

## About *Get Ready for IELTS Speaking*

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*Collins Get Ready for IELTS* series has been designed to help learners at a pre-intermediate level (equivalent to band 3 or 4) to acquire the skills they need to achieve a higher score. It is easy to use, whether by learners studying at home on their own or in a classroom with a teacher:

- Instructions are easy to follow
- Exam information and study tips are presented in an easy-to-read format
- Exercises are carefully arranged from simpler to more difficult
- Review units allow for systematic revision
- Answer key is clear and comprehensive

With these fundamentals in place, classroom teachers can focus on learner training, facilitating pair and group work, and providing feedback. This resource will explain how best to use the material and how it can be adapted to make the most of the classroom learning context. It shows you how you can maintain interest and motivation, deal with common errors, and create an interactive learning environment.

Each chapter in *Get Ready for IELTS Speaking* has a similar three-part structure, which can form the basis of regular classroom routines. It will provide 3–4 hours of content, 2 of which we recommend doing in class and 1–2 of which will make ideal homework tasks.

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### Part 1: Language development

We recommend that selected exercises be done at home before the lesson.

- This preparation will introduce learners to the vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar structures they need to speak with increasing range and accuracy.
- ‘Watch out!’ boxes highlight common pitfalls.
- As repeated exposure to new vocabulary, sounds and structures is required for mastery, the first 15 minutes of the lesson can be spent doing a ‘spot check’ of a selection of the material covered at home. The remaining language development exercises can be done with the teacher in class.

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### Part 2: Skills development

Part 2 of each unit focusses on key exam skills.

- Each chapter provides an explanation of what makes a good IELTS answer along with exercises of increasing difficulty.
- The lesson plans provided for each unit concentrate on this section and offer approximately 90 minutes of material, including suggestions for optional extension activities.
- Most exercises can be done in pairs to maximise opportunities for speaking practice and peer feedback.
- Listening exercises and sample answers are provided on the audio CD along with full audio scripts.

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### Part 3: Exam practice

This can be done in class or given as homework.

- This section provides realistic exam practice and allows learners to integrate the skills they have learned.
- A checklist summarises the key learning points in the unit and gives learners a framework for assessing their development.