

IELTS SPEAKING COURSE
WEEK 31
ITEMS (ABSTRACT)
SCIENCE & IMAGINATION

Learning Objectives

- **Speaking:** Speak fluently about Science & Imagination using Part 2 structure.
- **Vocab:** Use 7 target words (e.g., *Complex*) in context.
- **Grammar:** Use narrative tenses or relevant grammar for science and imagination.

Criteria

"I can speak for 2 mins about Science & Imagination using 2 idioms."

Differentiation

Band 5.0 (Support)

- Sentence Starter: 'This person is special because...'
- Peer Check: Specific personal questions

Band 6.0+ (Stretch)

- Transitions: 'Additionally...!', 'Furthermore...!'
- Peer Check: Ask specific questions about family members.

PLAN A

Lesson Procedure – Classroom Only

80 MIN

Default plan. Six phases, full 80-min classroom delivery. AI-assisted homework remains unsupervised.

TIME	TEACHER	STUDENTS
SEC 1 0–10 min LEAD-IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show a 5-min warmup Bilibili video on families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the video and discuss in pairs. • Be ready to give opinions when called on.
SEC 2 10–25 min INPUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check understanding of idioms and vocab with CCQs. • Play model answer with UK / US / Both TTS accents on screen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat pronunciation of TTS in UK or US accent. • Answer the CCQs on vocab.
SEC 3 25–35 min VOCAB DRILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drill pronunciation of vocab and test recall of recycled words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say your own sentences with vocabulary words and idioms to teacher.
SEC 4 35–50 min PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow 10 minutes to plan answers on 3 spider diagrams with bullet point notes. • Circulate and assist lower-level students (check 4 branches). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your Spidergram notes (Who / When / What / Why).
SEC 5 50–75 min SPEAKING CIRCUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run 4-3-2 Speaking circuit in pairs. • Students stand and move around the room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat your answer 2× alone – faster each round. • Round 3 with a partner to push you to speak fast minimum 2 mins.
SEC 6 75–80 min REVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and correct errors on board. • Exit Ticket: Ask for one idiomatic sentence to leave class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write corrected errors on the board into your books. • Say one idiomatic sentence to leave the class.

HOMEWORK Writing draft + AI correction (Page 10). Online Recording and TTS tasks A-C (Shadowing, Memorising, Recording).

Interactive Lessons MUST use Microsoft Edge Browser for High Quality Natural TTS Voices.

PLAN B

Lesson Procedure – Computer Lab + Classroom

40 + 40 MIN

Use when AI-supervised practice is available. Input, Pronunciation Drills and Writing HW move to the lab; classroom shrinks to 40 min.

COMPUTER LAB • 40 MIN • SUPERVISED

TIME	TEACHER	STUDENTS
SEC 2 0–20 min WRITING HW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On LAST LESSON's Interactive Handout: Students type LAST lesson's Part 2 answer on Page 10 of the Interactive Student Handout, then AI correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type then AI correct YOUR LAST LESSON's Part 2 answer. Handwrite the AI polished version into your textbook.
SEC 3 20–40 min SHADOW & RECORD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From TODAY's Lesson's Interactive Handout. Observe: TTS pronunciation practice – individual words, sentence by sentence, whole model answer. Students can choose to build UK or US native sounding accents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadow / Record / Listen to all target vocab and Model answer using UK/US TTS until pronunciation is clean.


CLASSROOM • 40 MIN

TIME	TEACHER	STUDENTS
SEC 1 0–5 min LEAD-IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play the 5-min Bilibili warm-up video. Cold-call 2–3 students for opening thoughts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch and discuss briefly in pairs. Answer Teacher's discussion questions.
SEC 4 5–15 min PLANNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give students 10 minutes to brainstorm bullet points for ALL 3 spider diagram questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create your Spidergram bullet points (Who / When / What / Why).
SEC 5 15–35 min SPEAKING CIRCUIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run 4-3-2 Speaking circuit in pairs. Students stand and move around the room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat your answer 2x alone – faster each round. Round 3 with a partner to push you to speak fast; minimum 2 mins.
SEC 6 35–40 min REVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and correct errors on board. Exit Ticket: ask for one idiomatic sentence to leave class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write corrected errors from the board into your books. Say one idiomatic sentence to leave the class.

