



Hello *student's name*,

The following content is a sample of Speaking question feedback that you will receive in 03 working days after sending us a question and your answer to that question.

Our experienced and qualified teachers will correct all your Speaking answers. They all have:

- *TESOL, CELTA, or other teaching certificates,*
- *At least 03 years of teaching experience,*
- *At least a 135 Overall DET (76 PTE Overall).*

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In this feedback, we will evaluate your Speaking answer based on the same grading elements that the Duolingo English Test uses to assess your skills, including **Content**, **Lexical Diversity**, **Lexical Sophistication**, **Coherence**, **Grammatical Complexity**, **Grammatical Accuracy**, **Spelling**, and **Pronunciation**.

- content: relevance, style, development, and effect on the reader
- discourse coherence: clarity, cohesion, progression of ideas, and structure (for writing questions only)
- lexis (vocabulary): lexical diversity, lexical sophistication, choice of words, formation of words, and spelling (for writing questions only)
- grammar: grammatical complexity, grammatical accuracy, and punctuation (for writing questions only)
- fluency (speaking questions only): speed; natural use of pauses; and reliance on filler words, repetition, and starting/ stopping
- pronunciation (speaking questions only): intelligibility, individual sounds, word stress, sentence stress, and intonation

Let's check our sample feedback and see what you can learn from it!

Your question: Listen then Speak

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Transcription of your question:

What is the personality that you are proud of the most? How long does a person need to develop this personality?

Your answer:

Click **here** to listen

Transcription of your answer:

When it comes to my personality, I love my integrity the most because it is one of the most intriguing characteristics a person can pursue in their lives. In detail, being integrity has been me become a good friend to lots of people. To illustrate, there was a situation when I was a sophomore that I paid a visit to my friend, whose family is the richest in town. In the middle of the night, I saw a wallet but had no idea whose wallet it belongs to. Thus, I kept it with me until the morning and handed over to my friend and asked for help to find the owner. It turned out that the wallet belonged to his mom, and he thanked me a lot for doing such a thing. As far as I can tell, I utterly reckon that everyone should possess this quality as it is a characteristic for a good person whoever wants to go after their dreams that, firstly, they need to be trusted and respected by others. It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need.

I. DETAILED FEEDBACK

1. Content

Feedback: The answer partially addresses the first part of the question by identifying *integrity* as your most valued personality trait and providing a personal anecdote to support this. However, it does not address the second part of the question regarding the time or effort required to develop this personality trait.

Notice: If your answer isn't related to the question, you may likely lose scores for the rest of the grading elements.

Advice: You could improve the answer by directly discussing how long it takes to develop integrity, perhaps by mentioning that it's a lifelong process or shaped by personal experiences. Additionally, fixing some of the grammar and clarity issues would improve the overall quality. Here is an idea to address the process of developing integrity - "*I believe developing integrity is an ongoing process that requires consistent effort and experience over time.*"

2. Lexical Diversity

Feedback: It's great that you didn't use too many words three times or more. There are some words that we can definitely use synonyms to make it more diverse such as and, integrity, friend, etc.

Words	Repeated	Level
My	4	A1
Me	3	A1
It	6	A1
Integrity	3	C1
I	7	A1
Friend	3	A1
For	3	A1
And	4	A1

When **it** comes to **my** personality, **i** love **my integrity** the most because **it** is one of the most intriguing characteristic a person can pursue in their lives. In detail, being **integrity** has been **me** become a good **friend** to lots of other people. To illustrate, there was a situation where **i** was a sophomore that **i** paid a visit to **my friend** whose family is the Richards in town. In the middle of the night, **i** saw a wallet but had no idea whose wallet is **it** belongs to. Thus, **i** kept **it** with **me** until the morning **and** handed over to **my friend and** asked **for** help to find the owner. **it** turned out that the wallet belonged to his mom, **and** he thanked **me** a lot **for** doing such a thing. As far as **i** can tell, **i** utterly reckon that everyone should possess this quality. Agency is a characteristic **for** a good person whoever wants to go after their dreams. Uh, firstly, they need to be trusted **and** respected by others. **it** is a well known fact that having but in quite **integrity**, personality just give you exactly what you need.

Check the below table for the replacement of some words you spoke three times or more.

