

Luis IELTS FULL Speaking Feedback

Speaking Score

Fluency and Coherence: 4

Luis, you're doing well, but there's some work to do on your fluency. You often pause, hesitate, and correct yourself, which breaks the flow of your speech. For example, you said, "There are several types of local... business... local businesses in my... neighbourhood," and "Um one of them... is banks and it happens... to it happens... we have nearby our... apartment." These fillers and pauses make it hard to keep track of your ideas.

Lexical Resource: 4

Your vocabulary is okay for basic topics, Luis, but it gets a bit limited when things get more complex. You tend to repeat words like "local businesses," "banks," and "shops" without mixing it up much. And phrases like "it brings value to the location" and "to do different things" are pretty basic and can be phrased better.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy: 4

You're getting the hang of basic sentences, but there are quite a few grammatical mistakes, especially with more complex sentences. For instance, you said, "We have a like six different uh... bra banks" and "These big industries will tend to crush a... the market of the small business." And things like "when your employees make mistakes... these mistakes cost money to the owner" show that complex grammar is still a bit tricky for you.

Pronunciation: 5.5

Your pronunciation is mostly affected by your fluency. Your individual sounds are relatively easy to understand. It is your intonation that suffers from the breaks in your fluency. This also affects your overall rhythm when speaking.

Summary

You're doing a good job, Luis, but there are a few areas to work on:

- **Fluency and Coherence:** Try to reduce pauses and keep your sentences flowing smoothly.
- **Lexical Resource:** Expand your vocabulary and find different ways to say things.
- **Grammatical Range and Accuracy:** Work on using more complex sentences without mistakes.
- **Pronunciation:** Practise speaking clearly and with better rhythm.

With some more practice, you'll definitely see improvement. Keep it up, Luis!



Correction

There are several types of local businesses in my neighbourhood. One of them is banks, and we have several banks nearby our apartment. We have around six different banks. We also have restaurants. We have Italian, American, and Colombian restaurants. We also have around two sustainable shops nearby.

Yes, I think local businesses are very important in the neighbourhood because they bring value to the location. If you have facilities like banks, grocery stores, and restaurants near where you live, it will be easier for people to live there. Therefore, it will be easier to sell the property if you decide to sell.

Large malls or big commercial centres affect small shops. Yes, I believe so because these big industries tend to crush the market of small businesses. They have more things to offer, so when people go to the mall, they can find different kinds of products. Whereas in small shops, they probably have less inventory and fewer kinds of products on their shelves.

Some people want to start their own businesses because they want to be independent and not have a boss, which can be a good thing but is not always so. Not everyone can manage their time well to be productive. Also, people like to challenge themselves and do different things. One of these challenges can be starting their own company to prove to themselves that they can do better than others. However, these may not be all of the reasons.

The disadvantages of running a business include having to invest your own money, which is not easy because not everybody has savings. Secondly, when your employees make mistakes, these mistakes cost the owner money. This doesn't happen when you are an employee of a company.

The most important qualities of a good business person are to be consistent, brave, intelligent, and to foresee and anticipate possible challenges in the business.



Suggestions to improve your Speaking

Improve Fluency and Coherence

Avoid Frequent Pauses and Hesitations: Try to speak smoothly on different topics without too many breaks. You can practise this by having regular chats with friends or using speaking prompts to keep you on track.

Example: Instead of saying, “Um one of them is banks and it happens...,” aim for smoother transitions like, “One example of local businesses is banks, which are conveniently located near my apartment.”

Enhance Coherence: Work on organising your thoughts logically and connecting your ideas clearly. Use linking words like “Firstly,” “In addition,” and “On the other hand” to help guide your listener through your points.

Example: Instead of “And also we have like two shops,” you might say, “In addition to restaurants, there are also two sustainable shops nearby.”

Expand Lexical Resource

Increase Vocabulary Range: Try to use a broader range of words and avoid repeating the same ones. This can make your speech more interesting and precise.

Example: Swap repetitive phrases like “local businesses” with alternatives like “local enterprises” or “neighbourhood establishments.”

