

IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 1

6 You are going to hear questions that are typical of Part 1 of the exam. Listen to each question and give your answer. Use short answers where appropriate.

Now listen to the sample answers.

Expressing yourself indirectly

Exam tip: If you don't know the word for something, you will need to express it in an indirect way. For example, if you don't know the term *brochure*, instead of *We looked in a travel brochure*, you could say *We looked in a magazine with information about all kinds of holidays*.

7 1 Match the beginnings of sentences 1–8 with the endings a–h.

1 It's a kind of ... _____	a sells you flights and accommodation.
2 It's something you do when ... _____	b keeping your toothbrush, shower gel and brush in.
3 It's made of ... _____	c short holiday.
4 It's a place where ... _____	d a pair of shorts but it's for swimming in.
5 It's something you ... _____	e cardboard, with a picture and room to write on the other side.
6 It looks (a bit) like ... _____	f wear on your feet on the beach.
7 It's used for ... _____	g you want to get a tan.
8 It's a person who ... _____	h young people can stay cheaply.

- 2** What do you think is being described each time? Check your answers, then cover the phrases above and, if possible, practise describing the things to a friend. Can they guess what you are describing?

You can also use these phrases to explain words or concepts from your own language for which there is no direct translation.

- 8** Describe the words below indirectly using the phrases 1–8 from Exercise 7. Ask someone to guess what you are describing. Practise with more words if you like.

a passenger camping a suitcase a port an excursion