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IELTS Speaking Test Practice Question Pack

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Sample IELTS Speaking Topics

Part 1 of the IELTS Speaking Module consists of personal questions about you, your family, your work, your education or other familiar topics. A nice list of example topics and questions is given for you in this pack. You can use these sample questions to practice and rehearse for this part of the speaking test. Make sure you can speak correctly, clearly, and with ease and confidence. Practice makes perfect!!

Remember to make your answer interesting for the examiner by providing more than the most basic information. The more you can speak and the more language you produce, then the higher your mark will be. Try to use a range of different grammatical structures to get your score even higher! Some of these sample questions are highly likely to appear on your exam, so practice them with your teacher.

YOU

Describe yourself.

What things do you like?

What things don't you like?

How would your best friend describe you?

How would someone in your family describe you?



FAMILY

Describe your family?

Do you have a large or small family?

How much time do you spend with your family?

What do you like to do together as a family?

Do you get along well with your family?

Are people in your country generally close to their families?



WORK

What do you do?

What are your responsibilities?

How many hours do you work each day?

Do you enjoy your work?

Is there some other kind of work you would rather do?

If you could change your job or profession, what would you do?

Describe the process of getting a job in your country.

Describe the company or organization you work for.

What is your position?

What do you like about your job?

What do you dislike about your job?



EDUCATION

Describe your education.

What kind of school did you go to as a child?

Did you go to a co-educational school?

What was your favourite subject as a child?

Who was your favourite teacher?

What is the education system like in your country?

Do you think your country has an effective education system?

What are you studying now?

What is your area of specialization?

Why did you choose the course you plan to study in the UK/Canada/US/Australia, etc?



HOMETOWN

Describe your hometown.

What's special about it?

Where is your hometown located?

Is it easy to travel around your hometown?

What is it known for?

What do people in your town do?

What are the main industries in your hometown?

What problems face your hometown?

What languages are spoken in your hometown?

What are the advantages of living in your hometown?

What are some problems faced by your hometown?

Compare your hometown with another city.

What are some environmental problems faced by your hometown?



WEATHER

What's the weather like in your country?

Does the weather affect your mood?

How do rainy days make you feel?

What's your favourite season of the year?

What do you like to do when it's hot?

What do you usually do in the winter?

How many seasons does your country have?



HOME

Describe your home.

What kind of building do you live in?

How long have you lived there?



WEDDINGS

Have you ever been to a wedding?

Whose wedding was it?

Where was it held?

What clothes do people wear?

Describe the wedding ceremony.

What sort of gifts do people buy for the bridal couple?

What kind of clothes did the bride and groom wear?



TRAVEL

Do you like to travel?

What kind of places have you visited in your life?

Which place would you really like to visit? Why?

What's the best place you've ever visited?

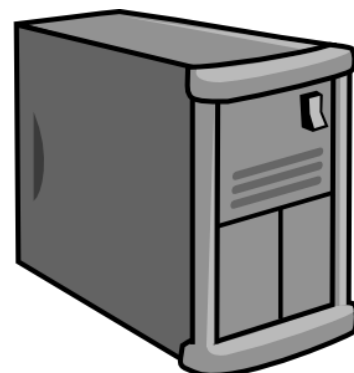


COMPUTERS

Do you think computers help society?

Do you think computers are bad for health?

How do you think computers have changed the world?



INTERNET

Do you use the Internet much during the day?

What do you usually do on the Internet?

What are some advantages of the Internet?

What are some disadvantages?

Do people in your country use the Internet a lot?

Do you do any shopping on the Internet?



EMAIL

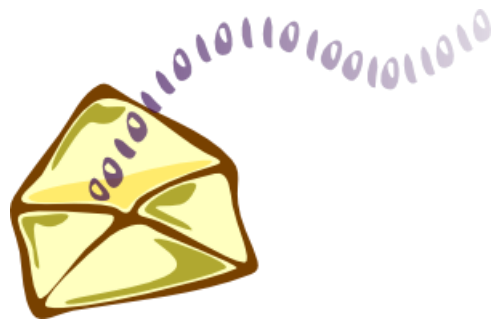
Do you send and receive email regularly?

Who do you usually communicate with?

How often do you check your email?

Do you think writing email has strengthened or weakened people's writing skills?

What are some disadvantages of email?



FRIEND

Describe a friend.

How long have you known each other?

What do you usually do together?

