

IELTS Speaking Masterclass

GENERAL DO'S AND DON'TS

Before discussing specific strategies to help you in the IELTS speaking test, let's look at some general do's and don'ts. These will give you a general idea of what is required to get a successful band in the test. This book will discuss and explain these tips in more detail.

Do ...

- ✓ listen to the questions carefully
- ✓ give relevant answers
- ✓ ask for clarification if you don't understand the question
- ✓ express your opinions and give examples to support your ideas
- ✓ use conversation fillers to give yourself time to think
- ✓ relax and enjoy yourself
- ✓ try to use interesting adjectives
- ✓ paraphrase if you don't know a word
- ✓ speak clearly

Don't ...

- give very short answers
- repeat yourself all the time and overuse simple words
- memorize long answers
- get stressed if you don't understand the question
- make long frequent pauses
- speak too quietly
- spell your name for the examiner
- use your native language
- use words or idioms that you are not sure about
- write on the task card in Part 2 of the test
- ask the examiner if what you say is correct