

IELTS SPEAKING PRACTICE SERIES

IELTS Speaking Question Bank

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Part 1: Introduction and Interview

Practise short, natural answers about familiar topics. Aim for clear sentences, accurate grammar and relevant personal detail.

1 Work and Studies

- 1 Do you work or are you a student?
- 2 Where do you work?
- 3 Why did you choose this job?
- 4 Is there anything you dislike about your work?
- 5 What do you like or dislike about your studies?

2 Hometown

- 1 Where is your hometown?
- 2 Where are you from?
- 3 Where are you living now?
- 4 How long have you been living at this place?
- 5 Is it a big or small city?
- 6 Is your hometown a well-known place?
- 7 Have you ever lived in the countryside?
- 8 What is the difference between living in the countryside and living in a city?
- 9 How do people live in the countryside?
- 10 What do you like to do in the countryside?
- 11 Has your hometown changed over the last 20 years?

3 Accommodation

- 1 Do you live in a house or a flat?
- 2 What colour do you prefer for your house?
- 3 What colour do you prefer for the walls of your room?
- 4 What do you like the most about your flat?
- 5 In which room do you spend time with your family?
- 6 What can you see from the windows of your room?
- 7 Would you like to change your accommodation in the future?
- 8 Is there anything you dislike about your flat?

4 Art

- 1 Have you ever visited an art gallery?
- 2 Do you like art?
- 3 Do you like modern or traditional art?
- 4 Would you like to be an artist?
- 5 Did you draw anything in your childhood?

5 Things You Carry

- 1 What do you carry with you when you go out?
- 2 Do you carry different things when you visit different places?
- 3 What do you do if an item is heavy?

6 Shoes

- 1 Do you prefer stylish shoes or comfortable shoes?
- 2 Do you prefer buying shoes online or in person?
- 3 How much money do you spend on shoes?
- 4 What is your favourite type of shoe?

7 Noisy or Quiet Places

- 1 Why do some people like to visit noisy places?
- 2 Would you like to visit quiet or noisy places on weekends?
- 3 Are there many quiet places in your city?
- 4 Which are the noisy places in your city?
- 5 Do you wear headphones in public places?
- 6 Have you ever talked with a stranger in a public place?
- 7 What do you usually do during a break?
- 8 How often do you get a break at your workplace?
- 9 Do you take naps?
- 10 How do you feel after taking a nap?

8 Rules

- 1 Why are rules important in schools?
- 2 Do you know any teacher who does his or her job very well?
- 3 Do you remember any school rule that you did not like?
- 4 Have you ever broken a rule?

9 Museums

- 1 What is the importance of museums?
- 2 What do children learn from museums?
- 3 Are there many museums in your hometown?
- 4 When was the last time you visited a museum?

10 Borrowing and Lending

- 1 Have you ever borrowed books from others?
- 2 Why do you think people borrow things?
- 3 Do you mind if people borrow money from you?
- 4 Do you like to lend things to others?
- 5 How do you feel if people do not return things they borrowed from you?
- 6 Have you ever borrowed money from someone?

11 Advertisements

- 1 How often do you watch advertisements?
- 2 Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other forms of transport?
- 3 What kind of advertising do you like?
- 4 Was there an advertisement you particularly liked as a child?
- 5 Do you watch advertisements on television or social media?
- 6 What advertisements are popular in your country?
- 7 What are the different places where we see advertisements?

12 Names

- 1 Do you like your name?

- 2 How do people choose names in your country?

- 3 Does your name have any special meaning?

- 4 Why do some people change their names?

13 Puzzles

- 1 Is it good to solve puzzles?
- 2 Do you like word puzzles or number puzzles?
- 3 Where can people find puzzles?
- 4 Did you solve puzzles in your childhood?
- 5 Do older people solve puzzles?

14 Chocolate, Ice Cream and Snacks

- 1 How often do you eat ice cream?
- 2 What is your favourite flavour?
- 3 Have you ever given chocolates as a present to someone?
- 4 Do you think chocolates are among the best gifts?

15 Memory, Patience and Plans

- 1 Are you good at memorising things?
- 2 Have you ever forgotten something important in your life?
- 3 How do you remember things?
- 4 What do people usually need to remember in their daily lives?
- 5 How can people improve their memory?
- 6 Have you ever lost your patience?
- 7 Were you more patient in the past, or are you more patient now?
- 8 Do you think patience is important in life?
- 9 What are the benefits of planning?
- 10 Do you make plans in your life?
- 11 Why is financial planning important?
- 12 Do you have saving habits?
- 13 Why do you think people should save money?
- 14 Do you think children should be taught about financial planning in schools?

Part 3: Two-Way Discussion

Develop your answers with reasons, comparisons and examples. Use each question to practise a structured response of three to five sentences.

