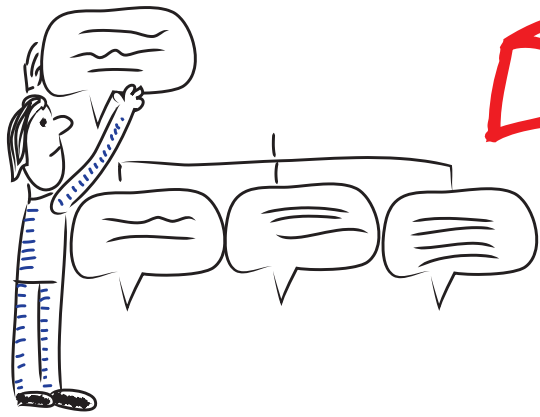


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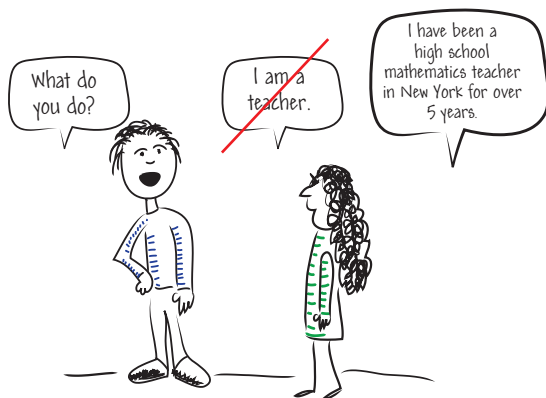


This refers to your ability to speak at length, including organizing ideas logically and appropriately signposting.

This also refers to your ability to express and justify opinions, to analyze, discuss and speculate about issues without long pauses or repetition of the same words.

Expand & Build

→ As you are speaking about a topic, expand & build on what you say by adding a few details. ←



Structure

For part 2 of the test, use the bullet points on the task card to help you structure your long turn and make notes in the 1 minute that's given using key words.



– Develop Your Answers –

In part 3, it is important to develop your answers and to speak at length. You can do this by talking about ...



REASONS

EFFECTS

COMPARISONS

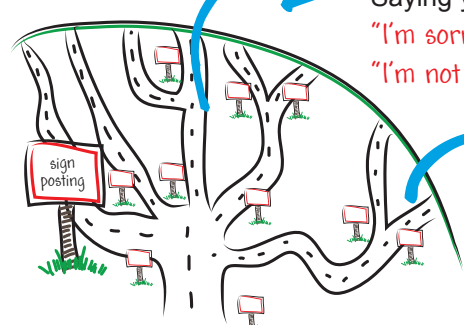
SUPPORTING EXAMPLES

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

... but be sure you are sign posting what you say.

Sign Posting

Here are some examples for Part 3:



Saying you don't know about a subject, but sharing what you do know:
"I'm sorry, I don't know much about that, but I would probably say ..."
"I'm not sure how to answer that but perhaps ..."

Creating a pause when you can't remember a word:
"What's the word I'm looking for?" OR "It's the thing that ..."
OR "It's the person who ..."

SPECULATING ON THE FUTURE

- "I think we'll probably see a lot of ..."
- "Maybe there'll be more ..."
- "It's unlikely that we will have ..."

COMPARE / CONTRAST

- "in my view, there are two main differences ..."

RESPONDING TO A POINT

- "yes, I agree because ..."
- "I'm not sure I agree with that, you see ..."

– Linking Words –

Connecting your ideas effectively is key, but try to practice this using a variety of linking words, rather than the same ones again and again. Try to add more words to this list to help improve your range of linking words:

And

Not only that...
On top of that...
Likewise...

But

Whereas...
In contrast...

If

Provided that...

So

As a result...
Because of this...
Consequently...

Because

This is due to...

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