

IELTS Speaking Questions: A Comprehensive Guide

If you're preparing for the IELTS Test, it's important to know what IELTS Speaking questions might come up. In this article, we will provide an overview of the different parts of the Speaking test, as well as real questions from past exams.



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Part 1: Introduction and Interview

The examiner will ask you questions about yourself and your life. These IELTS Speaking questions are usually easier to answer than the other two parts. The good news is all of the questions are about, and you are the world-leading expert on the topic of you.

Some examples of questions are:

- Can you tell me where you live?
- Do you work or study?
- What do you do in your free time?

To learn more about how to answer these types of questions, watch the following video:

Part 2: The 'Long Turn'

The examiner will give you a topic card. You will have 1 minute to prepare your response. Then you will speak for 1-2 minutes on the topic. Don't worry, the examiner will stop you when you reach 2 minutes.

The topics are random and cannot be predicted, but they are normally topics that anyone in the world can talk about.

Here are some examples of Part 2 IELTS Speaking questions that have been asked in previous years:

- Describe a time when you were really proud of yourself.
- Talk about a hobby that you enjoy.
- Tell me about a place that you have visited that you really liked.

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Part 3: Discussion Questions

The examiner will ask you more detailed questions about the topic from Part 2. They may also ask you about other interrelated topics. They are normally on abstract IELTS Speaking questions, and resemble the kind of 'academic' questions you might get asked in IELTS Writing Task 2.

Here are some examples of questions that have been asked in previous years:

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking up a new hobby?
- Do you think people should return to their hometowns after finishing school or university?
- What are the benefits of living in a big city?

Below are some example questions from real tests. **DO NOT prepare answers for these IELTS Speaking questions.**

The IELTS test is not a test of memorization. Use these IELTS Speaking questions to practice and familiarise yourself with the test.



Part 1

Personal questions about familiar topics like home, family, work, studies and interests

Part 2

A longer talk on a given topic with 1 minute preparation time

Part 3

A discussion of more abstract issues related to the Part 2 topic

Part 1 IELTS Speaking Questions



Accommodation

- Let's move on to talk about accommodation. Tell me about the kind of accommodation you live in.
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- Is it a big place?
- Does the place you live in have many amenities?
- What do you like about living there?
- Is there anything you would like to change about the place you live in?
- How long have you lived there?
- Do you plan to live there for a long time?
- Is there a garden in the place you live in?



Advertisements

- Do you like watching advertisements?
- Will you buy something because of an advertisement?
- How do you feel when you see pop-up ads on the internet?
- Do you like funny or serious advertisements?
- What makes a good advertisement?



Art & Photography

- Do you like art?
- Do you think art classes are necessary?
- How do you think art classes affect children's development?
- What benefits can you get from painting as a hobby?
- Do you like to take photographs?
- Do you prefer to take photos yourself or to have other people take photos?
- How often do you take photographs?
- Do you prefer to take pictures of people or of scenery?
- Do you prefer to take photos with a phone or with a camera?
- Do you take many photographs when you travel?
- Do you like looking at photographs of yourself?
- Have you put any photographs you have taken on the walls in your house?

Part 1 IELTS Speaking Questions (Continued)

Animals

- Do you like animals?
- What is your favourite animal?
- What types of animals do you have in your country?
- What types of animals are kept as pets in your country?
- Do you think animals should be kept in zoos?
- Do you have any animals in your home as a pet?
- Did you have a pet when you were a child?
- Would you like to have a pet in the future?
- Do you have a pet?
- What types of animals do you think make the best pets?
- Why do people have pets?
- Should dogs be left in the house alone while their owners are at work?
- Is there any type of animal that you think should not be kept as a pet?



Common Pets

Dogs, cats, birds, and fish are among the most common pets kept in homes worldwide.

Bags & Boat

- Have you ever taken a ride on a boat?
- Do you like travelling by boat?
- What are the advantages of travelling by boat?
- Do people in your country like to travel by boat?
- Will it get more popular in the future?
- Do you like bags?
- What types of bags do you like?
- Do you usually carry a bag (when you go out)?
- What types of bags do you use in your everyday life?
- What do you put in these bags?
- What sorts of bags do women like to buy?



Everyday Bags

Different types of bags serve various purposes in daily life, from backpacks for work to handbags for social occasions.



Boat Travel

Boat travel offers unique perspectives and experiences that other forms of transportation cannot provide.

Birthdays

Birthday-related questions are common in IELTS Speaking Part 1. These questions explore your personal experiences and cultural practices around celebrating birthdays.

Common Birthday Questions

- What did you usually do on your birthday when you were a child?
- How do you normally celebrate your birthday now?
- Is your birthday now still as important to you as when you were a child?
- Do you think it's important to give someone a card when it's their birthday?
- Do you think the price of gifts/presents is important?

When answering birthday-related questions, consider how your celebration habits have changed over time and what cultural significance birthdays have in your country. This allows you to demonstrate both personal reflection and cultural awareness in your responses.

Books

Questions about books and reading habits are frequently asked in the IELTS Speaking test. These questions allow you to discuss your personal preferences and demonstrate your vocabulary related to literature and reading.

Common Book-Related Questions

- Do you like reading books? Why?
- How often do you read?
- Do you have many books at home?
- Do you prefer to buy books or borrow them?
- What are the benefits of reading?
- What book would you take on a long journey?
- How easy is it for you to read books in English?
- Have you given up reading a book recently?
- What kind of people like reading and what kind of people don't like reading very much?
- What kinds of books do you like to read?
- What is the best book you've ever read?
- Is reading books a popular activity in your country?
- Do you think that electronic books / eReaders are better than real books?

When answering questions about books, you can discuss genres you enjoy, authors you admire, and how reading has impacted your life or education. This topic also gives you an opportunity to express opinions about traditional books versus digital reading formats.

Celebrity

Questions about celebrities and famous people are common in IELTS Speaking Part 1. These questions explore your opinions about public figures and fame in general.

Common Celebrity Questions

- Who is your favourite celebrity?
- Do you like any foreign celebrities?
- Would you want to be a celebrity in the future?
- Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?
- How do celebrities influence their fans in your country?

