

# Guide to Speaking Sub-bands

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## Fluency and Coherence

The examiner grades your fluency, which is how easy, smooth and flowing your speaking is. To get a good grade here, any gaps in your speaking should be associated with searching for the right idea rather than hesitancy with finding the right word or structure. For the coherence part, the examiner looks at how easy you are to understand. Does your flow of ideas run smoothly, logically and with consistency? Do you communicate well?

## Lexical Resource

This mark grades the range of words that you use in your speaking test and whether you use the words in the right way, at the right time and in the right place.

## Grammatical Range and Accuracy

This mark grades your range of grammatical structures, your accuracy at producing them and whether you use the right structure at the right time and in the right place. This is the area that worries the candidates the most as it is the dreaded grammar. Remember it is only one part out of four.

## Pronunciation

This mark grades you on how clearly you speak English and produce its sounds. The examiner will also observe how well you use the phonological features and the various stress and intonation patterns of the English language to convey your message.