

Conversation Fillers

What is it and why is it important?

As you'll know from the course videos, you are assessed on your ability to **communicate ideas fluently**. For that reason, we should avoid using fillers such as, "err" and "um" as they don't have any **real meaning** (other than you can't think what to say!). Instead, try using the fillers from the course video and I'm sure your score will improve!

Putting it into use

Choose from one of these 4 fillers and write the filler first, then continue to answer the question. Make sure you stick to the correct tense and use some interesting language (you could use the 5 w's here – Check out the "Describing in Detail" video if you haven't seen it yet.

That's a very interesting question... / Well, there are many different opinions... / I'd never really given a lot of thought, however... / Let me think about that one...

1. How do you think transport will develop in the future?

Example: That's a very interesting question. Although transport has developed a lot over the last few decades, I think that flights will eventually become more expensive due to the lack of oil and other natural resources. I suppose you never know, maybe we'll be teleporting soon!

2. Why do you think people enjoy watching TV shows?

3. Where would you like to go on holiday next?

4. Do you think it's important to be on time?



“Try using these with your language exchange partner or your teacher.”

David's top tips!