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English for Exams

**Vocabulary
for IELTS**

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Exam tip: Improve your pronunciation by focusing on problem consonants.

Depending on your language, these may include:

- consonants which come at the end of a word, for example: *develop*
- groups of consonants with no vowels between them (consonant clusters), for example: *evolve*
- closely-related consonant sounds which are not differentiated in your language, for example: /b/ and /v/; /l/ and /r/; /s/ and /θ/

Practise saying words which end with consonant sounds.

Practise saying words with consonant clusters until you can say them without adding extra vowels.

If you have difficulty differentiating between two sounds, practise repeating word pairs which only differ in those sounds, for example, for /l/ and /r/, practise saying *light* and *right*.

- 6 Listen to Track 22 and repeat words 1–15. Identify words with problem consonants and practise saying them until you can pronounce them clearly.

Exam practice: Speaking Part 3

Exam tip: In Part 3 of the IELTS Speaking exam you have to discuss the topic of Part 2 with the examiner.

The examiner will ask you questions that will allow you to analyse issues and express opinions.

Some of these questions may require you to compare past and present and to speculate about future changes.

Learning to talk confidently about change can help you perform well in Part 3 of the Speaking exam.

For this practice exercise, you will hear three questions related to the topic of Unit 4: Adventure. Record yourself answering the questions.

Listen to your responses and answer questions 1–2 below:

- 1 Have you conveyed your attitude effectively by correctly using words with positive, negative and neutral connotations?
- 2 Have you pronounced consonant sounds clearly?

Listen to the sample answers and try the exercise again.