When answering questions about celebrities, you can discuss the positive and negative aspects of fame, the influence celebrities have on society, and your personal opinions about privacy and media coverage. This topic allows you to demonstrate critical thinking about social phenomena and cultural values.

Clothes, Fashion & Photos

Clothes & Fashion Questions

- What is your favourite item of clothing?
- Are there any traditional clothes in your country?
- Where do you usually purchase your clothes?
- Have you ever bought clothes online?
- Were you interested in fashion when you were a child?
- Is fashion important to you now?
- What types of clothes are fashionable for young people in your country these days?
- Does fashion change for people as they get older?



Fashion Styles

Fashion varies greatly across cultures, age groups, and personal preferences.

Photo-Related Questions

- Who do you usually take photos of?
- How do you keep your photos?
- Do you keep your photographs on your computer?
- Have you framed any of your photos?
- Do you prefer to send postcards to people or to send photos that you took yourself?
- Are there any photos on the walls of your home?



Photography

Digital technology has transformed how we capture, store, and share photographs.



Traditional Attire

Many countries preserve their cultural identity through traditional clothing.

Colours

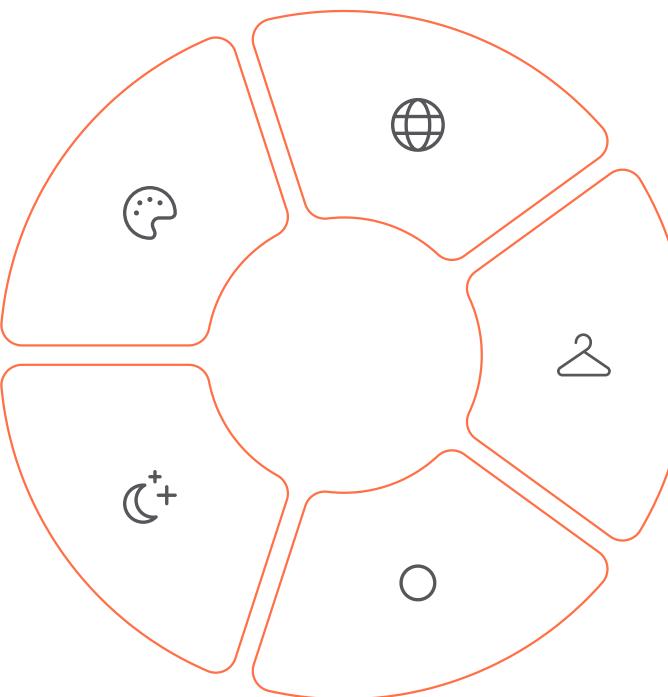
Questions about colours are straightforward but offer good opportunities to express personal preferences and cultural observations in the IELTS Speaking test.

Personal Preferences

What colours do you like?

Psychological Impact

Do colours affect your mood?



Cultural Significance

What's the most popular colour in your country?

Fashion Choices

Do you like to wear dark or bright colours?

Gender Differences

What's the difference between men and women's preference for colours?

When answering questions about colours, you can discuss your personal preferences, cultural associations with different colours, and how colours influence mood and atmosphere. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to describing visual elements and expressing preferences.

Computer

Computer-related questions are common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, reflecting the importance of technology in modern life.

Common Computer Questions

- Do you use computers?
- What do you use a computer to do?
- Did you use computers when you were little?
- Do people often use computers these days?
- Will people continue to use computers in the future?

When answering questions about computers, you can discuss how technology has changed during your lifetime, how you use computers for work or study, and your thoughts on the future of computing. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to technology and express opinions about technological change.

Country

Questions about your country are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1. These questions allow you to share information about your homeland and demonstrate your ability to describe places.

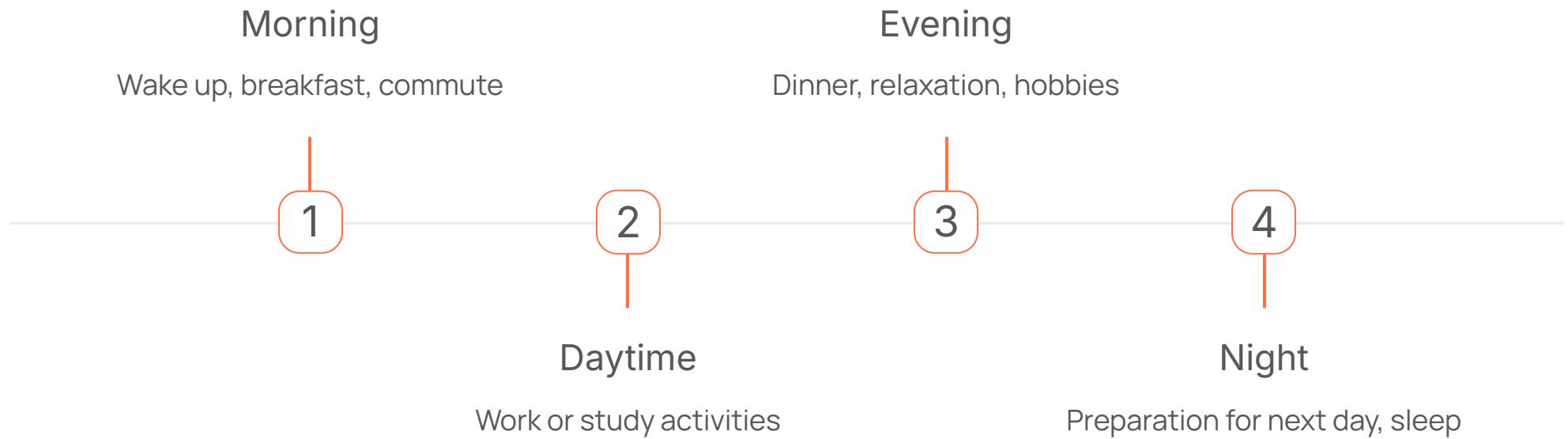
Common Country Questions

- What is your country famous for?
- Where do you live in your country?
- Is it an interesting place to live?
- Are you planning to live there in the future?

