This criteria focuses on the range and accuracy of the grammar with which the test taker speaks.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy**

Might mean using some of these:

- **Comparative Structures**
  - I like watching movies more than watching TV.
  - I think banks are as much to blame as governments on this issue.

- **Various Conditional Structures**
  - If we breathe too much carbon dioxide, we will increasingly find breathing difficult.
  - If I won the lottery, I would buy a big apartment for my family.
  - If I had the opportunity, I would ensure a solution was found.

- **Modal Verbs**
  - The government has to be more open.
  - Many people think we should be doing more for the environment.

- **Perfect Tenses**
  - My country has developed skills in managing sensitive diplomatic relations.
  - We had never thought about pollution until reports were released recently.

- **Passive Tenses**
  - The movie was directed by a first-timer.
  - These buildings are being designed by American architects.

To help with accuracy in grammar look out for the grammar checklist in our Writing - Grammatical range & accuracy download.

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**Complex Structures**

The range of grammar includes using a variety of complex structures. Essentially, these are sentences with multiple bits of information. Contrast that to a simple sentence with a single piece of information.

**For instance:**

Just beside the station was a stadium, which was built in the 19th century, and where games are now held every weekend.

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**Be Prepared**

Make sure that you know the test format and what happens in each section.

**For instance:**

Some questions in Part 3 of the IELTS ask you to speculate about the future – so be prepared to use various future tenses in your answers.

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