

Teacher's Model Key: CLEAR Framework Responses

This key provides model responses for the two ETS Independent Speaking prompts, showing how students can apply the CLEAR framework. It also includes a sample completed checklist.

Prompt 1: Some people enjoy taking risks and trying new things. Others are cautious and prefer to avoid danger. Which behavior do you think is better? Explain why.

Model Response (CLEAR):

C = I think being cautious is better than taking risks.

L = The reason is that careful people avoid unnecessary problems and stress.

E = For example, one of my classmates invested all of his savings into cryptocurrency and lost most of his money. Another friend chose a safer option, putting her savings in the bank, and now she has steady growth without stress.

A = While risk-taking can sometimes bring rewards, most of the time it brings anxiety and losses.

R = Therefore, I believe caution is a better long-term approach.

Prompt 2: Some people think it is more fun to spend time with friends in restaurants or cafés. Others think it is more fun to spend time with friends at home. Which do you think is better? Explain why.

Model Response (CLEAR):

C = I prefer spending time with friends at home.

L = This is because it feels more comfortable and personal.

E = For example, last weekend my friends came over, and we cooked dinner together and played board games. It was cheaper and much more relaxed than going to a café.

A = Cafés are sometimes nice, but they can be noisy and expensive.

R = So overall, I think being at home makes spending time with friends more enjoyable.

Sample Completed Checklist:

Criteria	Prompt 1	Prompt 2
Claim stated?	✓	✓
Logic/reason given?	✓	✓
Example included?	✓ (crypto savings)	✓ (cooking dinner)
Add depth/detail?	✓ (risks cause anxiety/loss)	✓ (cafés noisy/expensive)
Return to main point?	✓	✓