

GRAMMAR RANGE IN ENGLISH

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Abstract:

In this article, you will get acquainted with the most relevant topic of grammar range. In grammatical range: Being able to use a variety of sentence structures, tenses, and other items to convey intended meaning. It is significant in speech.

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Introduction

Grammatical range refers to the number of different tenses that you use in your answers. The examiner is looking for more than simple tenses, including evidence of some complex structures (like past and present conditionals). ‘Simple tenses’ for IELTS would be the tenses that are easy to master like the simple present or the present continuous.

Let’s compare the usage of simple grammar and complex grammar structures through some examples:

Basic Grammar: These days everyone is on social media.

Complex Grammar: These days, people of all generations can be found active on social media, because it helps them to connect with friends and family across physical and time differences. Creating a variety of complex and compound sentences, through the use of subordinating conjunctions, different parts of speech, prepositional phrases, and relative pronouns, will ensure that you get full points for grammatical range and accuracy on your IELTS exam. IELTS Speaking is marked on four areas of speaking skill.

1. Fluency & Coherence;
2. Lexical Resource;
3. Pronunciation;
4. Grammatical Range & Accuracy.

What is Grammatical Range?

First, what does “Grammatical Range” really mean? Range refers to showing a wide variety of different language structures. Sentences with only one subject and one verb are simple structures. Whereas sentences with more than one subject and verb are complex.

What is Grammatical Accuracy?

The IELTS Speaking examiner looks for a variety of language structures, and a high level of accuracy. This means you should balance your attempts at complex language with how many grammar mistakes you make. Everyone makes small errors, even fluent English speakers.



However, if your grammar mistakes make it difficult to understand your meaning, they will lower your score on the IELTS Speaking test.

How can I score well in Grammatical Range and Accuracy?

Now that you know how the IELTS examiner evaluates your grammatical range and accuracy, how can you improve? The following ten tips have helped many IELTS candidates, and they can help you too.

Tip 1: Avoid using only simple patterns

Push yourself to use complex sentences with more than one clause. Conditionals, relative clauses, and subordination are useful strategies for making your sentences complex.

Tip 2: Connecting phrases

Join your clauses together with conjunctions (and, but, because, so, although, however, therefore, etc.). Give information about the nouns in your sentences by using relative pronouns (which, who, that, where, when).

Tip 3: Adverbs

Adverbs can elevate your language by modifying verbs and adding your opinion to sentences. Try using comment adverbs at the beginning of your sentences (e.g., fortunately, unfortunately, ideally, basically, in fact, actually, etc.).

Tip 4: Indirect questions

English learners tend to avoid using indirect questions, although fluent English speakers often use them. Therefore, you can impress your examiner by using one or two. Just remember to put the subject before the verb. For example, "I don't remember how old I was when I got my first pet."

Tip 5: Enhance Sentence Structures for Variety and Clarity

To showcase your linguistic proficiency, aim for diverse sentence structures that engage the reader and convey your message effectively. Incorporate complex sentences with subordinating conjunctions, relative clauses, and participial phrases to elevate the quality of your writing. Additionally, utilize transition words and phrases to establish logical connections between ideas, enhancing the overall coherence of your response.

Grammatical accuracy refers to the correct usage of sentence structure either in dialogue or writing. Instructors of the English language stress the importance of syntactical clarity in order to convey meaning. In academic writing you need to be accurate in your use of vocabulary. Do not confuse, for example, "phonetics" and "phonology" or "grammar" with "syntax". Choose the correct word, for example, "meeting", "assembly", "gathering" or "conference". Here is an example to illustrate the importance of accuracy in research: In a study involving a weight loss program, the researcher weighs participants to determine if the program is effective in helping individuals lose weight. To accurately measure weight, the scale must be working properly. In the previous sections we have seen evidence that the parser is incremental and that it is interactive.



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