What do you like the most about him / her?

How often do you see each other?



PLACE

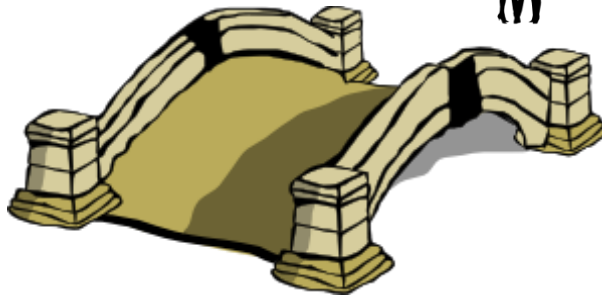
Describe a place you like to go.

Why is this place special to you?

When did you first visit this place?

Where is this place located?

What language is spoken here? Do you speak this language?



SMOKING

What do you feel about smoking in public places?

Do you think smoking should be banned in people's homes?



MARRIAGE

What is the attitude toward marriage in your country?

Do most young people plan on getting married in your country?

What are some of the advantages of marriage?

What are some of the disadvantages?

Is the divorce rate high in your country?

Do you think people should be allowed to get divorced?



HOBBIES

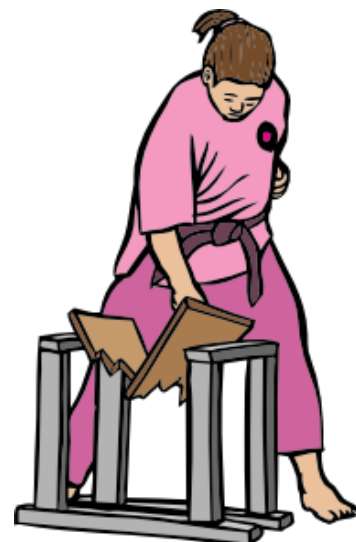
Do you have any hobbies?

What are some of your hobbies?

When did you first develop this hobby?

What are some of the advantages of having a hobby?

How much time do you spend on your hobby?



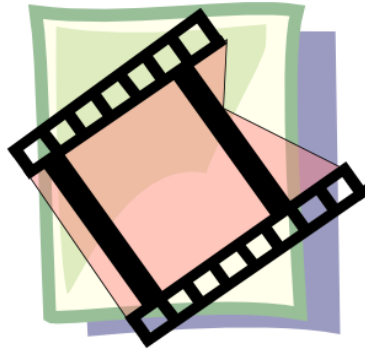
FILMS

Do you enjoy watching movies?

What's your favourite film?

Who are your favourite actors?

How often do you watch films?



SHOPPING

Do you enjoy shopping?

How do you feel about shopping?

Do you like shopping on the Internet?

Do you have any favourite stores?

What don't you like about shopping?

Which is the most popular place to shop in your hometown?



SPORTS

Do you like sports?

Do you enjoy watching sports?

Do you enjoy participating in any sports?

Which sports are most popular in your country?

What's your favourite sport/

When did you first become interested in sports?

How often do you participate in sports?

What equipment do you need for your favourite sport?



FOOD

What are some of your favourite foods?

What foods are popular in your country?

What are some of the famous dishes of your country?

Do you enjoy cooking?

Do you ever go on picnics?



FESTIVAL

What's the most important festival in your country?

How do people celebrate this festival?

What special food is associated with this festival?

What special activities are associated with this festival?

What do you enjoy most about this festival?

Do you think festivals are important for a society?



TELEVISION

Do you watch television a lot?

What do you usually watch on television?

What are the most popular shows in your country?

What kind of shows do you like to watch?

What are some advantages of television?

What are some of the disadvantages of television?

What did you last watch on television?

Why do you think certain TV shows are so popular?



TOURISM

Which places would you recommend to a visitor to your country?

Do a lot of tourists visit your country?

What do they usually do there?

How has tourism changed your country?

Is your country expensive for most tourists?

What are some famous landmarks in your country?



DAILY ROUTINE

Describe your daily routine.

What do you usually do?

What do you do on the weekend?

What is your typical weekday like?

Does your life change much from week to week?

Do you have any free time during the week?



YOUR COUNTRY

Describe your country.

What is a traditional thing to do in your country?

Are there any famous people from your country?

Is there any special food particular to your country?

Do people in your country wear special traditional clothes?



CLOTHES

What type of clothes do you like to wear?

