

Individual 1-minute Response

Dos and Don'ts

個人短答技巧

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**Difficult
Questions:
Stalling for Time**



Individual 1-minute Response Tips



1. **Make an argument**
2. **Using the best structure**
3. **Difficult questions: stalling for time**
4. **Difficult questions: asking for help**
5. **Difficult questions: giving your answers**
6. **Improve your fluency**
7. **Dealing with mistakes**
8. **Improving your vocabulary I**
9. **Improving your vocabulary II**
10. **Expand your answer I**
11. **Expand your answer II**
12. **Giving personal anecdotes**
13. **Giving answers from the media - Phrases**

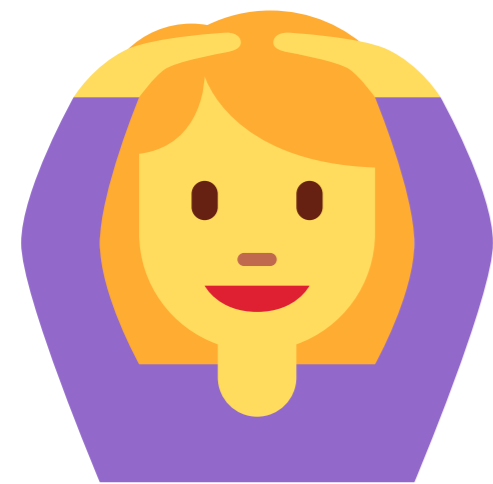
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Tips from the examiners' reports

When facing difficult questions,
students should:



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應該

**Repeat back the question to
have some more time to think.**



不應該

**Not use stock phrases to start
your answer.**

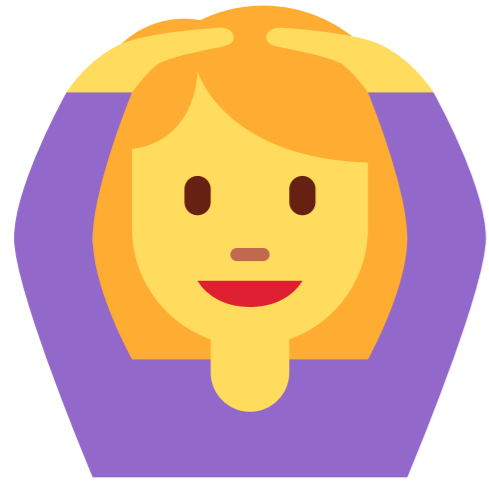


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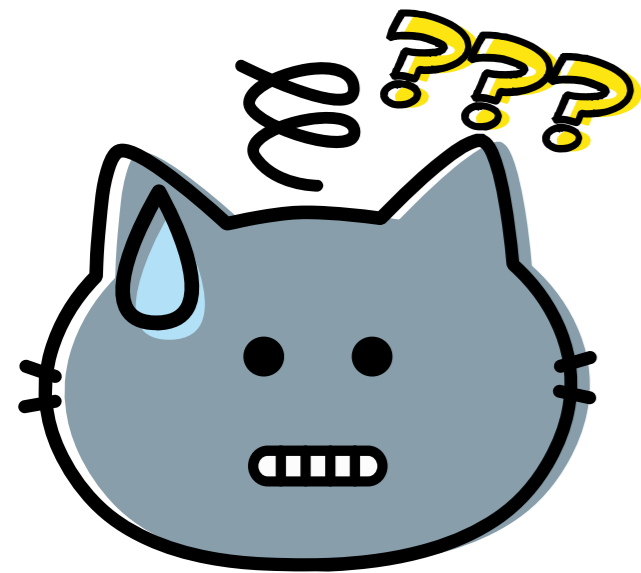




高分示範?



Do the public have the right to know about celebrities' private lives?



Do celebrities have a right to privacy, or should people be able to know everything about them? Hmm, well I think that...

