

# IELTS Speaking Success

A woman with dark hair, wearing a grey blazer over a dark top, is seated at a white desk. She is looking towards a man whose back is to the camera. The man has short, light-colored hair and is wearing a light-colored shirt. The background is a blurred office or classroom setting with blue posters on the wall. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter.

Topic from the IELTS Question Bank

# Sport







# IELTS Speaking

## Part 2

## Part 2 Cue Card

**Describe a water sport you would like to try in the future.**

**You should say:**

- What sport it is**
- When and where would you do it**
- What preparations and equipment you would need**

**and explain why you would like to try this sport.**

## Similar Part 2 questions

Describe a sport on TV you would like to try

Describe a skill that takes a long time to learn

Describe an activity you do when you are alone

# 1. Ideas

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**Make sure you talk about...**

1. A **water** sport, not any other sport.

On the water, in the water or under the water.

2. One that you **would like to try**, so you have **never** done before.

So you are using language of guessing and speculating, not describing a past experience.

***I guess it would be...***

***It must be...***

***I imagine it would be...***

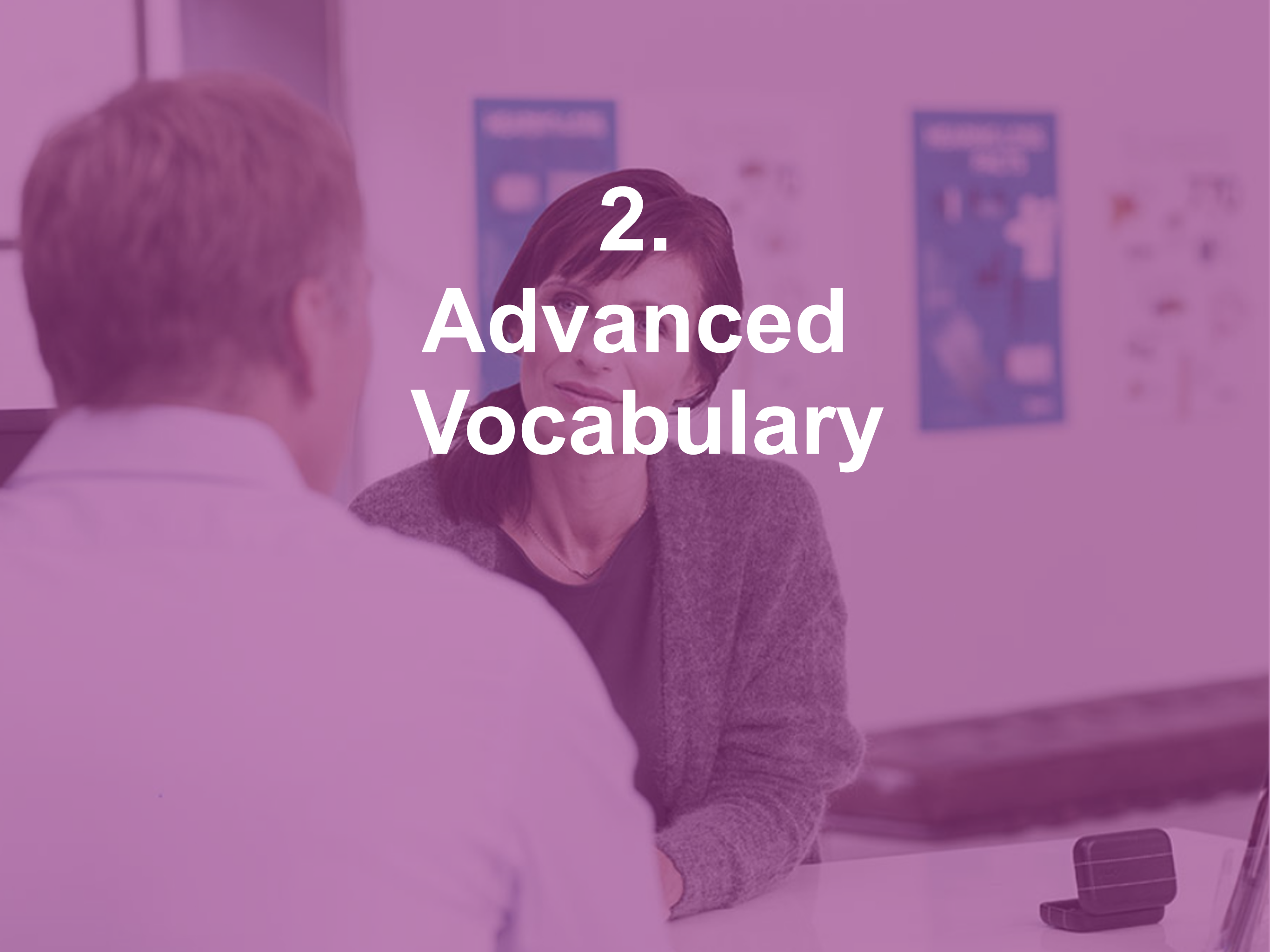
## Common Water Sports

- swimming,
- fishing,
- water skiing,
- snorkelling,
- scuba diving,
- sailing,
- windsurfing.



