

IELTS Speaking - Part 1

The questions in Part 1 are on general topics about your life. Your answers are from your life and experience. There is no right or wrong answer.

- About you
- Study
- Work
- Your town
- Free time
- Holidays
- Places to go in your free time
- Transport
- Shopping
- Your neighbourhood
- Reading
- Sports and games

About you

- What is your (full) name?
- Can I have your name please?
- Could you tell me your full name please?
- What shall I call you?
- How can I address you?
- Does your name have any special meaning?
- Is your name important to you?
- Do Korean people like changing their name? Why?
- Have you ever changed your name? Why or why not?
- Why do so many people change their name?
- Do you work or study?

Study

- What are you studying?
- What's your major?
- Why did you choose that subject?
- What do you find most interesting about your course?
- What is your favorite subject?
- What do you dislike about your study?

- What do you hope to do after your graduation?
- What are your ambitions for the future?
- Do you hope to gain any qualifications?
- What are the advantages of studying instead of working?

Work

- Can you describe your job to me?
- What do you do for a living?
- How long have you been doing it?
- Can you describe one of your typical working days?
- What's your daily routine on a working day?
- Why did you choose to do that job?
- What things do you enjoy about your work? Why?
- What do you think is the attraction of your work?
- What is your ideal job?
- Do you want to change your current job? Why or why not?
- Are you willing to keep your job permanently?
- What are your plans for the future?

Your town

- Can you describe your town or village to me?
- Tell me something about your hometown.
- Where are you from?
- Where is your hometown?
- Where do you come from?
- What is the name of the street you live on?
- What kind of street do you live on?
- What do you like about your town?
- What is the weather like in your town?
- What building is considered famous in your town?
- What jobs do people in your town do?
- How has your town changed over the last twenty years?
- What changes have taken place in your city in recent years?
- Do you think it is better to live in the center of town or outside in the country? Why?

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?

Holidays

- What do you do when you have a holiday?
- Who do you usually spend holiday with?
- Where do you like to spend your holidays? Why?
- Can you describe a typical day in your holidays?
- Why are holidays important to you?
- If you could take a holiday anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?
- What do people usually do during holidays and in your town?

Places to go in your free time

- What do people do in your town in their free time?
- Where can they go out for entertainment, or to enjoy themselves?
- Which do you prefer: eating in restaurants or eating at home?
- Which are the best places to eat out?

Transport

- How did you come here today?
- What is public transport like in your town?
- How do you think it could be improved?
- Do you think people should use public transport more? Why (not)?

Shopping

- How much time do you spend shopping every week?
- Do you enjoy going shopping? Why (not)?
- What is your favourite shop and why do you like it?
- What problems are there with shopping in your area?

Your neighbourhood

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- Can you describe the house where you live to me?
 - What is there to do in the area where you live?
 - What do you like about the area where you live?
 - How do you think it could be improved?
 - Do you think it is better to live in the centre of town or outside in the country? Why?

Reading

- Do you enjoy reading? Why?
- What sort of things do you read?
- Tell me something about your favourite book.
- What are the advantages of reading instead of watching television or going to the cinema?

Sports and games

- What sports are most popular in your country?
- What sports and games did you most enjoy playing when you were a child?
- Do people take as much exercise as in the past?
- Why is exercise good for you?

IELTS Speaking - Part 2 & 3

In the second section candidates are given a topic card and then have one minute to prepare after which they must speak about the given topic. The third section involves a discussion between the examiner and the candidate, generally on questions relating to the theme which they have already spoken about in part 2.

- Beautiful places
- Family
- Shopping
- Eating and food
- Travelling
- School
- Adventure

- **Newspapers**

Beautiful places

Part 2

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 a beautiful place to visit in your country.

You should say:

- **where it is**
- **how to get there**
- **what there is to do when you are there**

and explain why you recommend this place.

Part 3

Attitudes to tourism

- Why do you think people like to travel to different places in their free time?
- How do you see tourism changing in your country in the future?

Conserving the countryside

- Why is it important to protect the countryside?
- In what ways is the countryside in danger in your country?

