

101 IELTS Speaking Part Two Topic cards about sports, hobbies and free time A- Z

Instructions for teachers

As the topics of sports, hobbies and free time are easy ones that tie in with IELTS Speaking Part One and students like speaking about, they are well worth practising again and again. Below are 101 IELTS Speaking Part Two tasks on these topics, arranged A to Z by topic, key word or grammar point so that you can quickly find a suitable one to fit in with the topic of your class or the interests of your students. Where there are two similar tasks under two different headings, or the tasks here are similar to the separate “101 IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards that tie in with Part One” worksheets, the wording and/ or four sub-topics have been changed.

A

Activity- see also “Favourite” and “Future”

Describe an activity you like doing.

You should say:

- Where you do it
- Who you do it with
- Why you enjoy it

And say what kind of people you would recommend that activity to, and why

Apartment- see “Home/ house”

B

Board game- see “Game”

Book- see also “Favourite”

Talk about a book you have read in the last year

You should say:

- Why you decided to read that book
- How long you it took you to finish it
- What genre of book it was

And say if you would like to read something else by the same author or not, and why

Talk about a book you have never read but would like to in the future.

You should mention:

- Why you would like to read it
- Why you have never read it before
- What you think it will be like

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

Talk about a book that impressed you. You should say:

- What it was about
- Why it impressed you
- If any other books have impressed you the same way

And say what kind of person you would recommend that book to, and why

Talk about a book you have at home.

You should mention:

- What it looks like
- What the topic of the book is
- Where you got the book from

And say how it compares to other books you have read or know about

Brother or sister

Talk about a hobby that a brother or sister, or other relative, likes.

You should mention:

- Where and when they do that hobby
- How long they have been doing it
- If you have ever done it with them

And say if you think that is a good hobby or not, and why.

C

Cards/ card games- see “Game”

Child- see also “Game” and “Sports”

Talk about a hobby you were interested in when you were a child:

You should say:

- How you first became interested in it
- How long you did it for
- Why you enjoyed it

And say if you became more or less interested in that hobby as you got older, and why

Cinema- see “Film”

Computer- see also “Game”

Talk about something you can do on a computer that you think is enjoyable.

You should mention:

- What equipment or software you need to do that
- What you need to do to do it
- What kind of people it is popular with

And say if you would like to spend more time doing that or not, and why

Collect/ collection

Talk about something you or someone you know collects.

You should say:

- How many pieces there is in the collection
- How the collection is stored
- How quickly the collection is growing

And say what kind of person would enjoy collecting that thing, and why

Compare- see “Book”, “Days off”, “Holidays”

Comic- see “Favourite”

Cook

Talk about a dish you know how to cook. You should describe:

- What the ingredients are
- How it is cooked
- Other preparation you have to do

And say if you think this is an easy dish to cook or not, and why

D

Days off

Describe a place where you often go on your days off

You should say:

- Where it is
- Who you go with
- Why you go there

And say how it compares to other places where you could spend your free time

Talk about what you are going to do or will probably do on your next day off.

You should include in your answer:

- Where you will go
- Who you will meet
- How long you will spend at each place

And say if you think you will enjoy that day or not, and why

Dish- see “Cook”

E

Eat- see “Favourite”

Evening

Describe something you often do in the evening.

You should say:

- When you usually do it
- Where you usually do it
- Who you usually do it with

And say if you enjoy doing it or not, and why

Describe something you like doing in the evening.

You should say:

- How it makes you feel
- How often you do it
- How long you spend doing it

And say if you think most people would enjoy doing the same thing or not, and why

Exciting/ excited

Describe something you think is exciting.

You should say:

- Why it makes you excited
- If it is always exciting
- What other feelings that thing can give people

And say how it compares to other things that people usually find exciting

Talk about something that makes you excited.

You should include:

- How often you do that thing
- Where you do it
- Who you do it with

And say if other people who do the same thing feel exactly the same way or not, and why

Exercise

Give a presentation about something you think is a good way of doing exercise.

You should include in your answer:

- What equipment is needed
- Where people usually do this form of exercise
- What they usually wear

And say if you think this form of exercise is getting more or less popular, and why

Talk about a form of exercise you used to do but no longer do now.

You should say:

- Where you used to do it
- Who you used to do it with
- Why you stopped

And say if you would like to restart that sport or not, and why

F

Family

Talk about something you often do or used to do in your free time with your family. You should say:

- Why you often did that
- Who suggested doing it
- Who enjoyed it most

And say if you'd like to do the same thing with your own kids or not, and why

Talk about a hobby someone in your family has. You should say:

- Whose hobby it is
- Where and when they do it
- Why they enjoy it

And say if you would enjoy doing the same thing or not, and why

Favourite

Describe your favourite film. You should say:

- What the film is about
- Who the main characters are
- What the ending is

And explain why it is your favourite film.

