PTE Speaking Frameworks

Simple structures you can adapt to any prompt. Build your own answer on the day; don't memorise answers.

Task	Framework	Key tip
Read Aloud	Use prep time to chunk the text → read at a steady pace → pause at punctuation	Fluency beats perfection. Don't restart
Repeat Sentence	Listen for meaning chunks → repeat with the same rhythm	Keep going even if you miss words
Describe Image	Intro → main feature → 2–3 details → overall conclusion	Mention numbers and comparisons
Re-tell Lecture	Topic → 3–4 key points from notes → conclusion	Note keywords, not sentences
Answer Short Question	One word or short phrase	Answer quickly and clearly
Summarise Group Discussion	Topic → each speaker's view → overall point	Note who said what
Respond to a Situation	Acknowledge → main response → polite close	Use a natural, polite tone

Microphone & delivery

- Microphone about two fingers from the corner of your mouth, not directly in front
- Start speaking soon after the tone. Long silence can stop the recording
- Natural pace and clear word endings matter more than an “accent”

Note: Pearson updates task types from time to time. Check the current format on pearsonpte.com.

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