

# IELTS Speaking

Strategy

Part 1

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# Part 1:

**Tone:** informal conversation / Time: 20-30 seconds

**Combine:** general speaking features & particular language elements / patterns

**Result:**

better language

more natural

thoughtful

clear

# Part 1:

## **General *speaking* features:**

1. every word clear
2. chunk language (speaking style - not writing style)
3. use stress
4. thoughtful answers

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## Language features:

1. fillers
2. adverbs
3. direct answers: (often: yes / no / it varies / no idea)
4. advanced structures:
  1. past modal (must have been + ago / age)
  2. wish (present and past)
  3. preferences (would much rather A than B / prefer A to B)
5. 5 useful collocations

# Part 1:

## **Answer structure:**

**Tone:** informal conversation / **Time:** 20-30 seconds

- **Fillers:** throughout
- **Clear direct answer at beginning**
- **Do not repeat question key words:** use short forms / pronouns etc
- **Extension:** (c 4 points is a reasonable goal)

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**Tone:** informal conversation / **Time:** 20-30 seconds

- **Extension:** (c 4 points is a reasonable goal)
  1. why / why not (list / story - example)
  2. when (see: modal structures)
  3. where
  4. what
  5. wish (see: wish structures past and present)
  6. preferences (see: would much rather A than B)

# Part 1:

Did you have a **bike** when you were young? (*direct: yes*)

Actually, yes I did (*when*)

(1) I remember my parents gave me one / it for my birthday...

(2) I guess I must have been about 8 years old...something like that... maybe a bit younger

(3) it wasn't particularly special... and I really wish it had had gears... unfortunately

it...didn't ... but I used it a lot... with my friends... and so on...

c30 seconds

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Do you like lending things to **others**? (*direct: no*)

To be honest... no, not really... (*why not?*)

(1) I lent my **extremely expensive** computer to my brother...

(2) **I think it must have been about 2 years ago now...** **he said he would be very careful...**

(3) but... **unfortunately...** he broke it...I was **absolutely furious** with him

(4) so **frankly...** since then... I have not **really** wanted to lend anything important...

c30 seconds