Use Idiomatic Expressions and Collocations: Adding idioms and common phrases will make your speech sound more natural and varied.

Example: Instead of “bring value to the location,” you could say, “enhance the area’s appeal.”

Improve Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Use Complex Sentences: Practise forming sentences with more complexity, using conjunctions and relative clauses. This shows you can handle more advanced grammar.

Example: Instead of “We have around six different banks,” try, “There are approximately six different banks, each offering a variety of financial services.”

Minimise Errors: Focus on reducing grammatical mistakes by practising different sentence structures. Pay attention to subject-verb agreement and correct tense usage.

Example: Instead of “Which doesn’t happens when you are a worker,” use “This does not happen when you are an employee.”

Enhance Pronunciation



Improve Intelligibility: Work on clear pronunciation and saying words correctly. Practice stressing and intoning words properly to make your speech clearer.

Example: Practise pronouncing words like “commercial centres” and “inventory” clearly to avoid any mix-ups.

Practise Connected Speech: Focus on speaking with natural rhythm and blending your words smoothly.

Example: Instead of “whereas in in the small shops,” practice saying “whereas in small shops” with smooth transitions.

Concrete Actions for Improvement

Engage in Regular Speaking Practice: Join speaking clubs, find language exchange partners, use online platforms, or a teacher to practise speaking naturally.

Record and Review: Record your speaking practice sessions and listen back to spot areas where you can improve. Check for pauses, grammar issues, vocabulary use, and pronunciation.

Seek Feedback: Get feedback from teachers, tutors, or friends to pinpoint your weaknesses and work on them.

Use IELTS Preparation Materials: Make use of practice tests and speaking prompts from IELTS prep books and online resources to get used to test conditions and improve your performance.

By focusing on these areas, Luis, you can work on speaking more fluently, using a richer vocabulary, getting your grammar right, and improving your pronunciation. Good luck with your IELTS Speaking test—you’ve got this!



Model answers

What types of local businesses are there in your neighbourhood?

In my neighbourhood, there are **a bunch of different stores** that cater to the apartment complexes surrounding them. There's two supermarkets, a restaurant, a **slightly more expensive** restaurant, a cafe and **two barbecue places right next to each other**. There's also a pet store that never seems to be open.

Do you think local businesses are important for a neighbourhood? In what way?

In my view, local businesses are **the backbone of the neighbourhood**. Not every time for everything you can go to the city or malls. They also **make life a lot easier**. When I forget to buy something I can always find it in **my local corner shop**. They also **save me a lot of time**, when I don't wanna take my car and drive somewhere I just go to my local restaurant.

How do large shopping malls and commercial centres affect small local businesses? Why do you think that is?

They **have a huge negative impact on** local business and **many of them drive them out of business**. You used to have the main street in every town which **was filled with shops**. Now **many of them are closed** because of the malls. The big stores can **sell their products at more competitive prices** as they buy in bulk and have smaller profit margins. People are also **becoming lazier** and **prefer to go to one place where they can wander around and buy everything they need instead of** taking the car and driving all over the place.

Why do some people decide to set up their own business?

Probably because they love the idea of being in control of their own destiny or maybe they really believe in a product or service they think the world needs. I'm sure some people find it very exciting, launching a new product and seeing your sales figures improving must be a wonderful feeling.

What are the risks of running your own business?

Of course, the biggest danger is that you'll **go bankrupt**. I think **much more than half of all** new businesses **go out of business** in the first six months. **If you invest too much in your business you might be personally liable**, which **could mean you would lose your house**. Another one is **the fear of failure**. Many people don't even **take the chance to start a** business because they're **worried about failing** and being embarrassed.



What are the most important qualities a good business person needs?

I think there are probably a few different qualities that you need if you want to do business. It also depends on what kind of business you are running. If you are working in a store dealing with people you need different skills than when you are the manager running the store. Still I would say you need to be able to negotiate well, so you can get the best deal for yourself. You probably also need to be patient and not give up, because not all ideas pay off from the beginning. So you will need to be able to invest some time before seeing a return. You probably also need to be good with numbers or have some idea of how accounting works so you don't go bankrupt.

