

**VOCAB REVIEW****SPEAKING TEST: QUESTION 11**

In Question 11, you will be asked to give your opinion on a topic.

The directions and the task will appear written on the screen, and will also be spoken. You will have 45 seconds to prepare your response. And you will have 60 seconds to give your opinion and support it with reasons and examples. This question evaluates pronunciation, intonation, stress, grammar, vocabulary, cohesion, relevance of content and completeness of content. And you will be scored on dealing with the task in a suitable way, using the correct level of formality, and providing an answer that is clear and well-organized.

**SAMPLE QUESTION**

Directions: In this part of the test, you will give your opinion about a specific topic. Be sure to say as much as you can in the time allowed. You will have 45 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 60 seconds to speak.

Traffic is a problem at certain times of the day in many cities all around the world. Do you think that traffic is a serious problem or only a minor one at certain times? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

**RESPONSE TIME**

00:00:45

**RESPONSE TIME**

00:00:60

Ⓢ **Test technique****During the preparation time**

1. You only have 45 seconds to prepare, so think quickly. Quickly summarize the task and choose the side you will defend. Choose an answer you can say a lot about.
2. Plan your supporting points.
3. Think of reasons/ examples for each supporting point.

### During the response time

1. Make an opening statement, presenting your opinion with a restatement of the question.

E.g. *If I must say which I prefer, fiction or non-fiction books, I have to choose fiction. / When I think about the two, I actually prefer fiction. / I personally prefer fiction.*

2. State your intentions.

E.g. *There are three main reasons for my opinion. / I'll explain my reasons with three examples. / I'll state why by using three main points.*

3. Introduce each supporting point, followed by reasons and / or examples to explain these points in more detail.

Make sure you link your ideas, using linking words.

E.g. *First, . . . / To begin with, . . . / The first one is . . .*

*My second point is . . . / In addition, . . . / The second reason is . . .*

*Lastly, . . . / Finally, . . . / My last point is . . .*

4. Summarize your opinion.

E.g. *In short, . . . / Overall, . . . / All things considered, . . . / For these reasons, I . . .*

### DICTION

1. His career has been ..... by injury.
2. She was a ..... visitor to the house.
3. This can sometimes lead to somewhat superficial ..... with other people.
4. He showed me the ..... of the building.
5. His first point was very good, but I disagree with his ..... points.