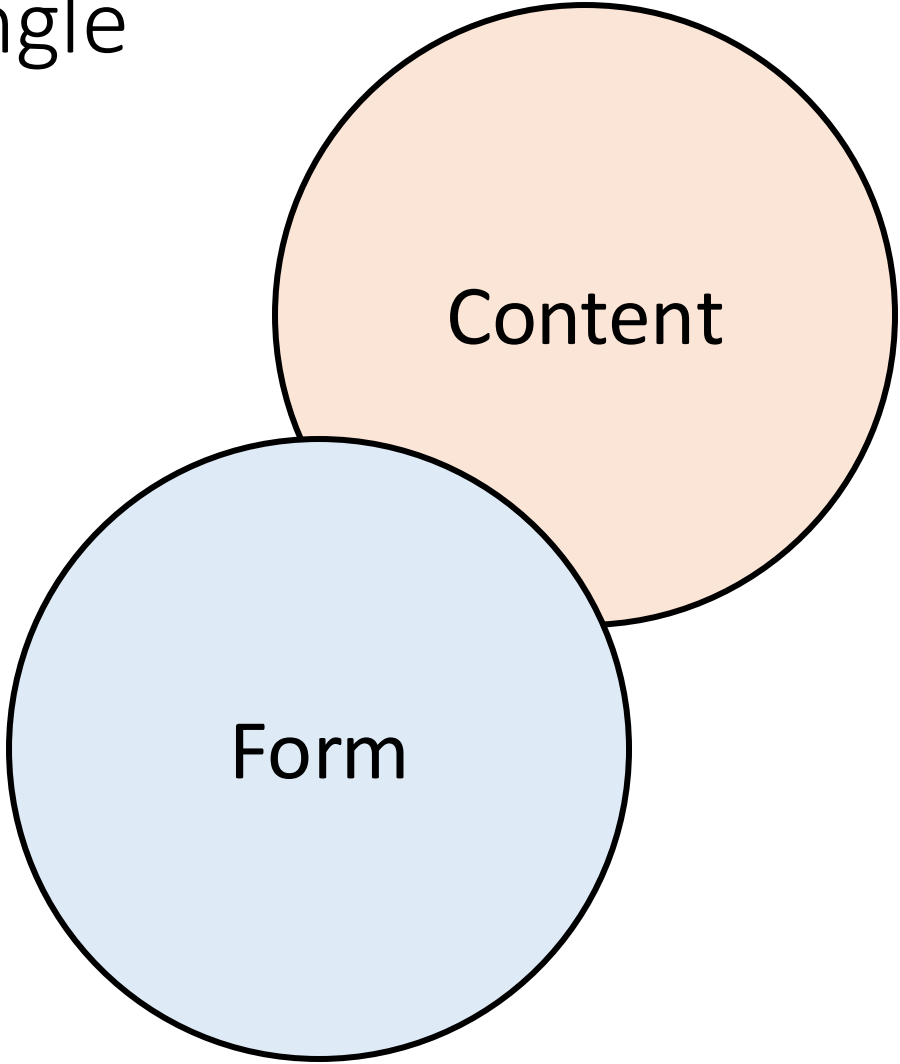
Integrate these elements in your speech.

Apply to all questions in the exam.

