

# Individual 1-minute Response

## Dos and Don'ts

### 個人短答技巧

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**Difficult  
Questions:  
Giving your  
answer**



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### Phrases to learn in this video:

1. I'm no expert/scientist/economist (etc.), but I think...
2. I'm not very familiar with this topic, but I'd say that...
3. I'm not sure, but off the top of my head...
4. In my limited experience...

1

**I'm no expert/scientist/  
economist, but I think...**



**What are the differences between Western and Asian table manners?**



**I'm no expert, but I think that the main difference might be related to whether people have their own dish, or share from a communal plate.**

1

**I'm no expert/scientist/  
economist, but I think...**



**Do you think teenagers' brains work in a  
different way to adults' brains?**



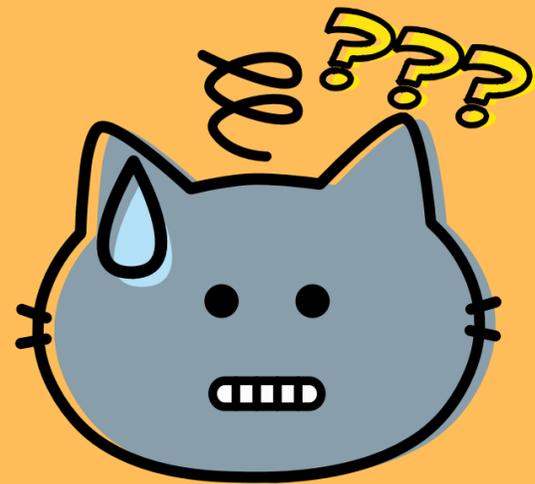
**I'm no psychologist, but I think that there are  
probably differences between teenagers' and  
adults' brains.**

2

**I'm not very familiar with this topic, but I'd say that...**



**What are the key ingredients for a viral video?**



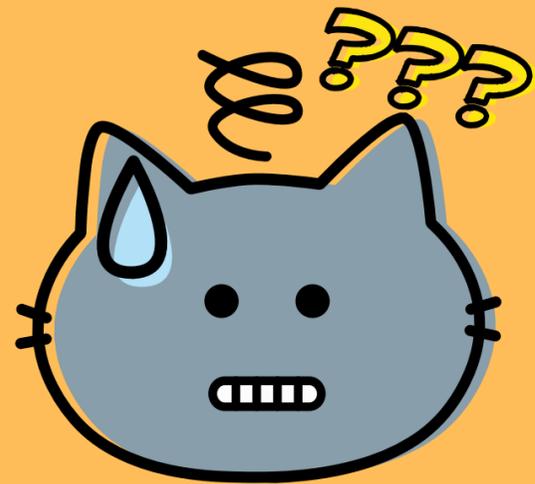
**I'm not very familiar with this topic, because I rarely watch viral videos, but I'd say that one the key elements is probably humour.**

2

**I'm not very familiar with this topic, but I'd say that...**



**Do you think the subjects in Cantopop songs are relevant to people in Hong Kong?**



**I don't listen to much Cantopop, so I'm not very familiar with this topic, but I'd say that they are quite relevant, with a few exceptions.**

3

**I'm not sure, but off the top of my head...**



**Do you think that everyone who does an internship is more likely to get a good job?**



**I'm not sure** of the exact statistics, **but off the top of my head**, I reckon that most students who do an internship get a good job later in life.

3

**I'm not sure, but off the top of my head...**



**Can comedy plays portray a serious message?**



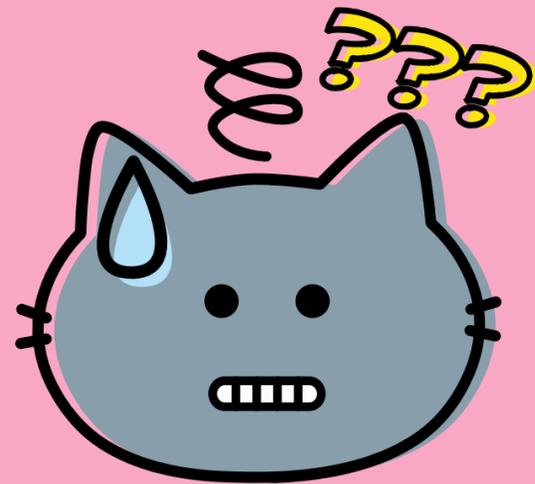
**I'm not sure, but off the top of my head, I'm sure there are lots of comedies with a serious message.**

4

**In my limited experience...**



**Should parents have the right to read their child's diary?**



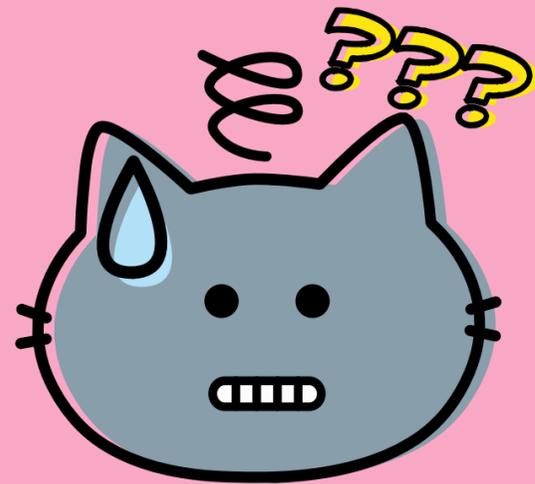
**In my limited experience, I have found that children really cherish their privacy, so I believe that parents don't have the right to read their child's diary.**

4

**In my limited experience...**



**Do you think it would be hard to mix with foreign students on a study tour?**



**In my limited experience, I think that there would be some difficulties mixing with students from other countries.**

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## Tip 5: Difficult questions: Giving your answer

### Conclusion

1. Use these phrases to show that you are a bit unsure about your answer.
2. Remember to **only use them when the question is actually difficult**. If you are being asked about your own life, for example (Do you eat mooncakes?), these phrases wouldn't be appropriate.

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