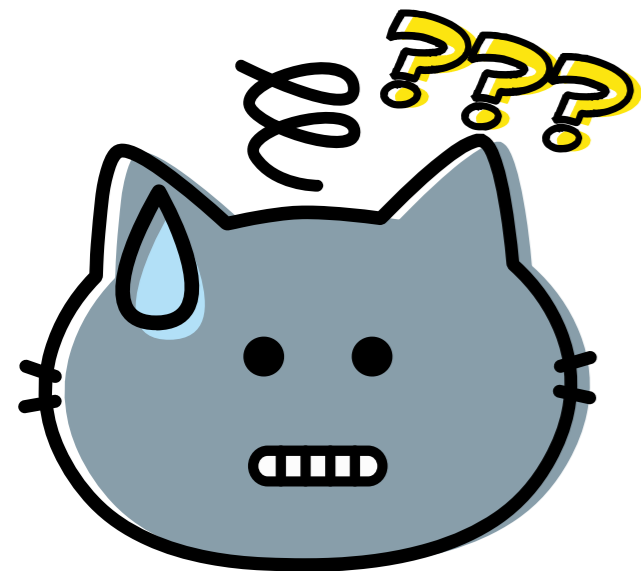




高分示範?



Do you think that living in the countryside is the best way to live?



Is living away from the city really the ideal lifestyle? Well, in my view...

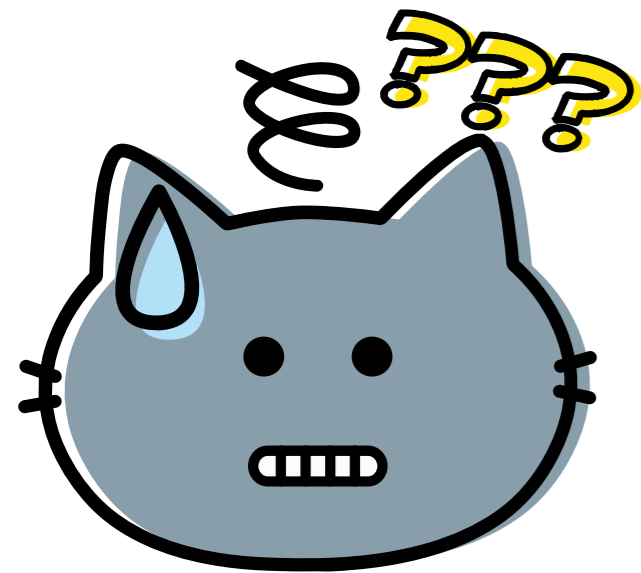




高分示範?



Is it better to exercise outside or in a gym?



Outside or in the gym: which is the best option? Well, in my experience...



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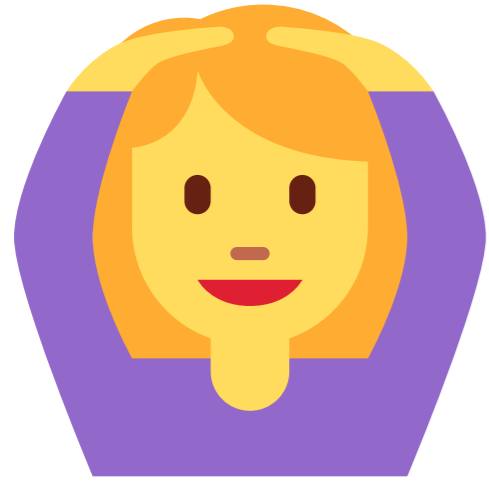


不應該

Don't use stock phrases to start your answer.

1. Don't use phrases like "That's a good question" or "Let me think about that": examiners have heard them lots of times
2. Examiners really hate it if you use these phrases when the question isn't difficult: it's a waste of time, and examiners find it annoying
3. Don't waste time saying 'Thank-you for your question' at the start of your answer. Just go straight into your answer.

個人短答技巧 **Tip 3: Stalling for time**



應該

Repeat back the question to have some more time to think.

1. If you need to get some extra time to think, repeat back the question. If possible, change the words, so that you are not just copying the examiner
2. The word 'well' is a natural way to move on from the question to your answer.

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