When answering questions about your country, you can discuss cultural aspects, geographical features, famous landmarks, and your personal connection to your homeland. This topic gives you an opportunity to demonstrate national pride while also showing balanced perspectives about both positive and challenging aspects of your country.

Daily Routine

Questions about your daily routine are common in IELTS Speaking Part 1. These questions allow you to demonstrate vocabulary related to everyday activities and time management.



Common Daily Routine Questions

- Tell me about your daily routine?
- Has your daily routine changed since you were a child?
- Is your daily routine different at the weekend to during the week?
- What would you like to change about your daily routine?
- Do you think it's important to have a daily routine?

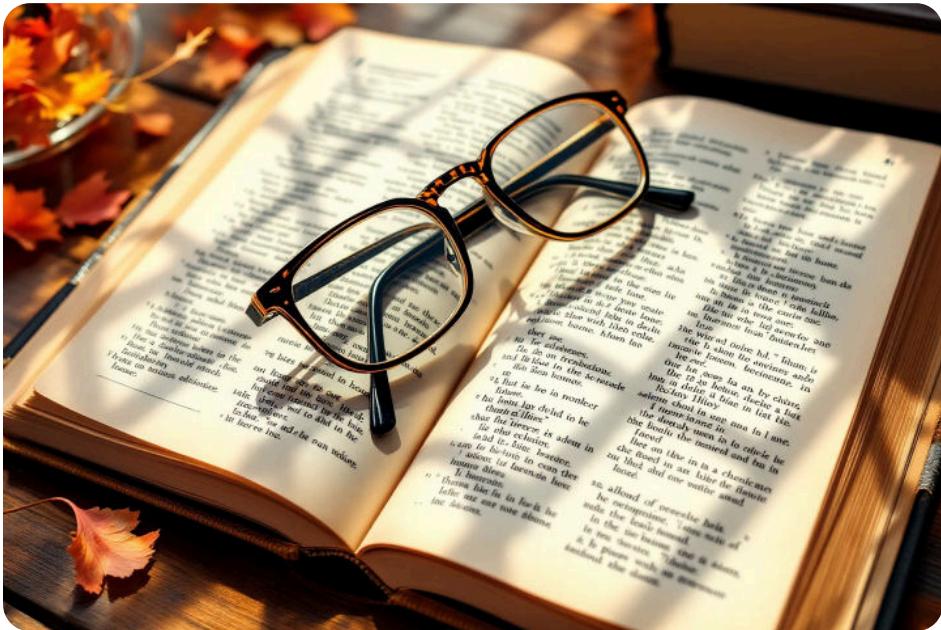
When answering questions about your daily routine, you can discuss how your schedule varies between weekdays and weekends, how your routine has evolved over time, and how you balance different activities in your life. This topic allows you to demonstrate time expressions and sequencing language.

Dictionaries

Dictionary-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your language learning habits and resources.

Common Dictionary Questions

- Do you ever use a dictionary?
- Do you prefer paper or electronic dictionaries?
- Are dictionaries used a lot in schools in your country?
- Do you think dictionaries are useful for learning a language?



Traditional paper dictionaries offer comprehensive information and allow for serendipitous discovery of new words.



Electronic dictionaries and apps provide convenience, multimedia features, and instant search capabilities.

When answering questions about dictionaries, you can discuss how dictionary use has changed with technology, your personal preferences for language reference tools, and how dictionaries support language learning. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to education and language acquisition.

Dreams

Questions about dreams in IELTS Speaking Part 1 can refer to either nighttime dreams or aspirations for the future.

Common Dream Questions

- Do you dream much at night?
- Do you often remember your dreams?
- Do you think we can learn anything from dreams?
- Do people in your country talk about their dreams?
- Do you think that dreams can come true?

When answering questions about dreams, you can discuss your experiences with remembering dreams, cultural attitudes toward dream interpretation, and the relationship between dreams and goals. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to psychology, sleep, and aspirations.

Email

Email-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your communication habits and preferences in the digital age.

Common Email Questions

- What kinds of emails do you receive about your work or studies?
- Do you prefer to email, phone, or text your friends?
- Do you reply to emails as soon as you receive them?
- Are you happy to receive emails that are advertising things?
- Do you email people often?

- Do you chat with friends or family more with email?
- Do you think people prefer to receive an email or a letter?
- Do you think it's easier to write an email or a letter?
- Do you think email will eventually replace letter writing?



When answering questions about email, you can discuss how digital communication has changed over time, your personal email habits, and the advantages and disadvantages of different communication methods. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to technology and communication.

Exercise

Exercise-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your physical activity habits and attitudes toward fitness.



Current Habits

Do you do much exercise?



Changes Over Time

Do you do more exercise now than when you were a child?



Cultural Context

Do people in your country do a lot of exercise?



Effective Methods

What do you think is the best exercise to keep fit?



Historical Changes

Have the types of exercise people like to do changed since you were a child?

When answering questions about exercise, you can discuss your personal fitness routine, popular sports and activities in your country, and how attitudes toward exercise have evolved over time. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to health, sports, and physical activities.

Family & Housework

Family Questions

- How many people are there in your immediate family?
- Who do you get on best within your family?
- Do you have a large extended family?
- What do you do together with your family?
- Why is family important to you?
- Do you all live in the same house?
- Who is your favourite family member?
- Do you have a large family or a small family?



Family Gatherings

Family gatherings provide opportunities for bonding and maintaining relationships across generations.

Housework Questions

- Do you do housework at home?
- What kind of housework do you often do?
- Did you do housework when you were a child?
- Do you think that children should do housework?
- Can you tell me something about your family members?
- How much time do you manage to spend with members of your family?
- Do you get on well with your family? Why?



Shared Responsibilities

Many families distribute housework among members to maintain the home efficiently.



Children's Participation

Involving children in housework can teach responsibility and life skills.

Flowers

Flower-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore cultural practices and personal preferences regarding flowers and gift-giving.

Common Flower Questions

- Have you ever given anybody flowers?
- Is it popular to give flowers to people in your country?
- On what special occasions do people give flowers in your country?
- What kinds of flowers would you like to receive as a present?