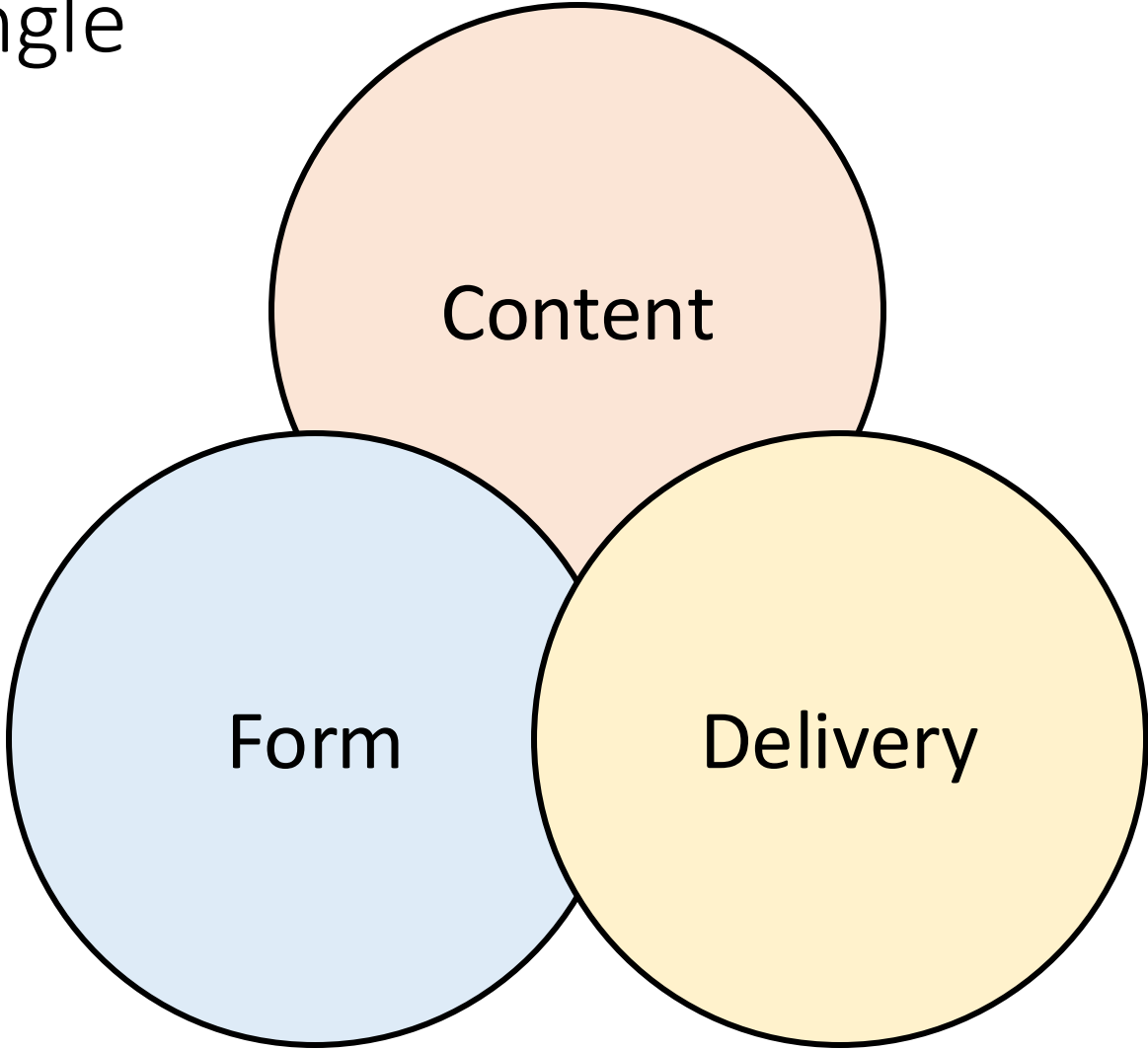
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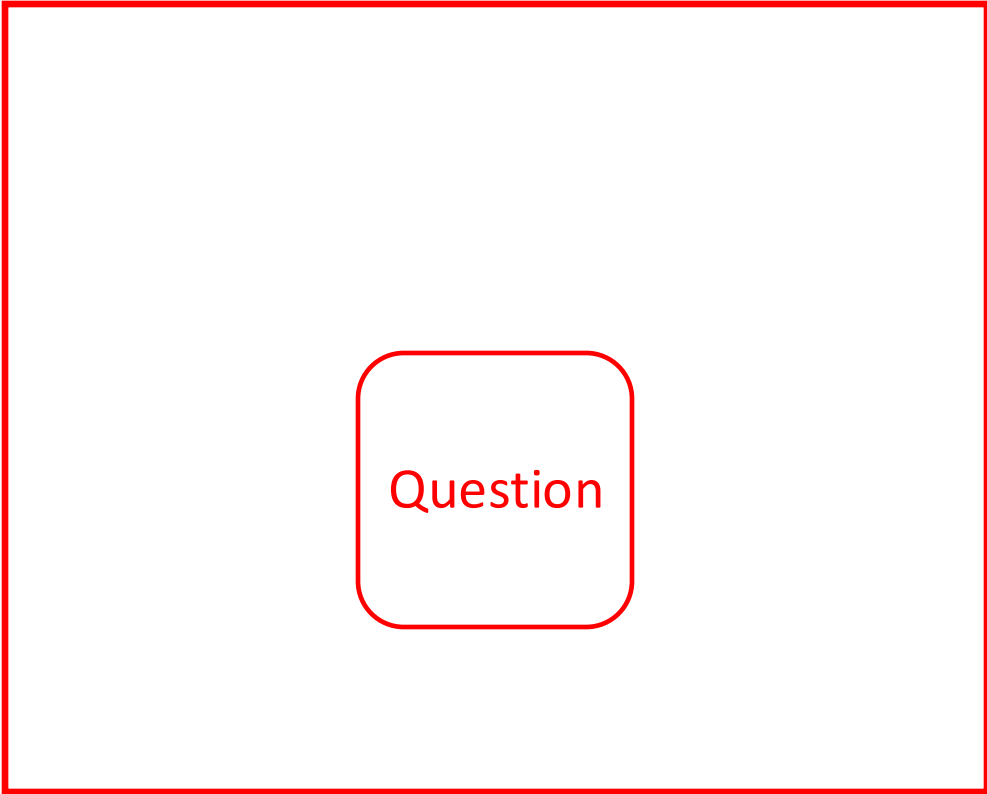
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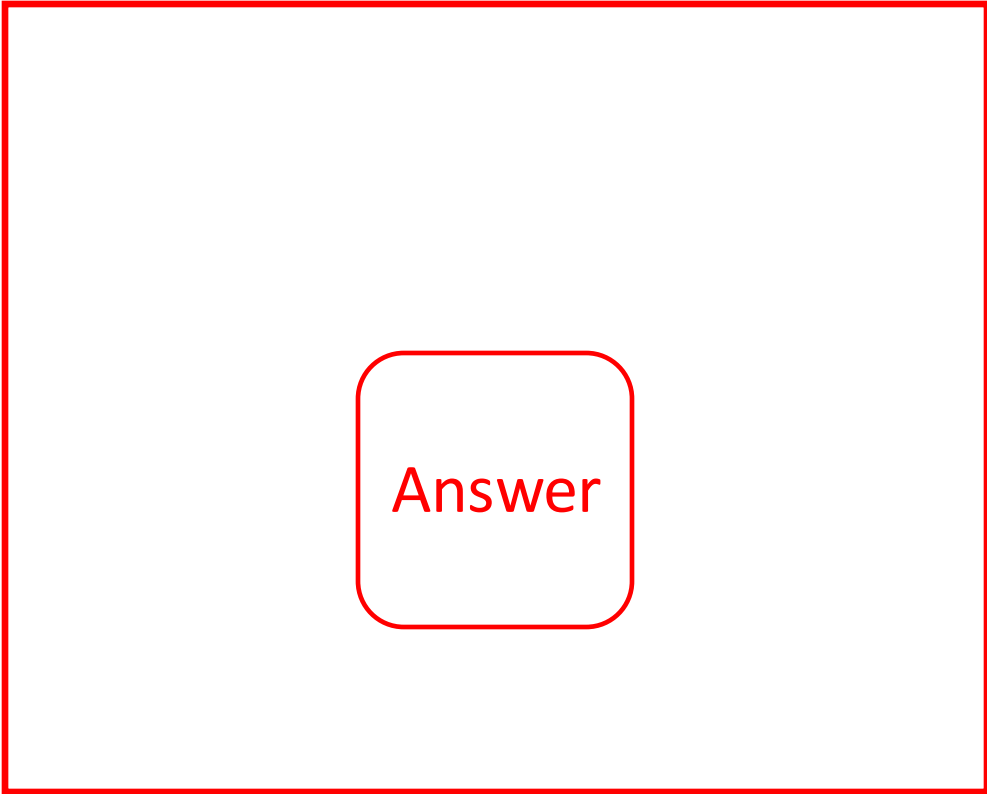