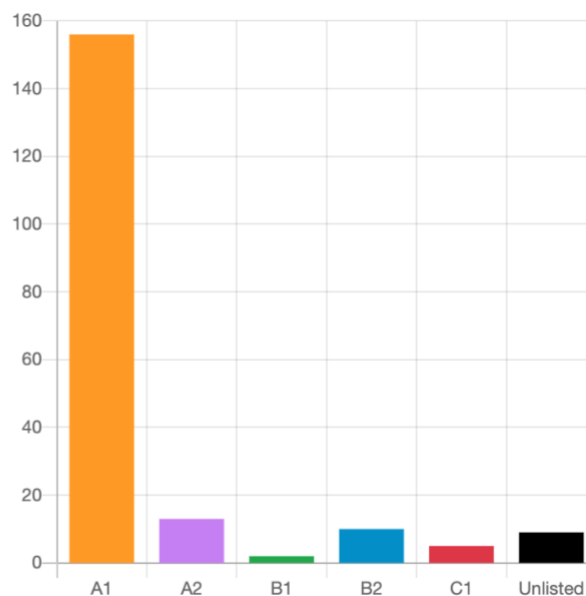
Word	Synonyms
And	Besides, Aside from, Moreover
Integrity	Honest, Sincerity, Rectitude
Friend	Buddy, Mate

Advice: Try to use synonyms to avoid losing scores for repeated words used. From our feedback, kindly search for synonyms in [Thesaurus](#) and practice using different words.

3. Lexical Sophistication

Feedback: The chart below shows the level of words used in your answers. You have used over 81% A1 words, which decreases your score in this element.

Word list	Types
A1	156 (80%)
A2	13 (6.67%)
B1	2 (1.03%)
B2	10 (5.13%)
C1	5 (2.56%)
UNLISTED	9 (4.61%)



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Advice: To get a higher score in this grading aspect, you need to try using some idioms, collocations or higher-level words. However, it needs time to acquire new vocabulary so you can use it smoothly on your test day. There's no difference compared to Lexical Diversity in terms of obtaining high scores, and there is only one way to do so – a combination of practising Reading and Listening. Read the following instructions and start practising today.

- [Guide to improve your Reading and widen vocabulary bank](#)
- [Guide to improve your Listening and widen vocabulary bank](#)

4. Coherence

Feedback: While there is an attempt at structure, the progression of ideas and use of transition words is somewhat weak, leading to a lack of smooth flow and clear connections between points. In detail, the transitions between ideas are somewhat disconnected. The story of the wallet does not smoothly tie back to how you develop or practice integrity, which makes the example feel unrelated.

Advice: Strengthen the connection between the example and the discussion of the personality trait by explicitly linking how the story demonstrates your integrity and how that trait develops over time. Moreover, you should use more Transition words and phrases to ensure a smoother flow of ideas. Some example(s) are as follows:

Original sentence: It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need.

Recommended sentence: **Ultimately**, it's a well-known fact that having integrity gives you exactly what you need.

5. Grammatical Complexity

Feedback: Your answer contains some complex sentences with dependent and independent clauses, such as "As far as I can tell, I utterly reckon that everyone should possess this quality". Furthermore, you also demonstrated a mixture of sentence lengths, which added a degree of variety to your Speaking. Some sentences were longer, offering explanations and examples, which were great.

Advice: Nevertheless, there is still room for improvement such as some awkward phrasing you used. Some examples are as follows:

Example 1:

Original sentence: In detail, being integrity has been me become.

Recommended sentence: In detail, having integrity has made me a better friend to many people.

Example 2:

Original sentence: It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need.

Recommended sentence: It's well-known that integrity provides exactly what you need.

We strongly recommend you read this article to learn the top [05 Grammatical Structures](#) to get you higher scores.

6. Grammatical Accuracy

Feedback: Overall, your writing is pretty good with a few grammatical and word-used mistakes. Check our advice to fix your mistakes so you can get a higher score in the next try. Besides, make sure to read English news and listen to English content frequently to help you copy how people write and speak to avoid similar mistakes.

Advice: Read your answer again and pay attention to the yellow highlighted words/phrases.