When answering questions about flowers, you can discuss cultural traditions around flower-giving, your personal preferences for flowers, and the symbolic meanings associated with different types of flowers. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to nature, celebrations, and cultural practices.

Friends

Friendship-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your social relationships and values regarding friendship.

Common Friendship Questions

- Do you have a lot of friends?
- Who is your best friend and why?
- Who would you most like to be friends with and why?
- What kind of person can you make friends with easily?
- Which is more important to you, friends or family?

When answering questions about friends, you can discuss the qualities you value in friendships, how you maintain relationships, and the role friends play in your life. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to personality traits, relationships, and social activities.



Food

Food-related questions are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, as they explore universal experiences and cultural practices.

Cooking & Food Preferences

- Do you enjoy cooking?
- What type of things can you cook?
- What kinds of food are popular in your country?
- Is it an important part of your culture to have dinner parties?
- Do you prefer to eat with other people or on your own?



Cultural Cuisine

Traditional foods reflect cultural heritage and regional ingredients.



Social Dining

Sharing meals creates opportunities for connection and conversation.



Home Cooking

Preparing food at home allows for personalization and control over ingredients.

Eating Habits

- Do you have a healthy diet?
- Do you prefer eating at home or eating out?
- Do you like ordering food to be delivered?
- Who do you get food delivered with?
- Do you eat meals differently now compared to when you were little?

Gift & Noise

Noise Questions

- Do you mind noises?
- What types of noise do you come across in your daily life?
- Are there any sounds that you like?
- Where can you hear loud noises?
- Do you think there's too much noise in modern society?
- Are cities becoming noisier?



Urban Noise

Cities often have high levels of noise pollution from traffic, construction, and crowds.

Gift Questions

- When do you send gifts?
- When was the last time you received a gift?
- Have you received a gift you didn't like?
- How do you feel when you receive a gift?
- Do people in your country send gifts to show their generosity?



Gift Giving

Gift exchange is an important social ritual in many cultures for celebrations and relationship building.



Noise Management

Many people seek ways to control their sound environment for comfort and concentration.

High School

High school-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your educational experiences and memories.

Common High School Questions

- Who was your favourite teacher in high school?
- What was your favourite subject in high school?
- Do you still remember what happened on your first day of high school?
- Do you still keep in touch with your friends from high school?
- Do you miss your life in high school?

When answering questions about high school, you can discuss memorable experiences, influential teachers, academic interests, and how your school years shaped your development. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to education, adolescence, and personal growth.

Home

Home-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your living situation and attitudes toward your residence.

Common Home Questions

- Who do you live with?
- What is your favourite room in your home?
- How is your home decorated?
- Do you like visitors coming to your home?



The living room is often the social center of a home, designed for comfort and gathering.



Many homes include personalized spaces that reflect the interests and needs of the residents.

When answering questions about your home, you can discuss your living arrangements, how you've personalized your space, and what makes a house feel like a home to you. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to housing, interior design, and domestic life.

Hometown

Hometown questions are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, allowing you to describe a place you know well.

Basic Information

- Where is your hometown?
- What do you like about it?
- What do you not like about it?
- Is there any way your hometown could be made better?
- How important is your hometown to you?
- Can you tell me about your hometown?

Details & Changes

- How has your hometown changed over the years?
- Do you think you will continue to live in your hometown?
- How often do you visit your hometown?
- How many people live in your hometown?
- What kind of jobs do the people in your hometown do?
- What is your hometown famous for?
- What's the oldest part of your hometown?

When answering questions about your hometown, you can discuss its location, size, history, economy, and distinctive features. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to geography, urban/rural life, and place description.

Humour

Humour-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your sense of humour and entertainment preferences.

Common Humour Questions

- What type of programmes do you find funny on TV?
- Which types of programmes are most popular in your country?
- What kind of things make you laugh?
- Do you like to make people laugh?

When answering questions about humour, you can discuss comedy styles you enjoy, cultural differences in humour, and how laughter contributes to wellbeing. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to entertainment, emotions, and cultural preferences.

Indoor Activities & Transportation

Transportation Questions

- Do you prefer public transportation or private transportation?
- What're the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?
- Is it easy to catch a bus in your country?
- Is driving to work popular in your country?
- What do you think will become the most popular means of transportation in your country?



Public Transit

Public transportation systems vary greatly in efficiency and coverage across different regions.



Indoor Hobbies

Indoor activities provide entertainment and skill development regardless of weather conditions.



Transportation Mix

Many urban areas are developing multi-modal transportation systems to improve mobility options.

Indoor Activities Questions

- Do you like indoor activities?
- What indoor activities do you like?
- How much time do you spend indoors every week?
- What types of indoor activities are popular in your country?

Internet

Internet-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your online habits and attitudes toward digital technology.

Common Internet Questions

- How important is the Internet to you?
- Do you use the Internet more for work or in your free time?
- What are your favourite websites?
- Do you think you use the Internet too much?
- How will the Internet develop in the future?
- What are the positive and negative things about the Internet?

When answering questions about the Internet, you can discuss how online connectivity has changed daily life, your personal usage patterns, and the benefits and challenges of digital technology. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to technology, communication, and social change.



Lifestyle

Lifestyle questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore how you spend your time and what activities you enjoy.

Common Lifestyle Questions

- What do you do in your free time?
- Do you have a busy social life?
- Do you lead an active life?
- Has your life changed much in the last year?
- What would you like to change about your lifestyle?



Active Recreation

Physical activities provide both health benefits and enjoyment for many people.

Free Time Questions

- What type of activities do you like to do in your free time?
- How long have you been interested in these activities?
- Do you like to do these activities alone or with other people? (Why)?
- Do you think people have enough free time?



Social Life

Spending time with friends and family is an important part of many people's lifestyle.



Creative Pursuits

Artistic and creative activities offer self-expression and personal development.

Major

Questions about your major or field of study are common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, especially for students or recent graduates.

Common Major/Study Questions

- Do you work or study?
- What is your major? Or what was your major?
- Did you or do you like it?
- Is it a popular major at your university?
- Why did you choose that major?
- What is the most difficult part of studying that subject?
- Do you plan to use the subject you are studying in the future?
- If you could change to another major, what would it be?
- Would you change it if you had the chance?

