

THESIS TITLE: STRATEGIES FOR ANALYZING IELTS SPEAKING PART 2 RESPONSES

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Introduction:

IELTS Speaking Part 2, also known as the “long turn,” requires the test-taker to speak for 1–2 minutes on a given topic. Analyzing responses in this section involves understanding how well the candidate addresses both the main question and its sub-points. Effective analysis strategies help improve coherence, fluency, and vocabulary.

Main Body:

Understanding the Structure:

The cue card usually includes one main question and three to four sub-questions. Candidates must cover both the central topic and all listed bullet points for a full response.

Strategy 1: Identify the Main Idea and Sub-Points^{[1][2][3]}

Quickly underline or mentally note the keywords in the cue card.

Make short notes during the 1-minute preparation time.

Use linking words (e.g., first of all, also, another thing, finally) to organize ideas clearly.

Strategy 2: Analyze Coherence and Fluency^{[1][2]}

Check if the response flows logically.

Are there pauses or repetition? Is the answer easy to follow?

Practice speaking with a timer to build fluency.

Strategy 3: Vocabulary and Grammar Analysis^{[1][2]}

Is the vocabulary appropriate and varied?

Are there complex sentence structures? Are tenses used correctly?

Strategy 4: Relevance and Detail^{[1][2]}

Does the speaker stay on topic?

Are the examples and explanations related to the question?

Does the speaker answer all parts or leave anything out?

Conclusion:

Analyzing IELTS Speaking Part 2 responses requires a focus on structure, language use, fluency, and content relevance. By applying these strategies, learners can better understand their strengths and weaknesses, leading to more confident and complete answers in the exam.