

Hobby Questions

- What do you like doing in your spare time?
- Have you got a hobby? If so, what is it?
- Is it an expensive hobby in your country?
- What do teenagers like doing in your country?
- What hobbies are usually expensive in your country?
- What do you like about your hobby?
- How much time do you spend on your hobby?
- Is your hobby a common hobby in your country?
- Are there any new hobbies that you would like to take up?
- Have you ever been abroad?
- What other countries have you visited?
- Are there any countries you would like to visit?
- What do you find interesting / difficult about travelling?
- What is your preferred method of travel?
- Who would you like most to go on holiday with?
- What was the best / worst holiday you've ever had?
- How would you like to travel around?
- Are there any games / sports that you watch but don't play / do?
- What games / sports do you play / do?
- What games / sports are you good at?
- Are there any activities that you hate? Why?
- What games are not played much in your country?
- Which sport is the most popular in your country?
- Which sport is the most dangerous in your opinion?
- Which game or sport requires the most strength?
- Which sport has the biggest crowds in your country?
- Would you prefer to go to the cinema or theatre?
- How often do you go to the cinema?
- Who's your favourite actor / actress? Why? What do you like about him / her?
- Would you like to be an actor / actress? Why?
- Do you like watching TV?
- What's your favourite newspaper / magazine?
- What do most people do at weekends in your country?

- Would you prefer to stay home and relax or go out with friends at weekends? Why?
- What do you usually do during most flights? Do you always eat the food they give you?
- Is there anything about flying that frightens or worries you?
- Would you like to have a sightseeing holiday? Where?
- Why do most people go to seaside resorts?
- Have you ever been in a boat when the sea was rough? Were you seasick?
- Imagine you are on holiday, would you prefer to eat in a restaurant or have a picnic in the open air? Why?
- Would you prefer to stay in a hotel or rent an apartment?
- Would you prefer somewhere quite lively, or somewhere quiet? Why?
- Would you prefer to stay in one place, or would you rather go to different places?
- Are there any special places you like to go when you go out?
- What indoor activities do you enjoy?
- Do you watch much television? What do you like to watch on TV?
- Do you like travelling? What interesting places have you visited?
- What method of transport do you use most and why?

IELTS Speaking : Free Time

- What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
- How much time do you have each week for doing these things?
- Why do you like doing these activities?
- How did you start doing this activity at first?
- Is there some other hobby or sport you would like to try? Why?
- How has the way people spend their free time changed over the years?

Test Tip

If you didn't hear properly, you can say:

- *Sorry, I didn't catch that.*
- *Could you repeat the question, please?*

If there's a word that you don't understand, you can say:

- *Could you repeat X, please?*
- *What does X mean?*

Model answer 1

Well, I do quite a lot of sport actually. I go swimming twice a week. There's a very good pool just around the corner from my office. I swim for an hour and do about 40 lengths. I also cycle to work when I can. Apart from that, I do a lot of reading and photography.

Model answer 2

When I was younger, I did a lot of surfing. I used to go snowboarding quite often too in the winter. But I haven't been for a long time, although I might go this year with some friends. These days I go cycling when I can. At the weekends I like to cook and invite friends around for dinner. I'm a big fan of cooking programs, and often try to copy the recipes. But they don't always turn out very well.

Model answer 3

I don't have a lot of time to myself now that I'm married with two young children. So, a lot of my free time is used taking my kids to their activities. For example, on Saturday

morning, I have to take my son to his basketball games, and my daughter to football practice. Then I have to ship them off to parties or friends' houses. Two or three times a month, my wife and I go for a meal with friends, and once a month, we go the cinema when my parents look after the kids. There's a great little cinema that shows independent or foreign films just near where we live.

Model answer 4

I have tennis lessons with a group of friends at the weekend. There are eight of us, four moms and dads and four kids. The idea was that the lessons would give us the chance to do something sporty with our children, and it's great. The teacher is really good and we all have a fantastic time. Plus, we're getting better at tennis. Best of all, after an hour of tennis, the kids go off to play, and we can have a drink and a chat. Now, that's my idea of playing sport. Apart from that, I also go out bowling once a month.

Model answer 5

I play golf at the weekend. I get up really early on Sunday and play for about five hours with some friends from work. While I'm out, my husband prepares lunch which is usually ready by the time I get back. Apart from that, I play online video games and read a lot. Also, I go for a drink after work every Friday with my work colleagues. There's a pub nearby and we usually stay there for a couple of hours, which is good fun.

IELTS Speaking : Family Tradition

Take one minute to prepare a talk on the following subject.

Take notes if you like and remember to include reasons and examples.

You should then speak for between one and two minutes.

Describe your favourite family tradition.

You should say:

- **what the tradition is**
- **when it occurs**
- **what you do**

and explain why it is your favourite

tradition.

Test Tip

For Part 2 of the IELTS Speaking exam, you will be given a task card, a pencil and some paper and you will have one minute to prepare.

- 1) Use this minute to make notes that will help you to keep talking for two minutes.
- 2) Read the task card carefully and identify the different prompts you should talk about.
- 3) Use clear signals when you move on from one prompt to the next.

Model answer

My favourite family tradition is most certainly Thanksgiving, which is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. Actually, everyday should be a day of Thanksgiving. My family loves to celebrate this holiday.

It is a yearly tradition for our family to gather at my grandma's house for Thanksgiving. I always look forward to this event. My cousins and other family members that I do not get to see often are there. My grandma and other family members prepare a big meal. There is always plenty for everyone. The main thing is of course the turkey. I like turkey, especially the legs. My uncle never eats turkey. He says it is an ugly bird, and he doesn't want to eat it. When I was younger, I would always want to get the wishbone and break it. We also have sides to go along with the turkey. Everyone loves my grandma's mashed potatoes. We also have rolls, dressing, cranberry sauce, and yams. Then, for dessert we have fresh pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Before we eat everyone always gathers around the table and someone says the blessing.

Thanksgiving is always a good time of fellowship and bonding for my family. We usually watch some of the parade on television or a football game. Sometimes after everyone is done eating, we play card games like Rook. You can see why this is a favorite tradition for me and my family. I wish we could do it more often.