CUT IN LAB MODE

Sec 2 • 3 – Input, Vocab Drill and Writing HW dropped from classroom (handled with AI feedback in the lab).

HOMEWORK Tasks A–C (Shadowing, Memorising, Tongue Twisters) for fast-finishers.

 Target Vocabulary & Idioms
Complex 复杂的

Complexity N

Fascinating 迷人的

Fascination N

Logical 合乎逻辑的

Logic N

Creative 有创造力的

Creativity N

Theoretical 理论的

Theory N

Groundbreaking 开创性的

Adjective

Unique 独特的

Uniqueness N

 IDIOMS

Rocket science Noun Phrase

高深莫测的事

Food for thought Noun Phrase

精神食粮 / 耐人寻味

Light bulb moment Noun Phrase


灵机一动

 **Part 2 Model Question:** Describe an area of science (physics, biology, psychology, etc.) that interests you.

You should say: **What** it is, **When** you knew about it, **How** you learnt it, **And** explain why you are interested.

 Band 7 Model Answer

To begin with, I want to talk about astronomy, which is highly complex (复杂的), and which explores the universe. **Honestly**, it is a truly fascinating (迷人的) subject for me. **Furthermore**, understanding black holes requires a very logical (合乎逻辑的) and theoretical (理论的) approach. **Actually**, reading about space gives me endless food for thought (引人深思的事). **Sometimes**, the vastness of galaxies gives me a light bulb moment (顿悟时刻) about human existence. **Moreover**, astronomers are doing groundbreaking (开创性的) and creative (有创造力的) work every day. **Ultimately**, studying this unique (独特的) field is not exactly rocket science (高深莫测的事) if you have passion.

 **Analysis:** Look for the **Red** sentence (3 clauses) and **Blue** words (Transitions).

Use a 3-Clause sentence in the **FIRST** sentence every time.

Brainstorming MindMap Part 2: Q1

Describe a family member who you are proud of. You should say: **Who** this person is, **When** this happened, **What** this person did, **And** explain why you felt proud.

1. WHAT:

Biology class

2. WHEN:

Human body

AREA
SCIENCE

3. HOW:

High school

4. WHY:

Read books

 **Activity: Stand up! Find a new partner on the whiteboard.**

Part 2: Q2

Describe a book or documentary that taught you something new about the world. You should say: **What** it was about, **When** you read or watched it, **What** new thing you learned, **And** explain why this knowledge was interesting to you.

1. WHAT:

Nature show

2. WHEN:

Last summer

BOOK
OR

3. WHAT:

Animal life

4. WHY:

Very surprised

Part 2: Q3

Describe a subject you studied at school that you found very interesting. You should say: **What** the subject was, **Who** taught it, **What** you enjoyed about it, **And** explain why this subject was meaningful to you.

1. WHAT:

History class

2. WHO:

Mr. Zhang

SUBJECT
STUDIED

3. WHAT:

Old stories

4. WHY:

Understand culture

Learning Objectives

- **Logic:** Use O.R.E. logic to answer Part 3 questions.
- **Vocab:** Use Abstract Nouns (e.g., *Innovation*).
- **Speaking:** Discuss abstract ideas about science and imagination.

Criteria

"I can answer 3 abstract questions about Science & Imagination using O.R.E."

Differentiation

Band 5.0 (Support)

- Sentence Starter: 'In my opinion...'
- Peer Check: Specific personal questions

Band 6.0+ (Stretch)

- Transitions: 'Undeniably...!', 'It is widely acknowledged that...!'
- Peer Check: Challenge questions about family members (e.g., 'Is this always true?').

PLAN A

Lesson Procedure – Classroom Only

80 MIN

Default plan. Five phases, full 80-min classroom delivery for Part 3 abstract questions.

