

IELTS Speaking Part One functional language competition

Make sure that you have a different coloured pen or pencil to your partner. Take turns asking and answering IELTS Speaking Part One questions. Whenever you use a new phrase with one of the functions written in the table below if your answer, you can tick in that box. You can tick in the same box more than once as long as you use different words. If your partner thinks exactly the same phrase has already been used during the game or what you said doesn't have that function, they can cross that tick off. The person with the most ticks when your teacher stops you is the winner.

Checking what the question means
Still not understanding
The question doesn't quite match your situation
Pausing for thought/ Thinking aloud/ Filling silence
Talking about things you can't remember
Giving vague answers/ Expressing uncertainty
Explaining things you don't know the English name for/ have no translation

When you finish the game, work together to write down as many useful phrases as you can for the functions above such as the things you said during the speaking game.