## Less Common Water Sports

- dragon boat racing,
- jet skiing,
- canoeing,
- parasailing,
- white water rafting
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# 2. Advanced Vocabulary

# Describing a Sport

- exciting,
- exhilarating,
- get an adrenalin rush,
- therapeutic
- be a roller coaster ride


# Equipment

- swimwear,
- wet/dry suit,
- oxygen tank,
- mask,
- snorkel,
- surf/ski board
- paddle

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# **3. Model Answer**



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# 4. Language Analysis

**To be honest**, I am not a huge fan of water sports, **but if I were going to do one, I think it'd be** scuba diving. I am sure it'd be fun and probably a bit of **a roller coaster ride**.

### **Clever Introduction**

*To be honest...*

*If I were going to do one, I think it'd be*

If+ were going to +verb, it would be...

### **Metaphor**

*a bit of **a roller coaster ride***

*= an exciting experience with emotional highs and lows*

I've been snorkelling and I think to go even deeper to get to see **a myriad of** creatures and colours, well I can only guess it would **take your breath away**.

### Advanced Vocabulary

*A myriad of....*

*= a large number of...*

### Idiomatic expression

*...it would take your breath away*

*= It would be impressive*

I've got no idea where I would do it, I'd have to do **a bit of research** first, but I do know it takes **a bit of time** to learn. As far as I understand it, you need to do a training course for a few days, **if not** a few weeks.

## Natural English

*A bit of...*

= a little

*If not...*

= maybe even...

*(Used to introduce a more extreme term the the first one.)*

It makes sense because you need to use some quite complicated and **intricate** equipment, the oxygen tank, breathing equipment, the mask and that. If you make a mistake it can be **fatal**, so you need to **be on top of your game**, really know what you are doing.

### Advanced Vocabulary

***Intricate*** equipment

= complicated, complex

*It can be* ***fatal***

= it can kill you

### Idiomatic expression

*Be on top of your game*

= do what you are doing very well



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### Natural English

*...and that.*

*= things like that (used at the end of a sentence)*

### Same thing twice, different way

*be on top of your game, really know what you are doing.*

I actually learnt from a TV documentary that you also have to be careful about not coming up from the depths too quickly, as the change in water pressure can **have an adverse effect** on you, if you are not too careful.

### ***Advanced Vocabulary***

***have an adverse effect on you***

*= can be harmful for you*

I **assume** if you are well-trained and well-prepared, it's not really a dangerous sport at all and one that would be **exhilarating** to have a go at.

***Language of guessing***

***I assume***

*= I suppose, I imagine*

***Advanced Vocabulary***

***Exhilarating***

*= exciting*



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## Part 3

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# 1. Technique



- Say...


...what you think (opinion)

...why (reason)

...result (consequences)

...give a short example



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## 2. Model Answers

1. Why do people enjoy being near water?
2. What are the dangers of water sports
3. Should governments invest more to promote water sports in schools?





# Why do people enjoy being near water?

It's hard to say, and **I actually don't think** everyone enjoys being near water, **especially people who** can't swim.

Generally speaking, **I think** there's something about getting back to nature, **water in particular** has a soothing effect and can be very therapeutic. **When we are** near the sea or a stream, the gentle movement of the waves and even the sound of water rippling up against the shore is very relaxing, **maybe because** it reminds us of being in the womb!

## **Give an opinion**

*I actually don't think*

*I think...*

## **Give an example**

*...especially people who*

***When** we are near the sea*

*water **in particular** has a soothing effect*

## **Give reason / consequences**

*Maybe because...*

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## ***Advanced Vocabulary***

*has a **soothing** effect*

*= relaxing*

*can be **therapeutic***

*= relaxing and healing*

*water **rippling** up against the shore*

*= flowing in small waves*



What are the dangers of water sports?

**Well, it depends on the sport**, but **take surfing for example**, there are two possible hazards that come to mind. **First, when** you fall, and your board flies into the air, there's a risk it can fall and hit you on the head. **If that happens** and you lose consciousness, **you'd probably** die of drowning.

**On the other hand, there are cases of** surfers being attacked by sharks. I think this is rare, but it can happen in certain waters, so it's something you need to consider.

**Give an opinion**

*Well, it depends on the sport...*

**Give an example**

***take surfing for example***

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**Give reason / consequences**

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### Advanced Vocabulary

*hazard = danger*

### Collocations

**lose consciousness** = to become  
unconscious

**die of** drowning  
*die of / from... (heart attack, cancer)*

Should governments invest more to promote water sports in schools?

**Frankly, I don't think that's an option.** Water sports are such a specialised area and need very special equipment and facilities, **such as** swimming pools, and maybe special diving gear. The investment would cost an arm and a leg, and **honestly, I don't think** it would be worth it.

**What I would suggest is that** the government invest in sports across the board, since kids need to do more exercise, especially nowadays when they tend to live a very sedentary lifestyle. Giving all kids access and opportunity to more sport would be a good move, **so we can have a** healthy nation.

**Give an opinion**

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*...and honestly, I don't think...*

*What I would suggest is that...*

**Give an example**

***such as*** swimming pools,  
***especially nowadays when...***

**Give reason / consequences**

*so we can have ...*

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### **Collocations**

**Diving gear** = clothes for diving

**A sedentary lifestyle** = a way of living with little activity

### **Idiomatic expressions**

**Cost an arm and a leg** = expensive

**Across the board** = include all aspects

**Be a good move** = be a good idea

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