

## Ielts Speaking Part 2 Long turn

Part 2 is the individual long turn.

The examiner gives you a task card which asks you to talk about a particular topic. The card tells you what points you should include in your talk and instructs you to explain one aspect of the topic. You have one minute to prepare your talk, and the examiner will give you a pencil and paper to make notes.

By using the points on the task card and making notes during the preparation time, you should be able to think of appropriate things to say, and have time to structure your talk so that you keep talking for 2 minutes.

You will see the examiner's script. It is always the same, apart from the actual topic, which is underlined in the script.

The examiner will then ask you to begin talking and will stop you when the time is up. They may then ask you one or two questions on the same topic.

The topic card has two elements. First, there is a sentence which tells you the topic. This sentence always starts with "I'd like you to describe...". Then there are additional questions about the topic.

These additional questions always start with "You should say" and always have three points, like Topic Cards 1 and 2.

Don't forget: you **must** talk about all the points.

Part 2 lasts 3–4 minutes, including the preparation time.

This part tests your ability to speak at length on a given topic, using appropriate language and organising your ideas logically. You will need to think about your own experiences to complete the long turn.

### **Sample candidate card for phase 2 of the speaking test**

#### **Describe a well-known person you like or admire.**

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What this person has done
- Why this person is well-known and explain why you like or admire this person

You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes.

You have 1 minute to think about what you're going to say.

You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

Example

**Thank you. In this next section, I'm going to give you a topic and I'd like you to speak about it for 1 to 2 minutes. Before you speak you will have a minute to think about what you are going to say, and you can make some notes if you wish.**

**Do you understand?**

**Here is a pencil and some paper,**

*EXAMINER hands paper and pencil to student*

**and here is your topic. Please don't write anything on this card.**

*EXAMINER hands topic card to student.*

**I'd like you to describe an event or situation that made you laugh.**

*Pause in silence for 60 seconds.*

**Alright? Remember, you have 1 to 2 minutes for this, so don't worry if I stop you. I'll tell you when the time is up. Can you start speaking now?**

*EXAMINER stays silent for at least 60 seconds, and for no more than 120 seconds*