



IELTS Speaking Task Sheets

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SUPPORTING
THIS TASK

IELTS Speaking: *Advanced*

Unit 9: Topic Shops and Shopping
Units 4-7: Making Long Turns

LANGUAGE

Topic vocabulary

boarded up shops
chain stores
to close down
fashionable boutiques
to get around
high-rise flats
inner-city
in the suburbs
lively bars/restaurants
local facilities
multi-story car parks
office block
out of town shopping
centre/retail park
pavement cafe
places of interest
poor housing
public spaces
public transport system
residential area
run down
shopping centre
shopping malls
sprawling city
tourist attraction
traffic congestion
upmarket shops

Definitions

<http://www.ielts speaking.co.uk/ielts-food-vocabulary/>

RECORDING

Listen to the students who have recorded themselves trying these tasks on the [ielts speaking](http://www.ielts speaking.co.uk) website.

Look for **Test 15**

<http://www.ielts speaking.co.uk/ielts-speaking-practice-tests/>

Week 15: Towns and Cities

Task: Part 2 Long Turn

Here's this week's Part 2 task

Describe a town or city in your country that visitors might enjoy.

You should say:

- what the place is called
- where the place is
- what the facilities are like

and say why visitors might enjoy going there.

1. Make the talk in your own language first

Get a feel for what it's like to talk about this subject for 1-2 minutes without worrying about your English. Follow the structure of the question to keep your talk simple.

2. Find the language you need

Look through the vocabulary on the left and decide which expressions could be used in your talk. If you had trouble speaking for 1-2 minutes in (1), use this vocabulary to come up with new ideas. Go to the website for definitions of any expressions you don't understand.

3. Task focus: Fluency

One of the ways we measure a person's fluency in a language is how often they pause and where the pauses take place. A fluent speaker will pause between clauses or after statements, for example: *'I live in Birmingham (pause) it's the second major city in the UK (pause) I've lived there for the past ten years (pause).'* A speaker who is not so fluent will pause within clauses as they try to think of a word they need or a particular grammatical structure. As you make your long turn pay attention to when your pauses take place.

4. Make your long turn

Practise your long turn. If possible, record yourself. When you listen back, pay attention to where the pauses occur in your speech and how much of the vocabulary on the left you included.

Task: Part 3 Discussion

Work with other students and discuss the following questions:

- What are the advantages of living in a city or big town?
- In your experience are city centres usually attractive places?
- What are some of the challenges facing towns and cities?

Listen to other students answering these questions. See the link on the left.