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Set 1

Society, travel, music, wildlife, friendship and business

- 1 Are natural views better than city views?
- 2 Why do people like to visit natural places?
- 3 What are the benefits of having parks in a city?
- 4 Should scenic spots have an entry fee?
- 5 Why do some people like to live in big cities?
- 6 Would you prefer to live in a bungalow or a tall building?
- 7 What is the difference between travelling in a group and travelling alone?
- 8 Why do some people like long journeys?
- 9 What are the benefits and drawbacks of travelling by plane?
- 10 Why do some people choose to live abroad?
- 11 What preparations are required before going on a long trip?
- 12 Should children learn to play musical instruments in school?
- 13 What kind of music do you like to listen to?
- 14 What kind of music is popular in your country?
- 15 Do you think different age groups like different kinds of music?
- 16 Do you think music is beneficial for children at school?
- 17 How do you know if people are telling lies?
- 18 Can a person's body language reveal whether he or she is lying?
- 19 Do you think it is acceptable to tell a lie with good intentions?
- 20 Is it important to protect wild animals?
- 21 Should children be educated about wild animals?
- 22 Why are rare animals protected?
- 23 Should parents take their children to zoos?
- 24 How do children make friends at school?
- 25 How do children make friends inside and outside school?
- 26 Is it possible for managers to be friends with their workers?
- 27 Do you think it is better to have many friends or a few close friends?
- 28 Are you in contact with your old friends?
- 29 Are online friendships long-lasting?
- 30 Can people find real friends online?
- 31 When do people get lost?
- 32 Why do people get lost?
- 33 How do people react when they get lost?
- 34 Are paper maps still important?
- 35 Is it important to know how to read a map?
- 36 Why do people watch talent shows?
- 37 Can parents recognise their children's talents when they are three or four years old?
- 38 Why do people prefer to watch famous shows?
- 39 Do you think artists should focus on developing their talents?
- 40 Is it good to work with a family member?
- 41 What are the advantages of family businesses?
- 42 Would you like to start a family business?
- 43 What are the drawbacks of working in a family-owned business?
- 44 Why do people open their own businesses?
- 45 What are the common family businesses in your country?

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Set 2

Habits, languages, books, science, sport and decisions

- 1 Why do people develop bad habits?
- 2 What can we do to develop good habits?
- 3 What good habits should children have?
- 4 What can parents do to teach good habits to their children?
- 5 Why do some habits change as people get older?
- 6 Do you think the environment matters when developing good habits?
- 7 What old things do people usually keep?
- 8 Why do people keep old things?
- 9 Why do grown-ups dislike throwing away old things?
- 10 What things did people keep in the past, and what do they keep in the present?
- 11 Why do people keep family photographs?
- 12 Why do people say sorry?
- 13 Is apologising a good habit?
- 14 Do you say sorry?
- 15 When do people say sorry?
- 16 Who says sorry more often, women or men?
- 17 What are the reasons for learning many languages?
- 18 At what age should children start learning a new language?
- 19 What are the sources for learning new languages?
- 20 Why do people learn English?
- 21 Why do people participate in extreme sports?
- 22 What are the benefits of doing new things?
- 23 Why do some people show no interest in doing new things?
- 24 Who adapts to new things more easily, children or adults?
- 25 Which are better, e-books or paper books?
- 26 What books do young people like to read?
- 27 What should the government do to protect libraries?
- 28 Should people continue studying science after finishing school?
- 29 How does science influence our lives?
- 30 What is the most important science subject for children to learn?
- 31 Why do some children not like studying science?
- 32 What are the qualities of a scientist?
- 33 Is talent important?
- 34 Why do only a few people choose to become athletes?
- 35 Which sports do adults like in your country?
- 36 Should children learn physical education at school?
- 37 How can parents help their children excel in sports?
- 38 Who is more patient, children or adults?
- 39 Do you think people are less patient now than in the past? Why?
- 40 When do people usually have to wait?
- 41 How do people spend their time while waiting in a queue?
- 42 Do you take advice from others? Why?
- 43 What decisions do children make?
- 44 Why do some people hesitate to make decisions?
- 45 Why do people visit lawyers?
- 46 What are some meaningful decisions people make?
- 47 Why do some people not eat meals with their families?
- 48 What kind of conversations do people have at dinner?
- 49 Do you share food with others during festivals?
- 50 Is it difficult to cook at home?

3**Set 3**

Art, communication, nature, technology and inventions

- 1** Do you want to be an artist?
- 2** What are the qualities of an artist?
- 3** Do you think there are jobs that require artistic skills?
- 4** Why should children learn to play a musical instrument?
- 5** What steps can schools take to teach music to children?
- 6** Do you think drawing can make people more creative?
- 7** Why do people communicate less nowadays?
- 8** Do you think social media is the best form of communication?
- 9** What are the qualities of a good communicator?
- 10** Are there many rivers and lakes in your country?
- 11** Why do people like to live near lakes?
- 12** Is swimming popular in your country?
- 13** Why do some people waste a lot of water?
- 14** What should the government do to educate people about water conservation?
- 15** Do people waste electricity these days?
- 16** What was life like before electricity?
- 17** Do you think electric cars are better?
- 18** Do you think governments should spend money on electric-car projects?
- 19** What things do people commonly break at home?
- 20** Are teenagers good at fixing things?
- 21** Do you prefer handmade things or machine-made things?
- 22** Why do children like bedtime stories?
- 23** Can children learn something from stories?
- 24** Is the story important in a movie?
- 25** What are the advantages of telling stories to children?
- 26** What are the benefits of inventions for society?
- 27** Why are there so many inventions these days?
- 28** Do you think some inventions are a waste of money and time?
- 29** Are people becoming lazy because of technology?
- 30** Who should support scientists: governments or private companies?

Practice Notes

Record key ideas, examples and useful vocabulary.
