

SPEAKING

PART 1

Sample Answers and Explanations, Strategies for 7+ score





Home







- Do you live in a house or an apartment?
- Describe your house a little.
- What is your favourite room in your home?
- Would you change anything about your home? Why or why not?
- What is the difference between the home you are living now and the ones you have lived in the past?







Do you live in a house or an apartment?

I am currently living in an apartment in the south side of Dhaka, though I moved here recently with my parents. Previously, I used to live in an independent house with my extended family in Chattogram.







Describe your house/apartment a little

Well, to be honest, on the outside, my apartment building resembles a quintessential Dhaka residential building. I live on the second floor. What I love about my apartment, in particular, is that it gets a lot of sunlight. We have two bedrooms which we mostly decorated with antique furniture, while the other rooms are very minimalistic. My apartment also has a big balcony which I decorated with several house plants and a swing.







What is your favourite room in your home?

My favorite room in my home has to be my reading room. I am an avid reader; hence, my reading room has books of all my favorite genres. More often than not, I love to spend quiet times here reading books I love with a cup of warm tea in my hand, without a single worry in the world!







Would you change anything about your home? Why or why not?

Well, if I am totally honest, one of the things I would love to change about my home is the size of the rooms! Rooms in typical Dhaka apartments are surprisingly small. I used to live in our ancestral home before moving here, where rooms used to be massive, with steep ceilings and huge windows. I really miss that spaciousness in our current apartment.







What is the difference between the home you are living now and the ones you have lived in the past?

Well, one of the differences I already mentioned before is that our apartment, overall, is much less spacious than our previous home. Additionally, in our last home, I felt we had much more privacy. Here, we live in close quarters with our neighbours and run into them very often. Our apartment building also has stringent rules in terms of entering late at night and interior decorations – something we did not have to worry about much before.





Hometown







- What is the name of your hometown?
- Describe your hometown a little.
- What do you like most about your hometown?
- Has your hometown changed much since you were a child?
- Are there any changes you would like to make in your hometown?





Work







- What do you do?
- Why have you chosen this job?
- How much do you spend on your job?
- What responsibilities do you have?
- What do you do on a typical day at work?





Studies







- What are you studying?
- Do you like your subject? Why or why not?
- What part of the course do you enjoy most?
- Do you prefer to study in the morning or in the afternoon?
- What is the best thing about your institution?





Family







- Do you have a large family or small family?
- Tell me something about your family.
- How much time do you spend with your family?
- What type of things do you like to do together?
- How much influence does your family have on you?





Friends







- Do you prefer one or two close friends or many friends?
- How often do you spend time with your friends?
- Do you prefer to spend time with your friends or stay alone?
- What type of activities do you usually do when you are with your friends?
- Do you think friendships can change over time? Why or why not?





Daily routine







- Do you like to plan your daily activities?
- Please describe your typical weekday and weekend.
- What would you like to change in your daily routine?
- Can you maintain a work life balance?
- Do you ever break your daily routine?





Hobbies







- Do you have any hobbies?
- Why do you think hobbies are important?
- Do you think hobbies should be shared with other people?
- Did you have hobbies as a child?
- Is it harmful to spend too much time on a hobby?





Leisure time







- What do you do in your leisure time?
- Why do you like doing these activities?
- Do you prefer staying at home or going out in the evenings?
- Do you think modern lifestyle gives people enough time for leisure?
- Do the young and the old spend their leisure time the same way?





Music







- Do you often listen to music?
- When do you listen to music?
- What kind of music do you listen to?
- Does music taste vary with time?
- Have you learnt to play any sort of musical instrument?