Historic buildings and monuments

- Why are historic buildings and monuments important to a city?
- Is it better to keep old buildings, or build new modern ones?

Family

Part 2

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 the person in your family who you most admire.

You should say:

- **what their relationship is to you**
- **what they have done in their life**
- **what they do now**

and explain why you admire them so much.

Part 3

Attitudes to family

- In what ways have families in your country changed in recent years?
- Should husbands and wives have different roles within the family? Why (not)?

Family or friends

- Which are more important to you: your family or your friends?
- What conflicts can arise between a person's family and a person's friends?

Family responsibilities

- What responsibilities do parents have towards their children?
- What responsibilities do children have towards their parents?

Shopping

Part 2

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 favorite shop.

You should say:

- **where it is**
- **what things it sells**
- **what sort of people are its customers**

and explain why you like the shop so much.

Part 3

Things to buy

- What typical things can visitors to your country buy?
- What things do young people like to buy in your country?

Money

- Is it a good idea to save money? Why (not)?
- Do you think that people are happier if they have money? Why (not)?

Shopping

- What can shops do to make shopping more pleasant for their customers?
- Do you think that in the future people will do most of their shopping using the Internet? Why?/ Why not?

Eating and food

Part 2

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 a special occasion when you had a really enjoyable meal.

You should say:

- **what the occasion was**
- **who was at the meal**
- **what you ate**

and explain why the meal was so enjoyable.

Part 3

Attitudes to food

- What do you think a healthy diet consists of?
- Which do people in your country prefer: traditional food or fast food such as hamburgers or pizzas?

Learning about food

- Do you think children should be taught about healthy diets and cooking at school? Why (not)?
- At what age do you think children should be taught to cook?

Food aid

- What can be done to prevent poor people in the world going hungry?
- Should rich countries help poor countries with more than just food?

Travelling

Part 2

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 a memorable journey you have made.

You should say:

- **where you were going**
- **how you were travelling**
- **why you were making the journey**

and explain what made the journey so memorable.

Part 3

Travelling and learning

- What do people learn from travelling?
- Do you think the growth of international tourism is a good thing? Why (not)?

Tourism and culture

- How has tourism changed the way people in your country live?
- How should tourists behave when they visit your country?

Ways of travelling

- What do you think is the best way for a tourist to travel if they want to learn about your country?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by plane?

School

Part 2

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 a school which you went to.

You should say:

- **when you went there**
- **how many people studied there**
- **how long you spent there**

and explain what you liked and disliked about it.

Part 3

Attitudes to education

- How has education changed in your country in the last ten years?
- Is a good education more important to a boy or a girl? Why?

The focus of education

- How well do you think schools prepare young people for working life?
- Do you think schools should teach subjects like art, music and dancing? Why (not)?

Education and technology

- How important is it for schools to have computers for their students?
- Is the Internet a valuable educational tool?

Adventure

Part 2

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 an exciting experience in your

life.

You should say:

- **when the experience took place**
- **where the experience took place**
- **what happened exactly**

and explain why the experience was so exciting.

Part 3

Safety and danger

- In what ways is life becoming safer, and in what ways is it becoming more dangerous?
- Should people always avoid danger, or is it a good idea sometimes to take risks?

Taking risks

- What risks should people try to avoid?
- Do you think people take fewer risks as they grow older? Why (not)?

Adventure

- How important is it to have adventure in our lives?
- What do people learn about themselves from having adventures?

Newspapers

Part 2

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 a newspaper or magazine you enjoy reading.

You should say:

- **what kind of newspaper or magazine it is, e.g. fashion**
- **how often you buy it**
- **what articles and information it contains**

and explain why you enjoy reading it.

Part 3

Attitudes to newspapers

- In what ways are newspapers better for learning about the news than listening to the radio or watching television?
- Do you think newspapers should be completely free to say whatever they want?

Tastes in reading

- What do people enjoy reading in your country?
- Do you think it is important for people to read a lot? Why (not)?

Public and private lives

- What sort of stories do newspapers and magazines publish about well-known or famous people in your country?
- Do you think the media should be allowed to publish stories about the private lives of public figures?