

The PSLE Oral Cheat Sheet

One page for the fortnight before 12 August

THE FOUR-PART ANSWER — USE IT EVERY TIME

View	What you think. One sentence, committed.
Reason	Why you think it. Begins with because.
Personal experience	A time it happened to you. This never runs out.
Extension	One wider thought: what it means for other people.

SENTENCE STARTERS FOR EACH PART

I think... but not always	This is because... / One reason is...
This happened to me when...	I remember once... / My brother once...
So really, the point is...	If that continues, then...

WHEN YOUR MIND GOES BLANK

Say nothing and freeze	May I take a moment to think about that?
Start before you know the answer	That is an interesting question. I think...
Give up on the question	I am not sure, but what I have noticed is...

READING ALOUD — SIX HABITS

Starting before you settle	Pause two seconds before the first word.
Running sentences together	Small breath at every full stop.
Dropping endings	Land the -ed and the -s. Ask-ED. Thing-S.
One flat volume throughout	Mark two places to lift, two to soften.
Speeding past a hard word	Slow slightly and say it clearly.
Never looking up	One glance up at a full stop, once or twice.

For parents: ten minutes a night beats an hour on Sunday. Record one passage, play it back, and ask only *what would you change?* Do not correct while your child is reading — it trains hesitation, which costs more than the mistake you were fixing.