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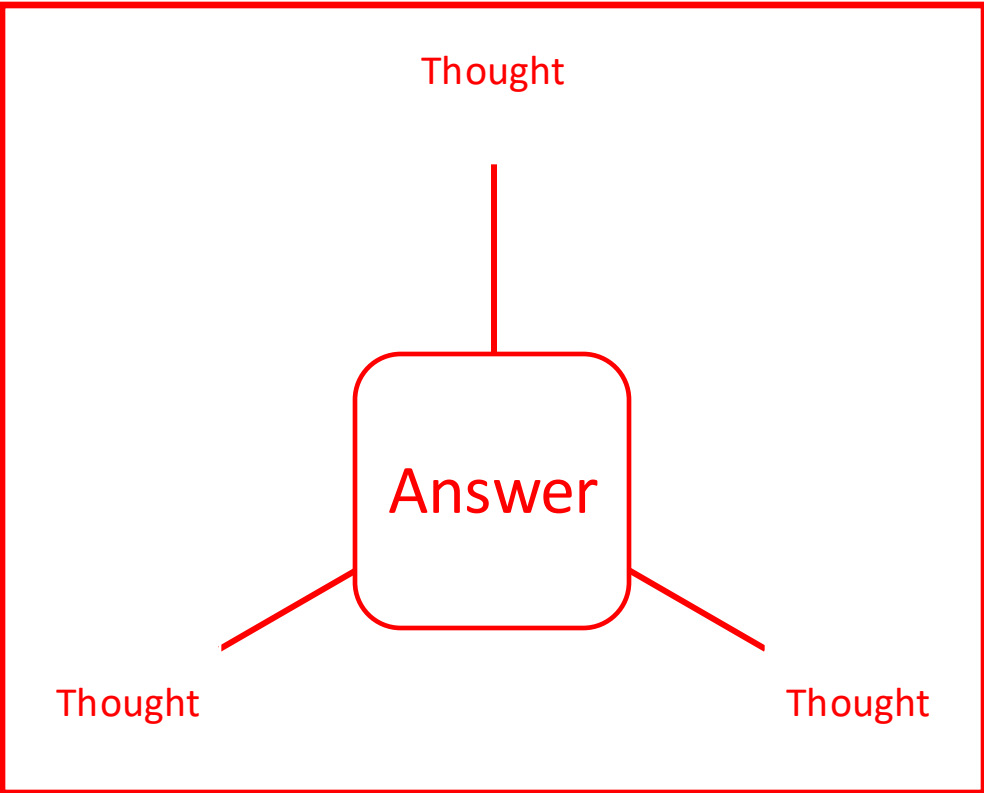
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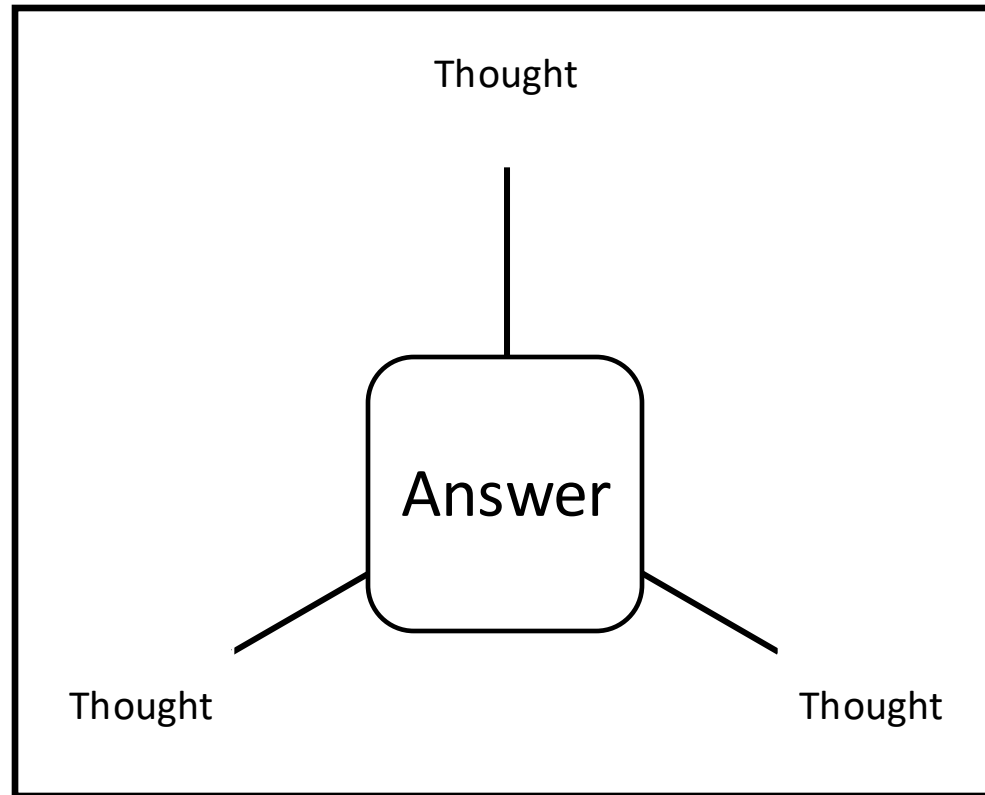
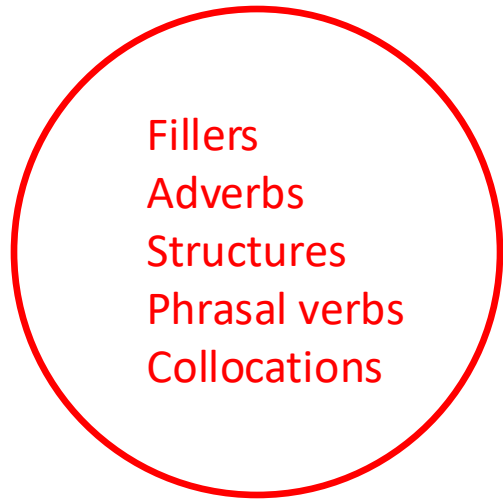
