

Exam tip: Be prepared to talk about your hobbies and how often you do them. Search online or in language books for texts describing your pastimes. Note down and learn any useful words, phrases or collocations, and then practise talking about your hobbies with a friend.

Language: Frequency

- 4 1 The phrases below express frequency. Put them in order from the most frequent to the least frequent.

once a fortnight
every other day
every Tuesday

every single day
several times a year
twice a year

- 2 Practise talking about things you do and how often you do them. You can change some of the phrases above to make them true for you.

Examples: *I sing karaoke **every other Saturday**. I go to the theatre **about three times a year**.*

Exam tip: Using phrases, rather than just single words, to express frequency will impress the examiner. Instead of *I **occasionally** play tennis*, say *I play tennis **every now and again***. Instead of *I **often** take photos*, try using this present continuous structure instead: *I'm **always** taking photos*.

And don't forget you can use these frequency phrases with any topic, not just with hobbies.

IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 1



- 5 You are going to hear Part 1 questions that are typical of the exam. Listen to each question and give your answer. Record yourself. Remember, do not give answers that are too short: saying just one word or one short sentence is not enough.

Now listen to the sample answers. Notice that the candidate uses a range of language to express likes and dislikes, and a range of frequency phrases.