When answering questions about your major, you can discuss your academic interests, career aspirations, and the challenges and rewards of your field of study. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to education, professional development, and specialized knowledge.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phone questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your relationship with this ubiquitous technology.

Common Mobile Phone Questions

- Do you have a mobile phone?
- At what age did you first get a mobile?
- What do you most use it for?
- Is it a nuisance if people use mobiles in public places such as trains and buses?



Smartphones have become essential tools for communication, information, navigation, and entertainment.



Mobile phone etiquette in public spaces varies across cultures and generations.

When answering questions about mobile phones, you can discuss how you use your device, how mobile technology has evolved during your lifetime, and the social impacts of widespread smartphone use. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to technology, communication, and social norms.

Movies

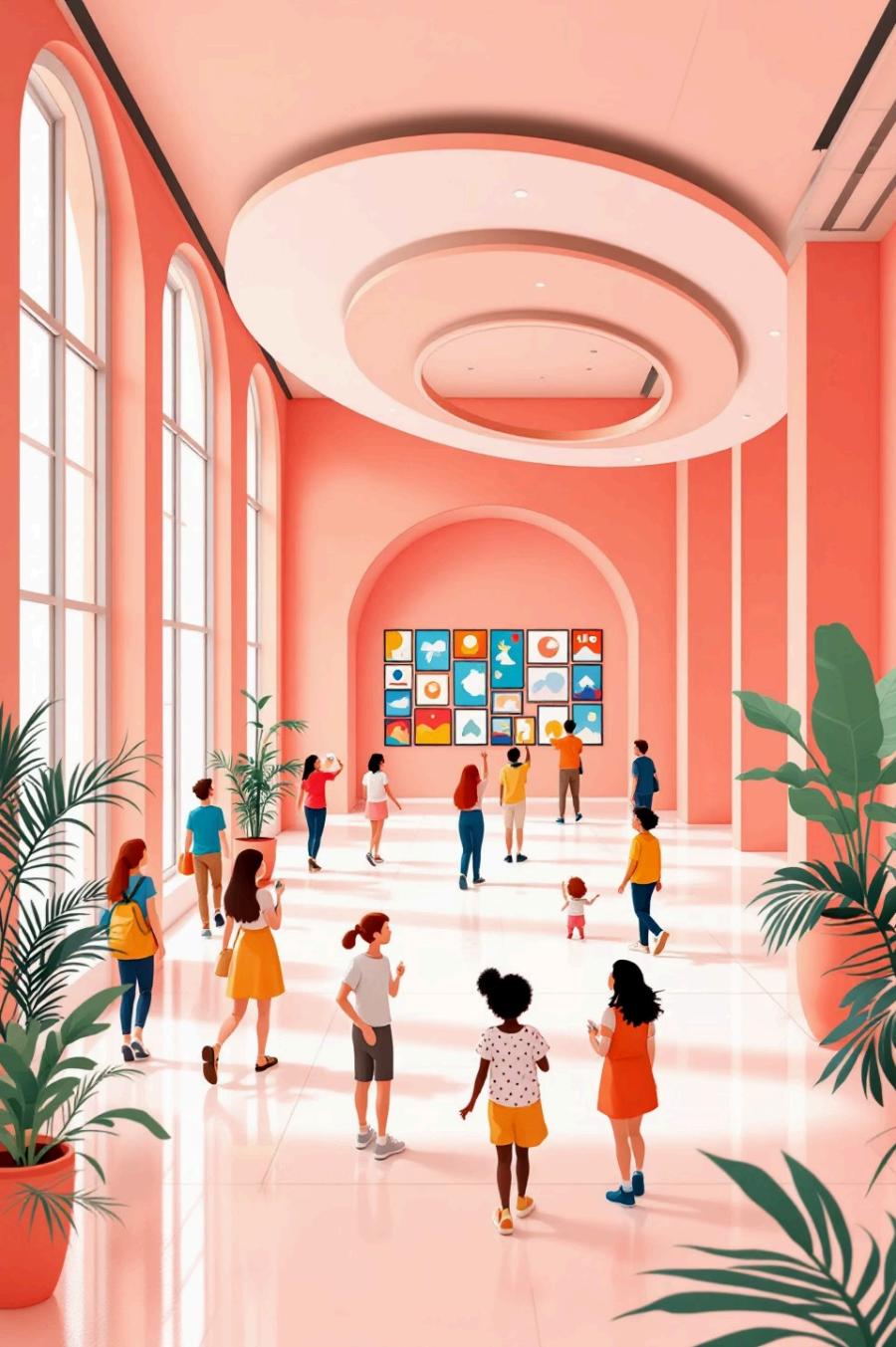
Movie-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your entertainment preferences and cinema experiences.

Common Movie Questions

- How often do you go to the cinema?
- Are cinema tickets expensive in your country?
- What are the advantages of seeing a film at the cinema?
- Do you usually watch films alone or with others?
- Which actor would you like to play you in a film?

When answering questions about movies, you can discuss your favorite genres, the cinema experience versus home viewing, and how films reflect or influence culture. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to entertainment, storytelling, and visual media.





Museums

Museum-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your interest in cultural institutions and learning experiences.

Common Museum Questions

- Are museums popular in your country?
- Did you visit museums when you were a child?
- Do you like to visit museums nowadays?
- Do you think you should pay to visit museums?

When answering questions about museums, you can discuss memorable exhibitions you've seen, the educational value of museums, and the role of cultural institutions in preserving heritage. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to art, history, education, and cultural appreciation.

Music

Music-related questions are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, as music is a universal experience with personal significance.

Listening Habits

- How do you listen to music?
- When do you listen to music?
- What's your favourite kind of music?
- Is music an important subject at school in your country?
- What kinds of music are (most) popular in your country?
- How much time do you spend listening to music every day?
- Are your music tastes varied?



Personal Listening

Digital technology has made music more accessible than ever before.



Live Performance

Live concerts offer a unique communal experience that recordings cannot replicate.