TIME	TEACHER	STUDENTS
<p>SEC 1</p> <p>0–10 min</p> <p>INTRO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose 5-min Bilibili warm-up video. • Explain that Part 3 is about 'World', not 'Self'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the video and discuss in pairs. • Be ready to give opinions when called on.
<p>SEC 2</p> <p>10–25 min</p> <p>LOGIC INPUT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach the O.R.E. framework (Opinion → Reason → Example). • Check understanding of idioms and vocab with CCQs. • Play model answer with UK / US / Both TTS accents on screen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer the CCQs on vocab. • Repeat pronunciation of TTS in UK or US accent.
<p>SEC 3</p> <p>25–50 min</p> <p>PLANNING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide planning of Q1–Q6 answers – 5 min per question. • Correct grammar/vocab live on the board as students write. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand up. Write on boards. • Write full O.R.E. answers for Q1–Q2. • Bullet points for Q3–Q6.
<p>SEC 4</p> <p>50–70 min</p> <p>SPEAKING CIRCUIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run 4-3-2 Speaking circuit in pairs. Students stand and move around the room. • Run spot tests. Correct errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat your answer 2x alone – faster each round. • Round 3 with a partner to push you to speak fast – minimum 1 min.
<p>SEC 5</p> <p>70–80 min</p> <p>REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and correct errors on the board. • Exit Ticket: ask for one idiomatic sentence to leave class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write corrected errors from the board into your books. • Say one idiomatic sentence to leave the class.

HOMEWORK Record all Part 3 answers using the interactive lessons. Memorise and record next week's Part 2 model answer.

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PLAN B

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<p>SEC 2</p> <p>0–20 min</p> <p>RECORDING HOMEWORK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On LAST LESSON's Interactive Handout: Students record answers to all Part 3 answers in the Interactive Student Handout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record all 6 Part 3 answers from LAST LESSON.
<p>SEC 3</p> <p>20–40 min</p> <p>SHADOW & RECORD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From TODAY's Lesson's Interactive Handout. Observe: TTS pronunciation practice – individual words, sentence by sentence, whole model answers. Students can choose to build UK or US native sounding accents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadow / Record / Listen to all target vocab and Model answer using UK/US TTS until pronunciation is clean.

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<p>SEC 1</p> <p>0–5 min</p> <p>INTRO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play the 5-min Bilibili warm-up video. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch the video and discuss in pairs. Be ready to give opinions when called on.
<p>SEC 4</p> <p>5–35 min</p> <p>FLUENCY DRILL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run 4-3-2 Speaking circuit in pairs. Students stand and move around the room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat your answer 2x alone – faster each round. Round 3 with a partner to push you to speak fast minimum 1 min answers.
<p>SEC 5</p> <p>35–40 min</p> <p>REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and correct errors on the board. Exit Ticket: Ask for one idiomatic sentence to leave class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write corrected errors on the board into your books. Say one idiomatic sentence to leave the class.

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HOMEWORK Record all Part 3 answers. Memorise next week's Part 2 model answer.

Abstract Vocabulary (7 Words + 3 Idioms)

Innovation 创新

Innovate **V**

Curiosity 好奇心

Curious **Adj**

Hypothesis 假设

Hypothetical **Adj**

Experiment 实验

Experimental **Adj**

Breakthrough 突破

Noun

Ecosystem 生态系统 (irrelevant, swap)

System **N**

Extinction 灭绝 (irrelevant, swap)

Extinct **Adj**

IDIOMS

Reinvent the wheel **V2 Reinvented**

多此一举

Blind with science **V2 Blinded**

故弄玄虚

Great minds think alike **Proverb**

英雄所见略同

O Opinion • **R** Reason • **E** Example / Extension

Q1: Are science majors popular in schools?

OP Generally speaking, STEM subjects are highly popular, because they offer excellent career prospects. **RE** Specifically, students with natural curiosity (好奇心) are drawn to fields that drive global innovation (创新). **EX** For example, computer science degrees are currently the most sought-after programs in many modern universities.

- Very popular
- Good jobs
- Tech skills

Write your answer (Use O.R.E.):

Band 5 Peer Check: Ask: 'When did you make your parents proud?'

Band 6 Peer Check: Ask: 'Is getting good grades the only way to make parents proud?'



Q2: Is learning science important? What are the applications of science in daily life?

OP Absolutely, scientific knowledge is crucial, as it builds the foundation of modern society.

RE In fact, every medical breakthrough (突破) relies heavily on rigorous testing and repeated experiment (实验). **EX** Therefore, the medicines we take daily are direct results of careful biological research.

- Yes very
- Make medicine
- Test things

Write your answer (Use O.R.E.):

-  Band 5 Peer Check: Ask: 'How did your parents show they were proud?'
-  Band 6 Peer Check: Ask: 'Does praise make children more confident?'



