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The BEST LAST MINUTE TIPS for the IELTS Speaking exam

-  **On the day of the exam try to practice speaking English in the hour leading up to the exam.** If you have no one to speak to just speak to yourself silently about anything!
-  **Take 3 deep breaths before you go into the exam room** – this will help to calm you.
-  **As you greet the examiner, smile. It's another calming technique,** and most of us return a smile when we see one, (which means hopefully the examiner will smile at you!)
-  **Try not to let the stress hide your character. Happy, friendly people are far more interesting to examine.** Remember, the examiner has probably been examining for a few hours and they feel cheerful when their candidate is cheerful.
-  **If you didn't hear the question then ask the examiner to repeat it** – don't ever answer without knowing what you should talk about because you will lose points.
-  **If you don't understand the question, try to focus on the words you do understand.** You can check to see if you understand enough by asking the examiner 'Do you want me to talk about.....?'
-  **If you don't understand a word, and it's crucial to the whole question, you could try to check the meaning of this word.** For example, if you're not sure what the word censored means you could say to the examiner 'By censored do you mean films that are controlled in some way?'
-  In part 2, if you're worried about timing you can always look at your watch to check how much time you have left.
-  **In part 3, try to use connecting phrases** (eg. In addition, On the other hand, Some people believe, I think). **These phrases make your answer much easier to follow,** especially if you are having problems with explaining yourself.
-  When you do practice tests at home, try to **notice your body language.** You feel more relaxed when you practice, so **it's a good idea to copy this body movement in the exam** – it might help you relax sub-consciously.