When it comes to my personality, I love my integrity the most because it is one of the most intriguing characteristics **a person can pursue in their lives (1)**. **In detail, being integrity has been me become a good friend to lots of people (2)**. To illustrate, **there was a situation when I was a sophomore that I paid a visit to my friend (3)**, whose family is the richest in town. In the middle of the night, **I saw a wallet but had no idea whose wallet it belongs to (4)**. Thus, I kept it with me until the morning and handed over to my friend and asked for help to find the owner. It turned out that the wallet belonged to his mom, and he thanked me a lot for doing such a thing. As far as I can tell, I utterly reckon that everyone should possess this quality as it is a characteristic for a good person whoever wants to go after their dreams that, firstly, they need to be trusted and respected by others. **It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need (5)**.

- (1) **A person can pursue in their lives** should be "*a person can pursue in his or her life*" – wrong possessive pronouns.
- (2) **In detail, being integrity has been me become a good friend to lots of people** should be "*In detail, having integrity has helped me become a good friend to many people*" – inappropriate words used.
- (3) **there was a situation when I was a sophomore that I paid a visit to my friend** should be "*when I was a sophomore, I paid a visit to my friend*" – wrong grammatical structure used.
- (4) **I saw a wallet but had no idea whose wallet it belongs to** should be "*I saw a wallet but had no idea whose wallet it belonged to*" – the wrong tense used.
- (5) **It's a well-known fact that having the integrity personality just gives you exactly what you need** should be "*It's a well-known fact that having integrity gives you exactly what you need*" – a bit wordy, so we make it clearer.

7. Fluency

Feedback: In a nutshell, your speech has a decent rhythm and applies suitable word stress and phrasing. You didn't use any unmeaning words such as "ah, um, well, you know". It is a smooth and continuous speech from the beginning until the end. There is just one incorrect start, one repetition, or one hesitation.

In the second 42, it was a longer pause than necessary: *As far as I can tell, I utterly reckon that everyone should ___ (this is a long pause) possess this quality as it is a characteristic for a good person ...*

Advice: Please listen to your answer again and notice the second 42, make sure to minimise this kind of mistake to increase your Fluency score. Your Speaking skills are already excellent, but please bear in mind that everyday practising is the key to future success.

8. Pronunciation

Feedback: Your pronunciation is clear and correct. There are just two mistakes that you should check to upgrade your pronunciation.

Advice: Please review our detailed feedback as follows.

No.	Word	Explanation
01	integrity	You stress the wrong syllable, you should stress the second syllable instead of the first one – integrity /ɪn 'tegrəti/
02	exactly	You missed the /z/ sound – exactly /ɪg 'zæktli/

Notice: Follow the below steps to correct your pronunciation mistakes

- **Step 1:** Listen to your answer again and identify the mistakes we took notes in the above table.
- **Step 2:** Access [Oxford Dictionaries](#) or [Cambridge Dictionary](#) to listen to correct pronunciation and mimic it.

II. SAMPLE ANSWER AND VOCABULARY

Read the following Sample answer and compare it to yours. There may be some ideas, phrases, idioms, etc. that you can learn from.

*The personality trait I am most proud of is my resilience. It's the ability to **bounce back** from setbacks, stay focused, and keep **pushing forward** even when things get tough. Developing resilience wasn't something that happened overnight; it took years of experience, reflection, and patience. I think everyone's journey to building resilience is different, but it requires consistent effort over time. For me, it started when I faced my first **major challenge** in school. Overcoming that obstacle taught me that I am stronger than I thought, and every challenge since then has **reinforced that belief**. I believe it can take a person months or even years to develop this quality, depending on the challenges they face and how they handle them. The more we learn to **embrace difficulties** as **opportunities for growth**, the more resilient we become. Resilience isn't just about surviving tough situations; it's about learning and growing from them, which is something I'm proud to **carry with me** every day.*

Here is a list of highlighted phrases with meanings for your study.

- **Bounce back** – to recover quickly from a setback or difficulty
- **Pushing forward** – to continue making progress despite difficulties
- **Major challenge** – a significant difficulty or problem
- **Reinforce that belief** – to strengthen or support a particular idea or belief
- **Embrace difficulties** – to accept or confront challenges willingly
- **Opportunities for growth** – has the same meaning as Furthermore, Moreover, In addition, etc.
- **Carry with me** – to keep or hold onto something, usually a belief, memory, or skill



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