Part 3: Rapid Fire Discussion

Q3: Which requires more imagination: reading books or watching cartoons?

OP In my opinion, reading demands much more imagination, since the visuals are completely absent. **RE** Essentially, when reading text, your brain must actively construct every scene instead of having it handed to you. **EX** As an illustration, two people reading the same novel will picture the characters entirely differently, showing that great minds think alike (英雄所见略同) but imagine uniquely.

- Read books
- Build pictures
- No video

Write your answer (Use O.R.E.):

-  Band 5 Peer Check: Ask: 'How does this help you every day?'
-  Band 6 Peer Check: Ask: 'Is it bad to be too proud of yourself?'

Q4: When was the last time that you felt proud of yourself?

OP To be specific, I felt incredibly proud last month when I helped bridge a generation gap (代沟) between my grandfather and me. **RE** This was significant because, younger people and older relatives often struggle to comprehend (理解) each other. **EX** As an illustration, I taught him how to use a smartphone, which greatly improved our daily conversations.

- Finished tough project
- Required late nights
- School science fair

Your Bullet Point Notes:

- ✍ Band 5 Peer Check: Ask: 'Who shared this proud moment with you?'
- ✍ Band 6 Peer Check: Ask: 'Why is it good to feel proud of yourself?'

Q5: How does family pride contribute to the stability of a society?

OP It is widely acknowledged that, family pride creates a strong foundation, which ultimately leads to a more stable community. **RE** The core reason is that, people naturally want to protect and support their own flesh and blood (骨肉 / 亲人). **EX** For instance, families that respect each other are far less likely to commit crimes (犯罪) in public areas.

- Encourages mutual support
- Reduces poverty levels
- Sharing financial burdens

Your Bullet Point Notes:

- ✍ Band 5 Peer Check: Ask: 'How does a happy family help the neighborhood?'
- ✍ Band 6 Peer Check: Ask: 'Can too much family pride cause problems with others?'

Q6: Do you think the definition of "success" within families has changed between the past and the present?

OP Undeniably, the definition of success has evolved (演变), as modern families value personal happiness over just financial wealth. **RE** In the past, success simply meant being the main breadwinner (养家糊口的人) to provide basic necessities (必需品). **EX** Today, however, achieving a healthy work-life balance and pursuing individual passions are seen as equally important.

- Yes significantly shifted
- More dual incomes
- Mothers working globally

Your Bullet Point Notes:

- ✍ Band 5 Peer Check: Ask: 'What did 'success' mean to your grandparents?'
- ✍ Band 6 Peer Check: Ask: 'How will 'success' change in the future?'

1. Vocabulary Review (1m)

Translate & Match.

Word	Chinese	Synonym
1. Creative		() B. Abstract
2. Logical		() E. Imaginative
3. Theoretical		() D. Innovative
4. Complex		() C. Complicated
5. Groundbreaking		() A. Rational

2. Error Correction (2m)

Edit with a pen.

- I am interesting in science.
- Physics are difficult subject.
- It explain how the world works.
- I want to be scientist.
- Imagination is important.

3. Writing Task: Do you like science? Why? (Write 50 words) (10 minutes)

Writing Instructions

- Go to Page 10 ("Writing Homework").
- Write your **first draft** in the top box.
- Use **AI** to correct grammar/vocabulary.
- Write the **polished version** by hand in to your textbook.

4. Recording Challenge

Part 1: AI Shadow Reading (20 mins) 🕒 Do BEFORE Next Lesson

- Task A – Pre Shadowing:** Using the AI APP, Choose a US or UK accent and Shadow Read all model answers for next week (10 mins).
- Task B:** Memorise next week's part 2 Model Answer (5 mins).
- Task C – Tongue Twisters:** Use the AI APP for Pronunciation Practice (5 mins).

Part 2: Speaking Practice (20 mins) ✅ Do AFTER This Lesson

- Task A:** Use the AI APP to record and submit your answers for all 3 Part 2 Speaking questions for this week (3 × 2 minutes).
- Task B:** Use the AI APP to record and submit your answers for all Part 3 Questions (6 × 1 minute).

DO NOT READ YOUR ANSWERS INTO THE APP. Use complex sentences, transition phrases and this week's vocabulary and idioms.

IELTS Band 7 Challenge: Do additional shadowing free practice to perfect your pronunciation faster.

