

SPEAKING PART-1

SAMPLE ANSWER

Topic - Friends:

Q. Do you have many friends? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Tell me about your best friend at school.

Q. How friendly are you with your neighbors? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Which is more important to you, friends or family? [Why?]

Q. Do you have many friends? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I have more than 10 friends and I am not sure if I should say this is many! However, I had more than 30 friends in my school days. With the passage of time, the number plummeted. If I count my Facebook friends as real friends, the number would go high!

Alternative Answer: I have a few close friends whom I consider my inner circle, but I wouldn't say that I have a large number of friends. I value quality over quantity when it comes to friendship. Developing meaningful connections and maintaining strong bonds requires time, trust, and mutual understanding. I prefer investing my energy in

nurturing a few deep friendships rather than spreading myself thin across numerous acquaintances.

Q. How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I meet my friends almost twice a week. I love to spend my weekends with them and sometimes I visit different places, watch movies and discuss different topics with them. I do not go out with all of my friends. I mostly hang out with 2-3 close buddies and go out with them almost 3-4 times a month.

Alternative Answer: The frequency of my outings with friends varies depending on our schedules and commitments. On average, I try to meet up with my friends at least once or twice a month. However, there are times when our busy lives and responsibilities make it challenging to find a common time to get together. Nevertheless, I cherish the moments we do spend together, as they offer an opportunity to unwind, catch up on each other's lives, and strengthen our friendships.

Q. Tell me about your best friend at school.

Answer: My best friend at school was John and he was a great friend. He was tall and brave. He taught me how to show courage when we are in trouble. He has had a great impact on my life. Though he lives

in Australia now, we regularly communicate via Skype. I specifically liked him because he was more like a brother than a friend to me.

Alternative Answer: My best friend at school was named Sarah. We met in elementary school and instantly clicked. What made our bond special was our shared interests, values, and deep understanding of each other. Sarah was incredibly supportive, trustworthy, and always had my back. We would spend hours together studying, exploring new hobbies, and engaging in lively conversations. She had a great sense of humor and was someone I could always rely on for advice and a listening ear. Despite attending different colleges, we have managed to stay in touch and maintain our friendship throughout the years.

Q. How friendly are you with your neighbors? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I must say I am quite lucky to have good neighbors who are always supportive and well-behaved. I am quite close to them. We have been living in our neighborhood for more than a decade and our neighbors have become our close relatives. We have a mutual understanding and an invisible bond that ties us together as good neighbors. I respect their opinion, privacy and try to step forward whenever they need me.

Alternative Answer: I consider myself friendly with my neighbors. I believe in fostering a sense of community and being a good neighbor. I make an effort to greet them, engage in friendly conversations, and help out when needed. Building positive relationships with neighbors creates a supportive and safe environment where we can look out for one another. Whether it's keeping an eye on each other's homes during vacations or lending a helping hand, being friendly with neighbors enhances the overall neighborhood experience and creates a sense of belonging.

Q. Which is more important to you, friends or family? [Why?]

Answer: To be honest, family comes first. However, there are some friends who become our family members. The bond between family members is often stronger but this does not mean that we do not have friends who are less important in our life. Being with the family makes us who we really are and friends make our life worth living.

Alternative Answer: It's difficult for me to choose between friends and family as both hold immense significance in my life. Family provides a strong foundation of love, support, and shared history. They have been there for me through thick and thin, offering unconditional love and guidance. Family bonds are deeply rooted, and the connections forged with relatives can be lifelong. On the other hand, friends are the

family we choose. They offer companionship, understanding, and a different perspective on life. Friends can become our support system outside of the familial realm and bring joy, laughter, and shared experiences. Ultimately, both friends and family play unique roles in my life, and I value and cherish the relationships I have with both.

Topic - People you study/work with:

Q. Who do you spend most time studying/working with? [Why?]

Q. What kinds of things do you study/work on with other people?
[Why?]

Q. Are there times when you study/work better by yourself? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Is it important to like the people you study/work with? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Who do you spend most time studying/working with? [Why?]

Answer: As a university student, I have a couple of classmates, who are also my friends, with whom I spend a considerable amount of time studying or discussing different topics related to our studies or assignments. If I have to single out a person among them, I would say

I spend the most time with “Jessica”, who is a very close friend of mine, and a very brilliant student.

Alternative Answer: I work in a software company in our country, and I often have to work with a number of colleagues on different projects and requirements. However, I believe I work most with two of my colleagues, who happen to be from my university, as we are often in the same team working on the same projects.

**Q. What kinds of things do you study/work on with other people?
[Why?]**

Answer: My major is Business Studies, and I often find myself studying or discussing accounting, banking, technology, finance, management and computer applications-related topics or assignments with the people I study with. If we have important assignments, which are quite frequent, we also discuss how we can approach and prepare to get a good grade.

Alternative Answer: As a software developer, almost always I work in a team. My work nature is such that I have to constantly interact with a group of people ranging from the clients to the project manager, from

teammates, subordinates, the design team, the marketing team to the testing team. I work with the clients to understand the project requirements. With other teams and project managers, I mostly discuss the progress of the projects or do formal meetings about the projects. With the testing team, I collaborate in order to solve bugs or improve a feature.

**Q. Are there times when you study/work better by yourself?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer: I think most of us would agree that group studies are better for understanding comparatively complex topics and it also helps us share our ideas. However, there are some instances, at least this is what my experience has taught me, when we tend to do better if we study all by ourselves. For instance, if I need to write an essay, read a chapter of a book that requires utmost attention, solve a math problem, or do some online research for a small project, I prefer working alone to being in a group of several people. I would like to share my ideas or get reviews on the work I do in such situations, but when it comes to jotting down my thoughts or thinking with deep attention, I think working solo is sometimes the best option.

Alternative Answer: Well, before starting working on a project, I need to discuss and collaborate with several people. But when it comes to

actually writing codes for the software or application, I prefer to work all by myself. However, during this work, I often need to supervise my subordinates and interact with seniors. I think I prefer writing code in a silent environment without the intervention of others because this way, I can pay absolute attention and produce great outputs.

**Q. Is it important to like the people you study/work with?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer: Yes, it is absolutely important to like the people we study with. Students, most of the time, if not always, create a friendly bond with others they study with. So if they do not like each other, chances are that the group would not sustain in the long run and produce very poor output. As for me, the students who I study with are my dear friends, and this friendship began after we started studying together.

Alternative Answer: In my opinion, it is quite important to like and respect the people we work with. Without having a work environment where we have friendly and helpful colleagues, we cannot go on for long. In fact, we spend a significant amount of our day-time in our workplace, so it is imperative that we are surrounded by the people we like to work with and respect each other.

Following is a list of possible topics that you should be ready to talk about in speaking part 1.

Study

Work

School/ Workplace

Hometown/ Living place

Home/ Accommodation

Name

Family/ Friends / Colleagues

Clothes, Fashion & Jewellery

Gifts

Daily routine

Daily activities

Food/ Cooking

Drinks

Going out

Hobbies / Interests

Language

Leisure time activity

Games / Sports

Future plan

Music

Neighbours & Neighbourhood

Newspapers

Pets

Flowers & Plants

Reading

Music

Dancing

Exercise

Shopping

Magazines & TV

Transport/ Travelling

Interesting places

Bicycle

Seasons

Maps

Internet & Technology (Telephone, Email, Social media etc)

Weather

Festivals

Culture/ Tradition