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## SPEAKING

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# Chapter 1

## Independent Speaking: Organizing Speech

Necessary Skills

# Part 1

## Thinking and Speaking

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# Chapter 1

## Independent Speaking: Organizing Speech

### Necessary Skills

- Describing a personal experience or expressing a personal preference
- Organizing ideas
- Expressing a clear topic statement and supporting points
- Speaking clearly and accurately with knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation

### Strategies

Though preparation time is limited in the speaking portion of the test, it is nevertheless important to use this time in planning the organization of your response. In this way, your response will be more relevant and coherent. An organizational process for preparing your speech is detailed below. In each step, there are certain things that you need to keep in mind.

Process	Strategy
Read the question and understand the task.	Be sure that you understand the question and what the question requires you to do.
Identify the main idea and create a topic statement.	Decide on the main idea or choose one of the positions. Use the relevant parts of the prompt in making up your topic statement.
Brainstorm and select supporting ideas.	Quickly think of the supporting ideas from your experience. Choose those ideas that most clearly support your topic statement.
Organize the ideas.	Arrange your ideas, putting them in order from most important to least important.

## ► Step 1

Read the prompt below. Write down your answer and related key points in the blanks.

What is your favorite possession? Why do you value it so much? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

My favorite possession is \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 1:

It is my favorite possession because \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 2:

Another reason I like it so much is \_\_\_\_\_

Read the related ideas and expressions below. Add at least two of your own.

### Related Ideas and Expressions

Favorite:

preferred, most wanted, beloved, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Possessions:

digital camera, books, jewelry, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Special occasions:

birthdays, graduations, reunions, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**beloved:**  
loved very much

**possession:**  
something a person owns

**digital camera:**  
a camera that stores  
pictures as electronic  
signals

**occasion:**  
a time when something  
happens

**reunion:**  
an event where people  
who have not seen each  
other in a long time get  
together

## ▶ Step 2

🔊 Listen to a sample response. Write down any useful expressions.

Track 1

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## ▶ Step 3

Now create your own response using words and expressions from Steps 1 and 2. Use the prompts below to help you.

My favorite possession is \_\_\_\_\_. I love it because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_ so I \_\_\_\_\_. Also, it  
\_\_\_\_\_. I can \_\_\_\_\_.

## ▶ Step 4

Read the response you wrote above out loud. Try to read the response slowly and clearly. Practice saying the whole response several times. Then close your book and say the response without looking at the words.

# Q1

## Practice 2 – Personal Experience

### ▶ Step 1

Read the prompt below. Write down your answer and related key points in the blanks.

What is the best advice you ever received? Explain how it helped you. Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

The best advice I ever received was \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 1:

First, it was good advice because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Reason 2:

Second, the advice helped me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Read the related ideas and expressions below. Add at least two of your own.

### Related Ideas and Expressions

Advice:

recommendation, suggestion, counsel, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

Prepare:

get ready, practice, organize, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Abroad:

overseas, out of the country, foreign, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

**recommendation:**  
advice about how to solve  
a problem

**counsel:**  
to give advice about what  
to do

**prepare:**  
to make ready for a future  
event

**abroad:**  
in or to a foreign country

**overseas:**  
existing in a country  
across the ocean from a  
person's home country

▶ **Step 2**

🎧 Listen to a sample response. Write down any useful expressions. **Track 2**

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▶ **Step 3**

Now create your own response using words and expressions from Steps 1 and 2. Use the prompts below to help you.

The best advice I received was\_\_\_\_\_. First, I think it was good since \_\_\_\_\_. This is because \_\_\_\_\_.

Second, the advice has also helped me \_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ **Step 4**

Read the response you wrote above out loud. Try to read the response slowly and clearly. Practice saying the whole response several times. Then close your book and say the response without looking at the words.