Musical Diversity

Musical traditions vary greatly across cultures and historical periods.

Performance & Participation

- Do you like to listen to live music?
- Is live music popular in your country?
- Have you ever been to a concert before? Or Have you ever been to a musical performance?
- What is your favourite song?
- Do you like to sing along to your favourite songs?
- Are you learning to play a musical instrument at the moment?

Musical Instruments

Questions about musical instruments in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your experience with and attitudes toward music education.

Common Musical Instrument Questions

- Do you think it's important for children to learn to play a musical instrument?
- Do children have to learn to play a musical instrument at school in your country?
- Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
- What do you think is the best age to start learning to play a musical instrument?
- What do you think would be the most difficult musical instrument to learn to play?
- Do you think it is important to have a sense of humour? (Why)?

When answering questions about musical instruments, you can discuss your own musical education, the cognitive benefits of learning music, and cultural attitudes toward music education. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to music, education, and skill development.

Neighbours

Neighbour-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your community relationships and living environment.

Common Neighbour Questions

- Do you know the people who live next door to you?
- How often do you see each other?
- What kind of relationship do you have?
- How can neighbours be helpful?
- What kind of problems can people have with their neighbours in a big city?

When answering questions about neighbours, you can discuss community dynamics, cultural expectations regarding neighbourly relationships, and how urbanization affects social connections. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to community, social relationships, and urban/suburban living.

Newspaper And Magazine

Questions about newspapers and magazines in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your media consumption habits and preferences.

Reading Preferences

- Which do you prefer reading, newspapers or magazines?
- What type of stories do you like to read about?
- Do you think reading a magazine or a newspaper can help you learn a language?
- Why do you think some people prefer magazines to newspapers?
- Do you often read newspapers?

Media Trends

- Do you prefer to read local news or international news?
- Which is more popular where you live, newspapers or magazines?
- Do many people today read newspapers?
- In the future, do you think more people than today will read magazines or fewer people?
- Do you think newspapers will be very important to you in the future?



Print Media

Traditional print publications continue to exist alongside digital alternatives.



Digital News

Online news consumption has transformed how people access information.



Specialized Content

Magazines often focus on specific interests, hobbies, or professional fields.

Outdoor Activities

Outdoor activity questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your relationship with nature and physical recreation.

Common Outdoor Activity Questions

- Do you like outdoor activities?
- What outdoor sports do you like?
- How much time do you spend outdoors every week?
- What types of outdoor activities are popular in your country?

When answering questions about outdoor activities, you can discuss your favorite outdoor pursuits, how the natural environment in your region influences recreational options, and the physical and mental benefits of spending time outdoors. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to nature, sports, and leisure.

Patience & Politeness

Patience Questions

- What do you think patience is?
- Do you think patience is important?
- Do you think you are a patient person?
- Have you ever lost your patience?



Practicing Patience

Patience involves remaining calm and composed during challenging situations.

Politeness Questions

- Are you a polite person?
- Who taught you to be polite?
- Is it important to be polite?
- What do you do if others are not polite to you?



Social Etiquette

Politeness varies across cultures but generally involves showing respect and consideration.



Learning Social Skills

Many social behaviors like patience and politeness are learned through family and education.

Public Transport

Public transport questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your travel habits and local transportation systems.

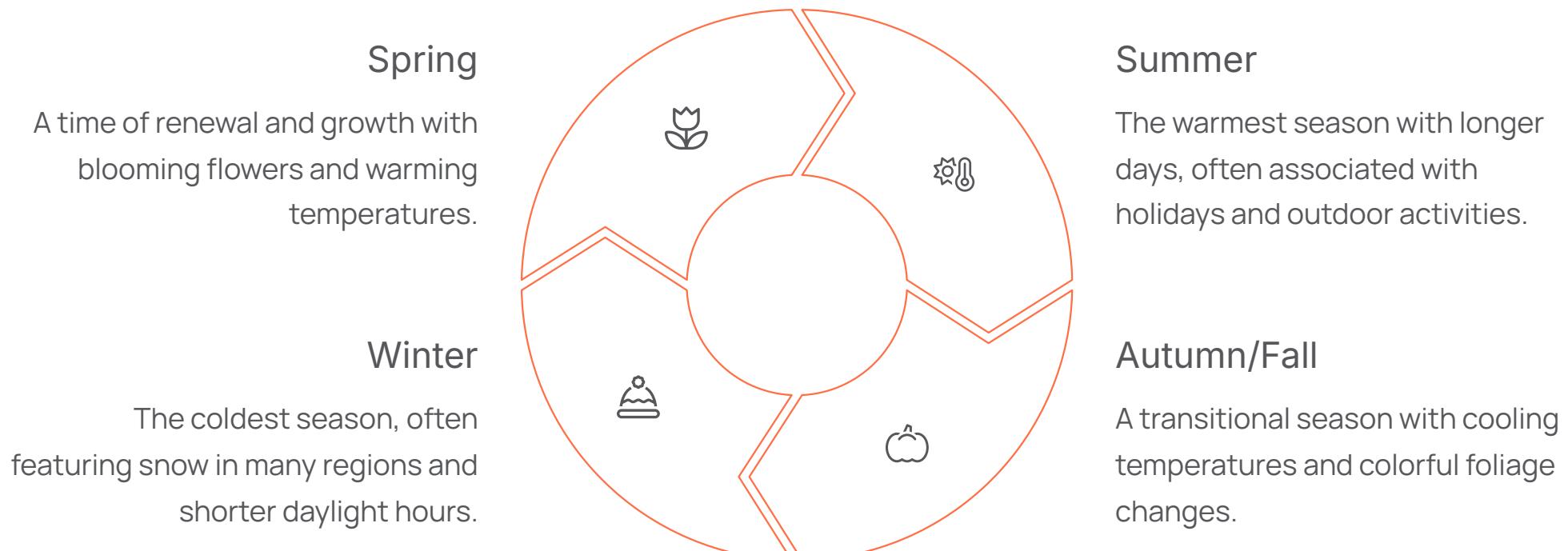
Common Public Transport Questions

- What kinds of public transport do you have in your country?
- What kinds of public transport do most people use?
- What is your favourite type of public transport?
- What do you do when you are travelling on public transport?
- How could public transport in your country be improved?

