

SPEAKING PART-2

SAMPLE ANSWER

Describe an **old person** that you know.

You should say:

- What your relationship is to this person
- How often you see them
- What people think about this person

Explain why you like them.

Sample Answer:

Alright. I'd like to tell you about an old person that I know.

His name is John, and he is the owner of a small convenience store at the end of my street.

I would say that my relationship with him is as a friend. I know him because I regularly go to the shop in order to buy things when I don't have time to go to a supermarket. He's quite friendly and I always have a chat with him. I've known him now for about five years - since I've lived in the area. That's why I'd now call him a friend.

I'd say that I see him fairly regularly. Like I said, I go to the big supermarket out of town sometimes to stock up, but one always needs odd things during the week such as sugar, or some snack or other. So when this happens I just have a walk down to his shop. So I'd say I see him every one or two days.

I think John is pretty popular as he's been there for years as far as I'm aware, so most of the locals around the area know him. There will always be someone in the shop having a chat with him. They like him because he's not just the shopkeeper but he's also very involved in activities in the community. For

example, I know he helps out at the old people's home some nights. He also helps to organize the fruit festival that is held each year in the town.

The reason that I like him is that he's great to have a chat with. For instance, a while back I was having problems with my work, and I was really feeling stressed. I didn't really have anyone to talk to at the time as my family was abroad and a couple of my good friends were not around. I mentioned it to John and he was great. He listened and also gave me some really good advice. He didn't need to do that so it was great that he made the time anyway. Generally, though, he's really welcoming when you go to his shop. He'll always have a smile on his face.

Describe a **special event** that takes place in your country.

You should say:

- When the event takes place
- Why it happens / what does it celebrate
- What do people do

Explain why this is a special event.

Sample Answer:

I think all countries around the world have their own special festivals where they celebrate times of cultural or historical significance. I am a Bangladeshi, so I can confirm that we have several important days in the year when people celebrate special times of the year like seasons, or moments of national pride. Out of all of them, I would like to mention International Mother Language Day or Language Martyr's Day as it is known in my country.

In Bangladesh in the year 1952 on 21st February, when my country was still occupied by a foreign government or the Pakistani government, the central authority decided that Bangla will be replaced as the official language of the country. Bangla was supposed to be erased from history, to be replaced by Urdu. It was devastating news for the people of that time who loved their mother language, Bangla, dearly. So many people, especially young students of

that time, marched on the streets to protest this change. The fascist government of West Pakistan attacked these brave but unarmed students to stop the protest and as a result many of them were killed. We know them as the Language Martyrs. Because of this incident, many other protests occurred and some other foreign powers also got involved. To cut a long story short, West Pakistan was forced to back off and let us use our own local languages, adding Bangla as the officially recognized means of communication in Bangladesh.

After the independence of Bangladesh until this day, we Bangladeshis celebrate the month of February as “Bhashar Maash” or the Month of Languages. We have a government sponsored national book fair and people wear black and white themed clothes to pay regard to this event. We also have a monument for the Language Martyrs located in the capital city of Dhaka where we go on the 21st date of the month to lay down bouquets of flowers as a form of respect.

Describe a happy childhood event.

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who was involved
- How you felt at the time

Explain why you remember this particular occasion.

Sample Answer:

I’m going to talk about a happy childhood event that I remember, and that event was my 13th birthday.

It was 25 years ago now because I’m 38. My birthday is on the 7th of May. What happened was my parents surprised me on my birthday by telling me that they were going to take me to a theme park that is a few hours from our house. I’d never been before - it had only been open a few months and they knew that I really wanted to go. As I recall it was a Saturday that we went. They didn’t tell me until the morning when I woke up that day.

My whole family was involved in the event. I have a brother and a sister so of course they came as well as my Mom and Dad, and not only that, we also picked up my grandparents on the way so they could join us. They were too old to go on the rides but it was still a great trip out for them!

The theme park was really amazing. There was a huge roller coaster which I remember was really scary but still excellent fun. One particular thing I remember is the ghost train. My younger sister was not allowed to go on the ride because she was too young and she was really upset and jealous of me and my brother! I think it was lucky she didn't though. It was really realistic – there were real people in there who were actually dressed up as ghosts and they jumped out just when you weren't expecting it – it made us jump so many times!

How I felt really depended on what I was doing. Obviously I was excited the whole day, but I remember that I felt really exhilarated when I was on the rides such as the roller coaster, and scared but still excited on the ghost train.

The reason that I remember it so well is that I had been so desperate to go to the theme park and I'd been talking to my friends at school for ages about how I wanted to go. So it was so great when I found out that I could. Also I remember it so well because all of our family was together. My Dad was pretty busy most of the time with his work so we didn't always have much time to do things together when I was younger.

So for these reasons, this was a really special occasion that I'll never forget.