

# Individual 1-minute Response

## Dos and Don'ts

### 個人短答技巧

4

**Difficult  
Questions:  
Asking for help**



# Individual 1-minute Response Tips



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1. **Make an argument**
  2. **Using the best structure**
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  4. **Difficult questions: asking for help**
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  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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**不應該**

**Ask the examiner to repeat the question, or just guess the answer.**



**應該**

**Use some phrases to ask for clarification: to check what a difficult part of the the question means.**



ASK FOR  
HELP

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## 如果尋求幫助?



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## 如果尋求幫助?



### Phrases to learn in this video:

1. Sorry, do you mean...
2. When you say [...], do you mean...
3. Sorry, could you explain what you mean by...
4. Just to be clear, are you asking me about...

# **Clarifying the subject/topic**

1

# Sorry, do you mean...



**Why do you think people like writing comments on YouTube?**



**Sorry, do you mean** the things that people post beneath the video?

1

**Sorry, do you mean...**



**Would you prefer training on-the-job or learning in a classroom?**



**Sorry, do you mean training programmes such as apprenticeships?**

2

**Just to be clear, are you asking me about...?**



**What is the best way to increase community spirit in your area?**



**Just to be clear, are you asking me about increasing community spirit in the place where I live?**

2

**Just to be clear, are you asking me about...?**



**How adventurous are you when you are choosing what to eat?**



**Just to be clear, are you asking me about how happy I am to eat new types of food?**

**Clarifying individual words and phrases**

1

**When you say [...], do you mean...?**



**Should schools **invest** more money in making their school dinner healthier?**



**When you say **'invest'**, do you mean **'spend more money'**?**

1

**When you say [...], do you mean...?**



**Would you like to de-clutter your home?**



**When you say 'de-clutter', do you mean 'get rid of clutter'?**

2

**Sorry, could you explain what you mean by...?**



**Do you place sentimental value in old objects?**



**Sorry, could you explain what you mean by 'sentimental value'?**

2

**Sorry, could you explain what you mean by...?**



**Do you feel pressure to conform to Western standards of beauty?**



**Sorry, could you explain what you mean by 'conform'?**

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## 常見文法錯誤

Where is the cafe?

WH + **Verb** + **Noun**

Do you know where the cafe is?

WH + **Noun** + **Verb**

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## Watch Out!

Be careful of common errors: with these phrases, you need to ask about a part of the question. For each one, it needs to be followed with just one word or a short phrase, not a question with a verb.

Do you mean do I like going to wet markets?

Do you mean the wet markets in Hong Kong?

Just to be clear, are you asking me about do I prefer reading fiction or non-fiction?

Just to be clear, are you asking me about my favourite type of fiction?

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## Conclusion

1. Use these phrases if there is part of the question that you don't understand.
2. Make sure you are asking about part of the question, not the whole question

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