# Speaking Long Turn

Talk for 2 minutes without interruption about a subject with 3 pointers to guide you.

How important is sport in today’s society?

* Entertainment
* Health
* Different stages of life

# Tips

You will only have a few seconds to gather your thoughts before you start talking. Try to think of your turn as introduction, body, and conclusion.

## Start with a time buyer:

* It’s funny you should ask that…………..
* That’s weird I was just talking about this the other day…………….
* Hhhmmmm that’s a tough one………….
* That’s an interesting question………………
* Now let me see…………………..

## Immediately personalise the topic

Generally people find it easiest to talk about themselves and their own experiences rather than speak objectively about something. Speaking about personal experience is also more engaging for the listener.

* **For me personally** sport isn’t that important.
* **As far as I’m concerned** sport is a big part of my life.
* **Speaking from personal experience I’d say**

Using your experience as a starting point you can then link into more general discussion of the topic. Think of it like the exciting first paragraph of an article.

## Link the topic to current affairs

Normally there’s a link between the topic and something happening in the world at the current time.

* **Take** Barça **for example,** the loss to Madrid clearly affected the whole city.
* **We only have to look at** the doping scandals involving Lance Armstrong……

## Wrap up

Try and recap everything you’ve said and tie it all together

* So as I was saying……
* To sum up……..