



Speaking English For A Long Time: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

To begin with, we have to think about why we can't speak for a long time in English. I think, there are some reasons. First, the Japanese are characterized by a particular lack of confidence. Put it another way, they can do it when much confidence. So, let's think how can make them confidence. I think English conversation can be broken down into four parts: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and listening. Grammar may be the lowest priority of them all. Vocabulary is a minimal requirement and needs to be learned. However, using the words in conversation helps you learn them faster. Pronunciation and intonation can be trained by shadowing. Shadowing is a method of practicing pronunciation overlaid on video or audio. Listening is the hardest part to train, and I guess listening to English on a daily basis is the fastest way. I assume grammar and vocabulary can help with listening. Because even if you can't hear the words, it will be easier to imagine from the grammar. So, if you pass these problems, you can get more confidence about English.

The second reason is that there were few opportunities to speak English in Japan. Unlike Europe and other countries, Japan is an island nation, so we did not have much trouble with language. So, there was only one native language and one common language, so there was little need to speak English. And even now in Japan, there is not much need or opportunity to speak English. That's why you need to find opportunities to speak English yourself. I recommend "Discord"(this is service name). There are several communities for Japanese people who are learning English, so why don't you try to find one?

My suggestions

Create an introduction paragraph: a clearer opening sentence; a gap; *put a thesis*

Use of signal language

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| Speak for a long time | -Keep speaking / keep the conversation going |
| Put it another way | - need to explain the same point differently |
| They or we | - As the student is Japanese, keep using we |
| Parts | - aspects |
| Be confident | - have confidence |

How can you improve the writing?

A lot of Japanese students find it difficult to speak English. This still seems to be a huge problem at high school and university with Japan ranked 40th out of 45 countries. We, **therefore**, have to think carefully about why we cannot keep the conversation going when speaking with others. I think, there are two main reasons: confidence and opportunity.

First, the Japanese are characterized by having a particular lack of confidence. **Put it another way**, because we are tested at high school with impossible exams that focus on high-level grammar and vocabulary, we do not receive positive feedback but instead learn about our failure in getting a decent score despite our efforts. **However**, I feel that we can do it when we have confidence. **To change this attitude**, we should think more about how we can be made to feel more confident. I think English conversation can be broken down into four parts: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and listening. **Contrary to high school beliefs**, grammar may be the lowest priority of them all. Vocabulary is also a minimal requirement but needs to be learned. However, using the words in conversation helps you learn them faster. **Although not taught at school**, pronunciation and intonation can be trained by shadowing. This is a method of practicing pronunciation by speaking at the same time as the person on video or audio does. The final part, listening, is the hardest part to improve. I guess listening to English on a daily basis is the fastest way. I assume that building vocabulary and pronunciation can help with listening. **For example**, even if you cannot hear the words, it will be easier to imagine what is being said from the grammatical structure. **And so**, if you focus on these aspects, you can get more confident about English.

The second reason why we find it difficult to converse in English is that there are actually few opportunities to speak English in Japan. Unlike in Europe and other countries in Asia and America, Japan is an island nation and so we have never had any concerns about speaking any other language. **In other words**, there is only one native and, therefore, common language in Japan and so there is little need to speak English – especially on a daily basis. **And even now in Japan**, there is not much need or opportunity to speak English as just under 98% of the population is in fact Japanese. **That is why** you need to find your own opportunities to speak English. **Fortunately**, technology is there to help. I would recommend the conversation hub "Discord". **There**, you can find several communities for Japanese people who are learning English, so why don't you try to find one? It will build your confidence.