

IELTS Speaking Day 3

Points to include in your notes

1. Introduction

- You can **start with answering the WH-questions** as your introduction. Most of the time, because examinees get so caught up in preparing their explanation, they forget the specific information asked in the Topic Card. If you don't have any ideas about the topic just make one up but make sure that you can sustain it until the end of your talk.

2. Past

- Linking words like **'anyway' or 'anyhow'** is useful to transition when talking about the past.
- Use past structures in your sentences:
 - **Used to + infinitive** = to talk about past habits or states that are now finished.
 - **Would + infinitive** = to describe past habits
 - **Past simple** = to talk about something you did in the past or no longer true
 - **Past continuous** = to talk about the background of the story, how you felt at a particular time
 - **Past perfect** = to say something happened before something else in the past.

3. Description

- Say 'Let me go into detail about...'. Prepare some good adjectives or descriptions for the common topics. Always make sure that you elaborate on why you used a specific adjective with examples.

4. Opinion

- Say 'If you ask me/In my opinion/I would say + (opinion on the topic). Comparative and superlative adjectives can help when stating your opinion.

5. Future

- Say 'with regards to the future...'. You could also use:
 - **Present continuous** = to talk about fixed arrangements
 - **Be going + to + infinitive** = used with predictions based on opinions or experiences.
 - **Future perfect** (will have + past participle) = used to say something will have happened or will have been completed by a certain point in the future.

It's a MUST to practice these strategies with different topics. Don't focus on just one topic.