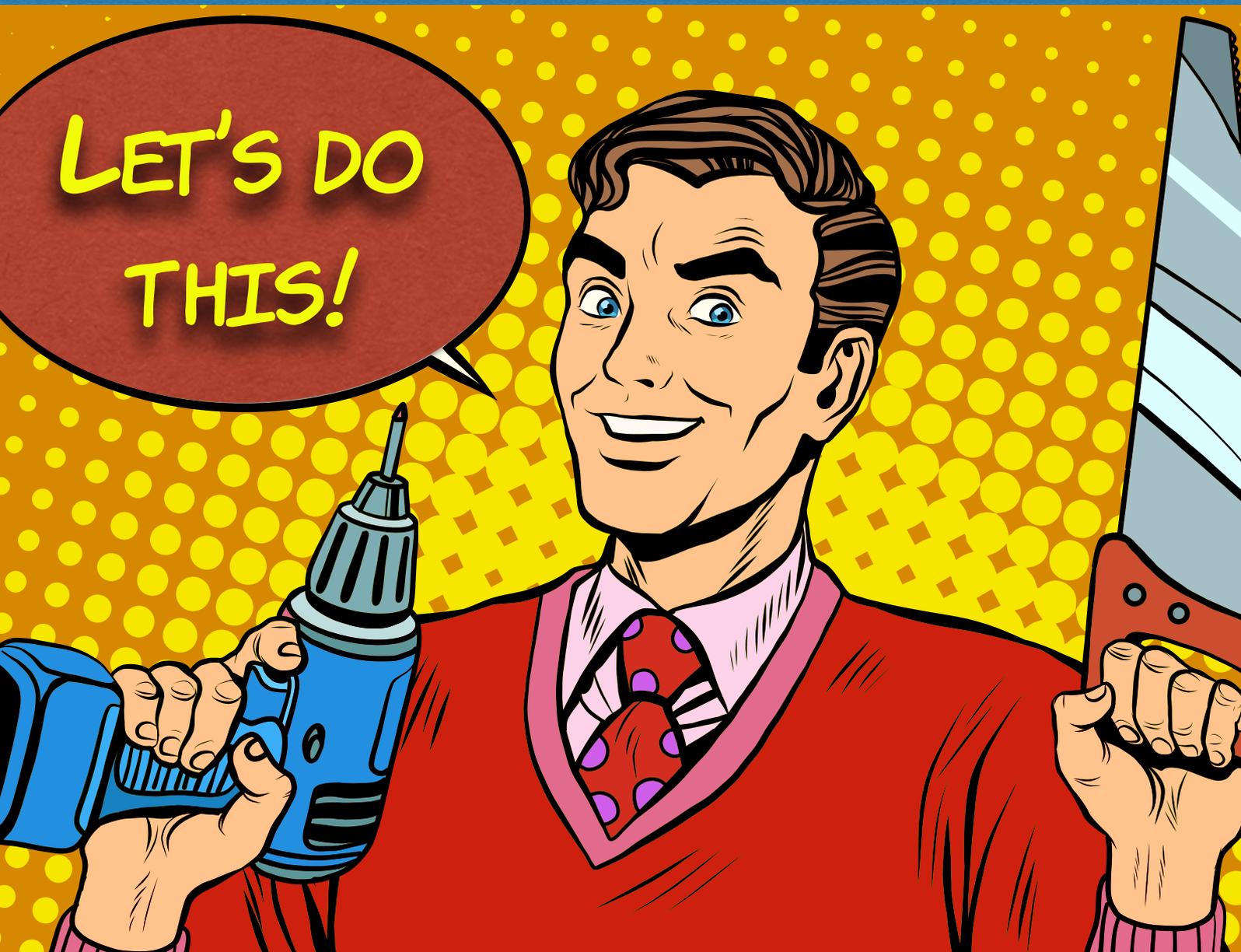


# HACKING IELTS SPEAKING

## QUICK GUIDE





# Hi Friends!

Welcome to the Hacking IELTS Quick Guide, which will help you to implement the hacks covered in the lectures. Simply refer to each of the hacks, and ensure you have a strong understanding of what you need to do on your speaking exam.

Wishing you success,  
Chris

# Quick Guide

Here are 3 tips for easy reference.

## **TIP 1**

*SHOW UP EARLY AND PLAN FOR ANY UNFORSEEN ISSUES, SUCH AS TRAFFIC OR PARKING.*

## **TIP 2**

*SHOW UP WITH THE CORRECT ID & ENSURE THAT IT IS CURRENT (HAS NOT EXPIRED).*

## **TIP 3**

*ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PRACTICED ADEQUATELY & ARE CONFIDENT. DON'T WING IT!*

# SPEAKING

- Know the exact location & time of your exam.
- Ensure that you have current identification (will not expire at the time of the exam).
- Hack 1 - Know know the 3 sections & their time limits.
- Hack 2 - You're being recorded until you leave. Don't ask questions about your mark.
- Hack 3 - Know the test is scripted. Questions can only be repeated ONCE.
- Hack 4 - "Thank you" means to STOP TALKING. Watch for body language & verbal cues.
- Hack 5 - AVOID: Repetition, um/uh, overuse of the same word. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!
- Hack 6 - Telling the truth is much easier than lying for a response.
- Hack 7 - Avoid scripted responses, and be authentic.
- Hack 8 - Sections 2 & 3 are always connected. "Prompt" = speaking topic for Section 2.
- Hack 9 - Section 3 is NOT all about you, but is about society or people in general.
- Hack 10 - Know HOW you will be evaluated & understand the 4 Band Descriptors.

# 4 Band Descriptors

<b>1) Fluency &amp; Coherence (FC)</b>	Do your ideas flow? Do you have linking expressions?
<b>2) Lexical Resource (LR)</b>	Can you substitute vocabulary? Use various expressions? Can you paraphrase?
<b>3) Grammar (GRA)</b>	Make sure you are using the correct verb tenses. Ensure you can write complex and compound sentences. Avoid simple sentences.
<b>4) Pronunciation (Pro)</b>	Are you easy to understand? Are you using the correct intonation? Is your voice rising and falling in the correct places?