When answering questions about public transport, you can discuss the efficiency and accessibility of local systems, your personal experiences using public transit, and how transportation infrastructure affects urban life. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to urban planning, travel, and environmental sustainability.

Seasons

Season-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your experiences with climate and seasonal changes.



Common Season Questions

- What is your favourite season?
- Tell me about the different seasons in your country.
- How do the clothes people wear in your country change with the seasons?
- Do any types of jobs people do in your country change with the seasons?
- Is tourism popular in a particular season in your country?
- What season (or weather) do you think is most suitable for work and/or study?

When answering questions about seasons, you can discuss climate patterns in your region, seasonal activities and traditions, and how weather affects daily life and economic activities. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to weather, climate, and seasonal changes.

Sports, The Internet, and The Sea

Sports Questions

- Do you play any sports?
- Do you watch sports on TV?
- What is the most popular sport in your country?
- How do people in your country stay fit?
- Is it important for children to play sports?
- Is there a lot of sports on television in your country?
- What sports do children normally do at school?
- Do you think people do enough sport these days?

The Internet & The Sea

- Do you use The Internet?
- Are children allowed to use The Internet at school in your country?
- Do you think that The Internet is useful for study?
- Have you ever used The Internet to buy something?
- Do you like to go on holiday by sea?
- Are there many hotels by the sea in your country?
- What kind of activities can people do by the sea?
- How long do people normally visit the sea when they go on holiday?



Sports Participation

Sports provide physical exercise, social interaction, and skill development.



Internet Usage

The internet has transformed how people access information, communicate, and shop.



Seaside Holidays

Coastal areas are popular vacation destinations offering unique recreational opportunities.

Timing

Timing and punctuality questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your attitudes toward time management and cultural norms around punctuality.

Common Timing Questions

- Is being late acceptable in your culture?
- Are you ever late for appointments?
- What type of excuses do you think are alright for lateness?
- How do you feel when someone is late for an appointment with you?

When answering questions about timing and punctuality, you can discuss cultural attitudes toward time, your personal time management habits, and how punctuality expectations vary in different contexts. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to time, scheduling, and cultural norms.

Travel

Travel questions are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, allowing you to discuss your experiences visiting different places.

Common Travel Questions

- Where was the last place you visited on holiday?
- Would you like to go back there again?
- What kind of tourist destinations do you usually prefer?
- Has a foreign visitor ever stayed at your home?
- What's the best way to save money while travelling?

When answering questions about travel, you can discuss memorable trips, your travel preferences, and how travel experiences have influenced your perspectives. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to tourism, transportation, and cultural experiences.



Trees

Tree-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your attitudes toward nature and urban environments.

Common Tree Questions

- Do you like trees?
- Are there many trees in your hometown?
- Do you think there are enough trees in most cities?
- What are the benefits of planting more trees?

When answering questions about trees, you can discuss the environmental and aesthetic benefits of urban greenery, the natural landscape of your region, and the importance of trees for ecological balance. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to environment, urban planning, and nature.

TV

Television-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your viewing habits and opinions about media.

Viewing Habits

- Do you like watching TV?
- How often do you watch TV?
- What kind of TV programmes do you like to watch?
- What is your favourite TV show now?
- What was your favourite show when you were a child?
- What are the most popular TV shows in your country?

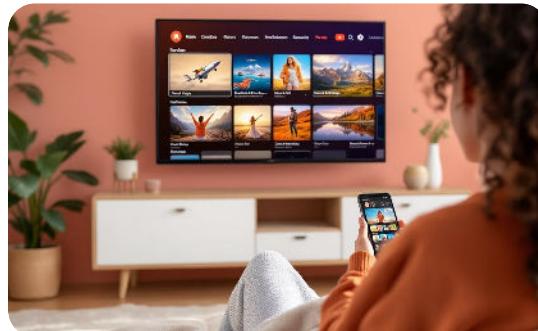
Media Trends

- Do you like watching TV shows from other countries?
- Has the internet affected your viewing habits?
- How many hours a day do you spend watching television?
- Do you think children in your country watch too much television?
- Do you think television is useful for education in schools?



Family Viewing

Television can be a shared experience that brings people together.



Multi-Platform Viewing

Digital technology has transformed how people access and consume video content.



Educational Media

Television can be a valuable tool for learning and information sharing.

Volunteer Works

Volunteer-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your experiences with and attitudes toward community service.

Common Volunteer Questions

- Have you ever worked before?
- What was your first day at work like?
- Have you participated in any volunteer work?
- Why did you do the volunteer work?
- Do you know any volunteers?
- How do you define volunteer work?

When answering questions about volunteering, you can discuss your experiences helping others, the social impact of volunteer work, and the personal benefits of community service. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to social responsibility, community development, and altruism.

Weather

Weather questions are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, as they relate to universal experiences and daily life.

Personal Preferences

- How is the weather today?
- What's your favourite kind of weather?
- Is there any type of weather you really don't like?
- What is the climate like in your country?
- Does the weather affect people's lives in your country?
- Do people change in the summer?
- Does bad weather ever affect transport in your country?
- Tell me about the weather in your country at different times of the year.

Weather Impacts

- Which time of the year did you enjoy the most when you were a child?
- Do you (usually) pay attention to weather forecasts?
- Has the weather changed much in your country in recent years?
- What's the weather usually like in your country (or your hometown)?
- How is the weather here different from the weather in your home country?
- Would you say the weather in your hometown is suitable for working (or studying)?
- Would you like to move to a place with different weather?
- Does the weather affect the way that you feel?



Seasonal Changes

Many regions experience distinct weather patterns throughout the year.



Weather Adaptation

People adjust their activities, clothing, and transportation based on weather conditions.



Weather Forecasting

Modern technology has improved our ability to predict and prepare for weather events.

Work

Work-related questions are very common in IELTS Speaking Part 1, allowing you to discuss your professional life and career aspirations.

