

IELTS

Speaking test video: examiner feedback

Part 1

Philipp is a fluent, confident speaker who always answers the questions appropriately and with full extension.

He produces some very natural and effective spoken discourse markers, *I will definitely; Oh, no, I hate it!; It really depends on; That's an interesting question*, and puts his ideas together skilfully.

He shows a good degree of control of grammatical form and uses a range of appropriate vocabulary to talk about all the topics discussed, *an internship; a little chat; more personal; really annoying; spam emails; a symbol for freedom; a rural area; the steering wheel*.

His pronunciation is generally clear but occasionally his rapid delivery and a slightly flat intonation mean he can be less easy to follow than he otherwise might be.

Tips for Part 1

- Part 1 questions all focus on familiar personal topics so relax and use this section to settle in.
- Try to answer the questions as fully as you can, giving reasons for your replies. You don't have wait for the examiner to ask!

Part 2

Philipp gives a very full description of the hotel, addressing all the prompts especially regarding the facilities and why he liked staying there. He has plenty of ideas and has clearly used the preparation time well.

Although he comes to a halt before the end of two minutes (partly because he speaks quite quickly), he does well to resume without the examiner asking him to and thinks of further details he can offer about the hotel.

He shows good control of grammar once again and has a very adequate range of vocabulary for the topic.

Philipp's pronunciation is generally clear and he can be easily understood throughout.

Tips for Part 2

- There are always three prompts and then another asking for a summary of your feelings or opinion. Write notes on each of the prompts so you have plenty to say.
- When preparing, write a few words for each idea instead of writing sentences – once you've read out your sentences you may not know how to continue!

Part 3

Again, Philipp takes every opportunity to answer the questions as fully as possible. He is very fluent with only occasional hesitation when he searches for a word or phrase.

He responds very naturally with a good range of idiomatic cohesive devices, *oh, several things; the other thing, of course, is ... ; maybe that's why ... ; It depends on ... ; Actually, ...*. His control of grammar is good and he displays a flexible range of vocabulary with some less-common items.

His pronunciation is clear and he shows some very effective use of stress. However, with so many ideas spilling out, his intonation can be a little flat and monotonous.

Tips for Part 3

- Part 3 is a good opportunity for you to show the extent of your language so try to develop your ideas as fully as you can, and use some exciting or less-common vocabulary.
- Don't worry too much about making mistakes – everyone makes them and they are unlikely to interfere with communication. Examiners tend to note the good features more than the bad ones!

Fluency and Coherence

Philipp is very fluent and rarely loses coherence. He always responds as fully as possible and displays a wealth of ideas. He uses a wide range of cohesive devices very naturally. At times, however, he speaks very quickly. It would be better if he slowed down a little and developed individual ideas further. This might also help with his intonation, which is sometimes slightly flat.

Lexical Resource

Philipp displays an effective and appropriate lexical resource at all times. There are some good examples of less-common items too, *flat-sharing platforms*; *privacy*; *overall appearance*; *a golden bathtub*; *the customers appreciate*; *feel like a king for a week*; *improved quality*.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Philipp has good control of grammar and structure and performs well throughout the interview. Sometimes, structures can be a little repetitive as he goes through so many examples in his responses. It is possible that he doesn't show the full complexity of grammar that he is capable of because of this. There are some errors particularly with verb tense, *I will have an internship* (I'm going to do an internship); *I'm coming from ...* (I come from).

Pronunciation

Philipp's pronunciation is good and he is always easy to understand. Individual phonemes are occasional mispronounced, particularly some vowel sounds as in *flet-sharing pletforms* (flat-sharing platforms). He shows some excellent use of sentence stress but needs to develop a more varied use of intonation.

Global comments

A strong, confident performance. Philipp uses the interview very effectively to answer as fully as possible at all times. He is relaxed and responds very naturally. At times, a slightly slower, less urgent delivery might mean he could develop ideas into greater complexity and show even greater ability with more varied intonation, but this is, nevertheless, an impressive performance.