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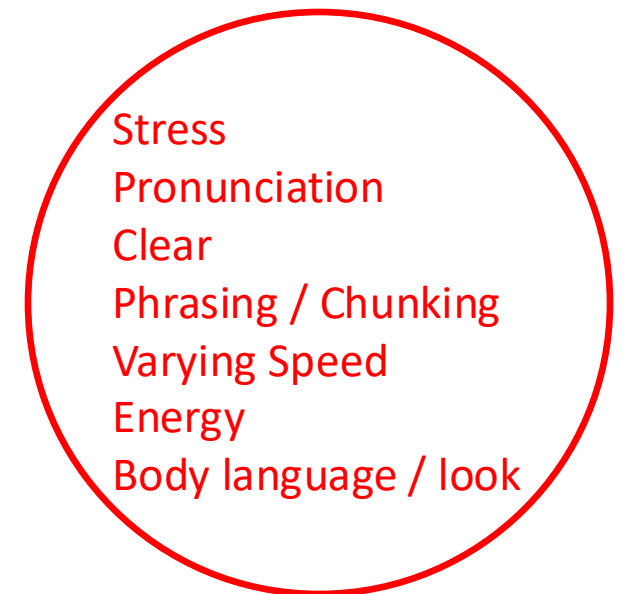
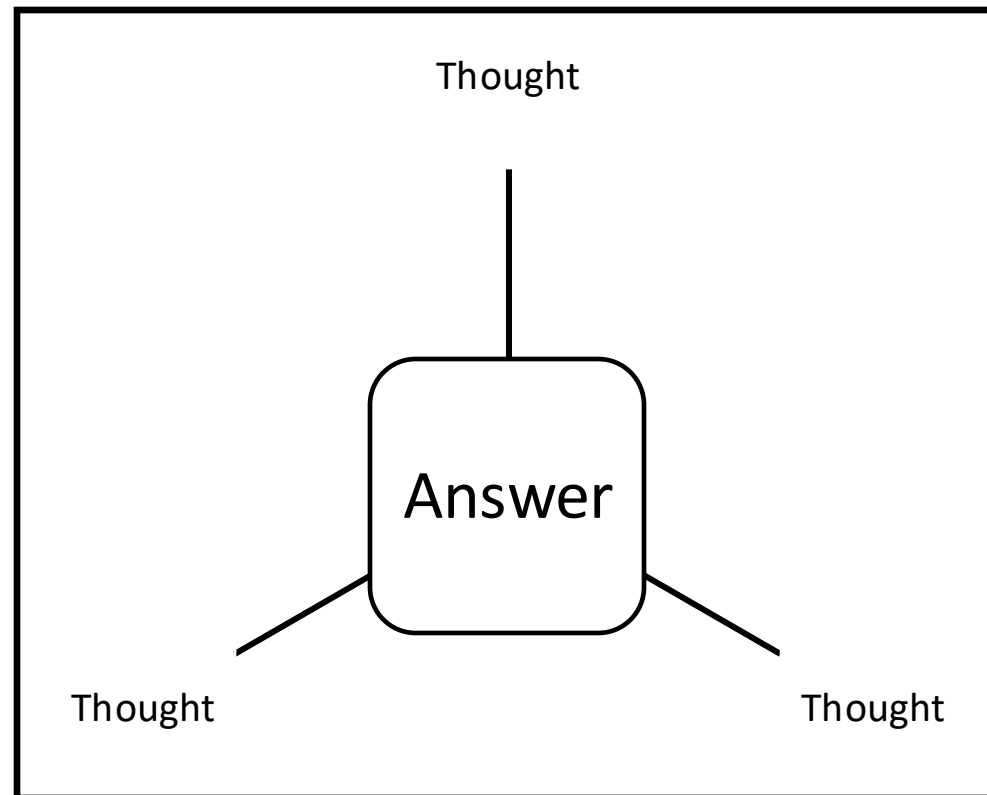
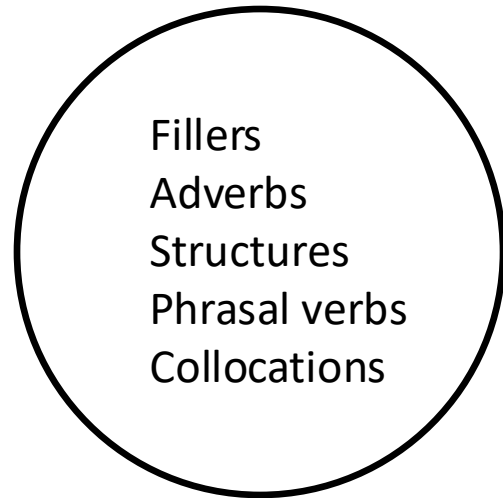