Common Work Questions

- Do you have a job right now?
- Do you enjoy your job?
- What responsibilities do you have at work?
- What is your typical day like at work?
- What would you change about your job?
- What job do you think you will be doing in five years?
- What skills and qualifications are required for this job?
- Do you get on well with your co-workers?
- Are there good work opportunities in your home country?

When answering questions about work, you can discuss your career path, job satisfaction, workplace relationships, and professional goals. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to employment, professional skills, and workplace dynamics.

Writing

Writing-related questions in IELTS Speaking Part 1 explore your communication habits and literacy development.

Common Writing Questions

- Do you enjoy writing?
- What age do children normally learn to write in your country?
- Did you write a lot when you were a child?
- Do you ever write letters?
- Do you prefer writing letters or sending emails?



Handwriting remains important for personal expression and cognitive development despite digital alternatives.



Learning to write is a fundamental developmental milestone that varies across educational systems.

When answering questions about writing, you can discuss your writing habits, how writing education is approached in your country, and the evolution of written communication in the digital age. This topic allows you to demonstrate vocabulary related to education, communication, and literacy.

Part 2 IELTS Speaking Questions

Part 2 of the IELTS Speaking test requires you to speak for 1-2 minutes on a given topic. You'll have one minute to prepare before you begin speaking. Here are some example topics from past exams:



Advertisements

Describe an advertisement that persuaded you to buy a product. You should say:

- What advertisement it was
- Was it shown on TV, radio or newspaper
- What was good about that advertisement

Explain why you think that advertisement made the product seem attractive.



A Challenging Thing You Did

Describe a challenging thing you have done. You should say:

- when you did it
- why you did it
- how you handled this challenge

and explain why you thought it was challenging.



A Person You Know

Describe an old person that you know. You should say:

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

Explain why you like them.

Part 2 IELTS Speaking Questions (Continued)

Books

Talk about a book you are reading now or have read recently. You should say:

- How and why you got it
- How long it took you to read it, or how long you have been reading it
- What kind of book it is

And say if you would like to read something else similar or not, and why

Talk about a book you have never read but would like to read. You should mention:

- How well-known it is
- Why you would like to read it
- Why you have never read it before

And say how you think it will compare to other books you have read



Reading Experience

Books offer opportunities for learning, entertainment, and personal growth.



Architectural Interest

Notable buildings combine aesthetic appeal with functional purpose and often cultural significance.



Speaking Test

The IELTS Speaking Part 2 requires organized thoughts and detailed descriptions.

Part 2 IELTS Speaking Questions (Continued)

Environment

Describe an environmental problem or event. You should say:

- What it is
- Where is it happening
- What problems it causes

And what do you think will happen in the future regarding this event.

Exercise

Describe a type of exercise that you like to do. You should say:

- What the exercise is
- When you do it
- Where you do it

Explain why you like this particular exercise.

Exciting Experience

Describe an exciting experience you've had. You should say:

- when it was
- where you were
- what it was

And explain what made this experience especially exciting.

Family

Talk about the last time your whole family got together. You should mention:

- Where you met
- What you did together
- How long have you spent together

And say if you would like to do the same thing again soon or not, and why



Environmental Challenges

Environmental problems require awareness, understanding, and collective action.



Physical Activity

Regular exercise contributes to physical health, mental wellbeing, and quality of life.



Family Connections

Family gatherings strengthen bonds and create lasting memories across generations.

Part 2 IELTS Speaking Questions (Continued)

Travel

Describe a journey you have been on. You should say:

- Where you went
- What kind or kinds of transport you used
- How long the journey took

And say whether you think it was easy to take this journey or not, and why.

Talk about something tourists like to do in your country. You should say:

- How well-known the activity is
- Why it is popular
- What kinds of people like to do it

And say if you think it will become more popular or less popular in the future and why

Talk about a day trip you have been on. You should say:

- Where you went
- How you travelled
- Why you chose to go to that place

And say whether you would like to go back to the same place again or not, and why.

Talk about a part of your country you have never been to but would like to visit. You should say:

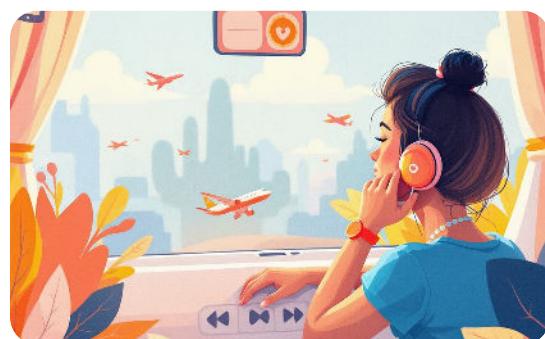
- Why you have never been there before
- If or when you think you might go
- Why you would like to go

And say how you first became interested in going to that place.



Tourist Destinations

Popular tourist activities often showcase a region's natural beauty, culture, or history.



Travel Journeys

The journey itself can be a meaningful part of the travel experience.



Day Excursions

Day trips provide opportunities to explore new places without extensive planning or expense.

Part 3 IELTS Speaking Questions

Part 3 of the IELTS Speaking test involves a discussion with the examiner about more abstract topics related to the Part 2 subject. These questions typically require more complex and developed answers.



A Challenging Thing You Did

- What challenges do young people face today?
- How do (young people) handle difficult or challenging tasks?
- Which do you think is better, to face these difficulties and challenges alone or to seek the help of others?
- Do you think people need to be challenged?



A Member of A Team

- In a team, is it more important to pursue individual development or to achieve team targets?
- Do you think it's important for children to join teams to learn to cooperate with others?
- Do you think disagreements among team members have a great influence on teamwork?
- Can you suggest how teamwork could be cultivated in classes at school?



Advertisements

- What are popular types of advertising in today's world?
- What type of media advertising do you like most?
- Do you think advertising influences what people buy?
- What factors should be taken into account when making advertisements?
- Is advertising really necessary in modern society?

Remember that Part 3 questions assess your ability to discuss ideas, express and justify opinions, and analyze abstract concepts. Use examples to support your points and demonstrate a range of vocabulary and grammatical structures.