# **Speaking Practice V5**

In 5 VWO you should be able to

* produce simple speech fluently and maintain a flow of speech
* show a good degree of control of a range of simple grammatical forms and (attempts) some complex grammatical forms
* talk about familiar and unfamiliar topics
* take part in a conversation by asking and answering questions and discussing topics

We are looking for the fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible.

We are going to practise speaking using The International English Language Testing System, or IELTS. This test focuses on the following attributes to assess your speaking skills:

**Fluency and coherence:**

The key indicators of *fluency* are speech rate and speech continuity.

You speak *coherently* if youlink ideas and language together to form coherent, connected speech. This can be done by using pronouns and conjunctions and by marking the stages in your story or argument (e.g. past – present/ cause – effect)

**Lexical resource**

The key indicators are the variety of words used, the adequacy and appropriacy of the words used and your speaking strategies (e.g. what do you do when you don’t know a word?)

**Grammatical range and accuracy**

The key indicators of grammatical *range* are the length and complexity of the spoken sentences.

The key indicators of grammatical accuracy are the number of grammatical errors and the communicative effects ( e.g. If you say *I have played the piano for five years* when you mean *Ik heb vijf jaar piano gespeeld* an Englishman will think you still play.)

For more information on the speaking test: [Speaking test: What is the IELTS Speaking test?](https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-general-training-test" \l "Speaking)

# **Pronunciation**

You use a range of pronunciation features (with mixed control) and can generally be understood throughout.

# **The test**

The IELTS Speaking Test consists of three parts. You will be tested on parts 2 and 3.

In Part 2 you are asked to talk about a topic. In most cases you are asked to describe something: a place, person, book, memory, etc. You have one minute to prepare before speaking for two minutes without interruption.

*Example: Describe an email you received which was very important to you.*

In Part 3 you are asked further questions connected to the topic in Part 2. These questions give you the opportunity to discuss more abstract issues and ideas. You have 4 minutes for Part 3.

# **The assessment**

Your teacher will use the [IELTS assessment form](https://weredi-my.sharepoint.com/personal/gra_sgweredi_nl/Documents/v4/speaking/speaking-assessment-criteria.pdf) to assess your speaking skills and your pronunciation skills. (We aim for Band 6)