What kind of clothes do people in your country usually wear?

How important is fashion to you?

What kind of clothes do you dislike?

Do you think people behave differently in different kinds of clothes?

What kind of clothes do people wear to work in your country?

Are clothes expensive in your country?



GOING OUT

Do you like going out or staying at home?

What do you like to do when you go out?

How often do you go out?

Do people in your country go out a lot?

How and where do people in your country usually socialize?

What kind of entertainment is popular in your country?



GAMES

Do you enjoy playing any games?

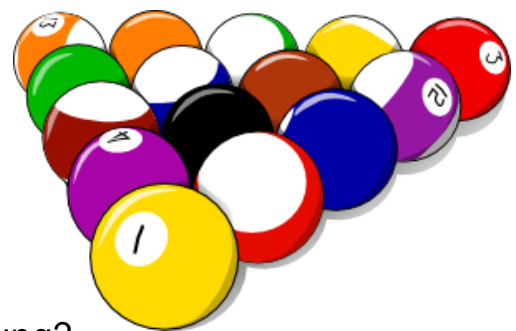
What kind of games do you play?

What do children learn from games?

What games are popular in your country today?

What kind of games were popular when you were young?

Do you think mental games like chess are good for you?



COLOURS

Do you have a favourite colour?

What are your country's colours?

Do you think colours affect our moods?

Can you learn anything about a person from the colours he / she likes?

Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were a child?



MUSIC

Do you like music?

What kind of music do you like?

When do you usually listen to music?

What kind of music did you like when you were younger?

What kind of music is popular in your country?

Do you play any musical instruments?

Do you wish you could play any musical instruments?

Which is your favourite instrument?



IELTS Speaking Module - Part 2 - Sample Topics

In **Part 2** of the IELTS Speaking Module, you need to give a short talk, of about 1-2 minutes, on a simple topic. The questions do not require any specific knowledge, but are based on your own personal experience. The questions could be answered by anyone.

You will be handed a card with the topic and you have one minute to prepare your talk. You can and should make notes and use these notes during your talk. The examiner will not ask you any questions during this part of the test, so try to make sure that you mention during your 1-2 minute talk all the points on the card.

Some sample cards are given below. Practice using the cards to make notes for one minute before giving a 1-2 minute talk. A good tip is to record yourself, so you can listen back and try to find any mistakes or problems which need fixing.



Describe a subject you enjoyed studying at school. You should say:

- When and where you started studying it
- What lessons were like
- What made the subject different from other subjects
- And explain why you enjoyed the subject

Describe an important choice you had to make in your life. You should say:

- When you had this choice
- What you had to choose between
- Whether you made a good choice
- And explain how you felt when you were making this choice

Describe a job you have done. You should say:

- How you got doing the job
- What the job involved
- How long the job lasted
- Describe how well you did the job

Describe an area of countryside you know and like. You should say:

- Where it is
- What its special features are
- What you and other people do in this area
- And explain why you like it

Describe an object you particularly like. You should say:

- What it is and what it looks like
- What it is made of
- What it is for
- And explain why it is special for you



Describe a newspaper or magazine you enjoy reading. You should say:

- What kind of newspaper / magazine it is
- Which parts of it you read regularly
- When and where you read it
- Explain why you enjoy reading it

Describe something healthy you enjoy doing. You should say:

- What you do
- Where you do it
- Who you do it with
- Why you chose that activity

Describe an artist or entertainer you admire. You should say:

- Who they are and what they do
- How they became successful
- How you found out about them
- And explain why you admire them

Describe a game or sport you enjoy playing. You should say:

- What kind of sport it is
- Who you play it with
- Where you play it
- And explain why you enjoy playing it

Describe someone in your family who you like. You should say:

- How this person is related to you
- What this person looks like
- What kind of person he/she is
- And explain why you like this person



Describe a museum or art gallery that you have visited. You should say:

- Where it is
- Why you went there
- What you particularly remember about the place
- How it compares to other museums or art galleries

Describe an enjoyable event that you experienced when you were at school. You should say:

- When it happened
- What was good about it
- Why you particularly remember this event.

Describe a song or piece of music you like. You should say:

- What the song or music is
- What kind of song or music it is
- Where you first heard it
- And explain why you like it

Describe a festival that is important in your country. You should say:

- When the festival occurs
- What you did during it
- What you like or dislike about it
- And explain why this festival is important

