

HOW TO GET BAND 8.5 in IELTS ?

IELTS examiners use 4 following criterion to assess an IELTS candidate:

1. **Fluency and Coherence,**
2. **Lexical Resource (Vocabulary),**
3. **Grammatical Range & Accuracy,**
4. **Pronunciation.**

To polish up your IELTS Speaking skill and to get band 7+ for IELTS Speaking:

1. Fluency and Coherence:

- Choose a speaking topic for Speaking Part 1,2,3 and practice every day (You can download Vocabulary for top 9 common topics for IELTS Speaking here: <http://ieltsmaterial.com/vocabulary-top-9-common-topics-ielts-exam/>)
- Learn from 16 lessons for IELTS Speaking: <http://ieltsmaterial.com/16-ielts-speaking-common-topics-with-vocabulary-collocation-idioms/>
- Record them and have somebody proficient in English check your recordings for you (You can send it to me if you don't mind)

2. Lexical Resource (Vocabulary):

- Learn more common and academic vocabulary from these books: English Vocabulary in Use (upper-intermediate) (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/english-vocabulary-answers-upper-intermediate-cambridge/>) and English Collocation in Use (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/english-collocation-in-use-advanced/>) or other material compiled by IELTSMaterial: Vocabulary for Top 9 Most Common Topics in IELTS Exam (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/vocabulary-top-9-common-topics-ielts-exam/>), 16 Lessons for IELTS Speaking Common Topics (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/16-ielts-speaking-common-topics-with-vocabulary-collocation-idioms/>)
- Write down the words and definitions on sticky notes (you should write the New word on the front side and its definition on the back side so that you can only turn the note back when you forget its meaning).

- Have somebody test me about new vocabulary (usage and pronunciation).
- Use them to practice for your IELTS speaking on a daily basis.

3. Grammatical Range & Accuracy:

- To improve grammar for Speaking part, you can learn a lot from this excellent book: English Grammar in Use by Raymond Murphy (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/english-grammar-raymond-murphy-answers/>) or Advanced Grammar in Use (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/advanced-grammar-in-use-answers/>)

4. Pronunciation:

- Use this excellent book to practice your pronunciation: English Pronunciation in Use published by Cambridge University Press (<http://ieltsmaterial.com/english-pronunciation-in-use-intermediate-edition/>)
- Use Oxford Learners' Dictionary to check your pronunciation: <http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/>

When sitting for an IELTS Speaking test, you should:

- try to talk as much as you can
- talk as fluently as possible and be spontaneous
- relax, be confident and enjoy using your English
- develop your answers
- speak more than the examiner
- ask for clarification if necessary
- do not learn prepared answers; the examiner is trained to spot this and will change the question
- express your opinions; you will be assessed on your ability to communicate
- the examiner's questions tend to be fairly predictable; practise at home and record yourself



Hope these piece of advice is useful for you