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Speaking Content & Form

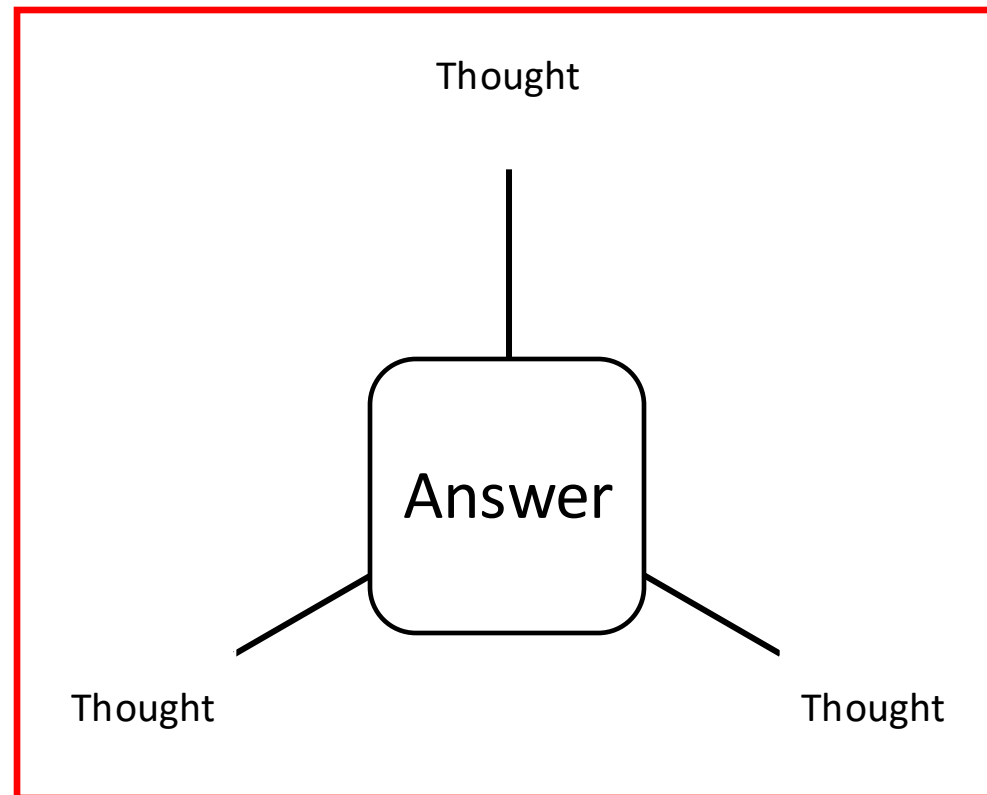


Speaking Content & Form & Delivery



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Fillers
Adverbs
Structures
Phrasal verbs
Collocations



Stress
Pronunciation
Clear
Phrasing / Chunking
Varying Speed
Energy
Body language / look

Summary of practice goals:

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RESULT: AT LEAST ONE BAND HIGHER!

