

IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 3

22 You are going to hear questions that are typical of Part 3 of the exam. Listen to each question and give your answer.

Now listen to the sample answer. Note down any useful vocabulary, then answer the Part 3 questions again using that vocabulary.

Vocabulary: Collocations

Collocations are words that are often found together. Using them will make your English sound more natural. You should not just learn isolated words; you should also look for new collocations and make a note of them.

23 Complete sentences 1–10 with the words a–j that collocate with the words in *italics*.

- a balanced c keep e lead g places i sense
b form d keep f passive h play j set

- 1 The best way to _____ *fit* is to do exercise that raises your heart rate.
- 2 Golf, in my opinion, is not the best _____ *of exercise*.
- 3 You can have fun while exercising if you _____ *volleyball* with your friends a few times a week.
- 4 Without a TV people are much more likely to _____ *active*.
- 5 Parents should _____ *a good example* to their children as far as exercise is concerned.
- 6 Schools can teach children about eating a _____ *diet*.
- 7 Children will love the _____ *of achievement* sport can give you.
- 8 People ought to be encouraged to _____ *healthy lives*.
- 9 Even if you don't smoke yourself, _____ *smoking* can harm your health.
- 10 People should not be allowed to smoke in *public* _____.

24 Look at the different types of collocation in the table. Then draw a table like the one below and write the collocations from Exercise 23 in the correct column.

| Verb + adjective | Verb + noun | Verb + adjective + noun | Noun + noun | Adjective + noun |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | | | | |

Now find collocations related to sport and health and add them to the table. You can look for collocations in the other sample answers as well as in newspaper or magazine articles and online.

25 Answer the Part 3 questions in Exercise 22 again. This time try to use some of the collocations you have learnt.