**D.U.P.P. (HINTS FOR WIDA SPEAKING TESTS)**

**Don’t** **-** pause too long. (It wastes time and then you run out of time)

 use “filler” words: um, hmmmmm, uh

 use just words or phrases to answer. (Use complete sentences)

 sound like a robot (see “Plan” below) (Practice!!!)

**Use** the question in your answer! Examples:

Question: What are **the differences** and **similarities** between information you find in a book and information you find on the Internet?

Answer: There are many differences and similarities between information you find in a book and information you find on the internet.

Question: How **can you** decide if information on a website is reliable?

Answer: **You can** decide if information on a website is reliable in many ways.

**Plan** what you will say BEFORE you press the start button! This will help you talk the whole time! To plan, jot down key phrases, bulleted lists, and important vocabulary that you plan to include in your answer. DON’T USE COMPLETE SENTENCES, because if you read them from your paper, you’ll sound like a robot!

**Practice** what you will say at least once BEFORE you press the start button! Only press the start button when you know you’re ready! You’ll be graded on using academic vocabulary, complex, complete sentences, and correct grammar. Try to speak in paragraph form with lots of detailed reasons & examples!

MY GRAMMAR NOTEBOOK:

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| DO THIS …. | NOT THIS …. |
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