Describe your favourite place to eat out.

You should include in your answer:

- Where it is
- What kind of food is served
- What the décor is like

And say what kind of people you think would enjoy that restaurant, and why

Describe your favourite song or piece of music.

You should say:

- What kind of music it is
- Where you usually listen to it
- Why you like it

And say what kind of mood this music puts you in, and why

Give a presentation about your favourite place to spend your free time.

Points to include:

- Where it is
- How to get there from the place you live
- What you do there

And say how you would improve that place if you could

Speak for one or two minutes about your favourite book. You should include in your presentation:

- What the story is about
- Who the main characters are
- How the story ends

And say if you think your friends would enjoy this book or not, and why

Give a one or two minute presentation on your favourite sport. You should say:

- What equipment is used
- Where it is usually played
- How it is played

And say if you think it is an easy sport to understand or not, and why

Speak about your favourite magazine, newspaper or comic. You should include:

- Where you usually buy it
- What parts of it you most enjoy reading
- Where you usually read it

And say how it compares to other things you read

Talk about your favourite news source. You should say:

- How often you use this news source
- Why you use this source
- What other sources you use

And say how you would change that news source if you could.

Describe your favourite free time activity. You should mention:

- Where you do it
- Who you do it with
- Why you enjoy it

And say if you think it will change as you get older or not, and why

Film- see also “Favourite”, “Impressed”

Describe a film you have seen which you remember well.

You should say:

What sort of film it is

When and where you saw it

What your favourite part of the film was

And explain why you remember it well

Describe a film you have never seen but would like to see. You should mention:

- What kind of film it is
- What it is about
- Where the story is set

And explain why you would like to see that film

Give a short presentation about a film you have seen recently at the cinema, on TV, or on video or DVD. You should include in your answer:

- Where and when you saw it
- Who you saw it with
- What you thought about it

And say if you would recommend that film or not, and why

Food- see “Favourite” and “Cook”

Free

Speak about something that is free or cheap you like doing in your free time.

You should say:

- How often you do it
- When you first started doing this
- Why you do it

And say if you think this thing is as enjoyable as things you do which are more expensive or not, and why

Free time- see most of the sections above and below

Future- see also “Holidays”, “Days off”, “Would like”

Talk about a book you have never read but would like to read in the future.

You should mention:

- If it is well known or not
- Why you would like to read that book
- Why you have never read it before

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

Talk about a new sport or hobby you would like to take up. You should say:

- Why you are interested in that thing
- If it is an easy or hard thing to start
- What the best way to start doing it is

And say if you think you will start doing it soon or not, and why

Talk about a sport that interests you but you have never tried. You should say:

- Where it is usually played
- What kinds of people usually play it
- Why it interests you

And say if you think you will ever do this sport or not, and why

Talk about a musical instrument you would like to be able to play but have never tried. You should say:

- What the instrument looks like
- What it sounds like
- What kinds of people it is popular with

And say if you think you will ever try to play that instrument or not, and why

Give a short presentation about a movie that you have never seen but would like to see. You should say:

- What kind of movie it is
- How famous it is
- Why you want to see it

And say if you think you will see that movie in the near future or not, and why

Describe a free time activity you like doing.

You should say:

- Where you do it
- Who you do it with
- Why you enjoy it

And say if you think the things you do in your free time will change as you get older or not, and why

G

Game

Talk about a board game, card game or computer game you have played. You should include:

- What kind of game it is
- How many people can play
- How the winner is decided

And say if you think your whole family would enjoy playing that game together or not, and why

Talk about a game you used to play when you were a child. You should say:

- How often you used to play it
- Who you used to play it with
- How you used to feel when you played it

And say if you think children nowadays would enjoy that game or not, and why

H

Health/ healthy

Speak about something you or someone you know does that is a good thing to do for your health. You should talk about:

- How it is good for your health
- If there are any possible negative effects
- How popular this thing is

And say if you think this thing will become more or less popular in the future, or why

Speak about something you would like to do to improve your health.

You should mention:

- Why it is healthy
- Why you want to do it
- How popular that thing is

And then say if you think you will do that soon or not, and why

Hobby- see also most of the sections above and below

Talk about a hobby you had when you were a child:

You should say:

- How you first became interested in it
- How long you did it or have been doing it for
- Why you enjoyed doing it

And say if you have become more or less interested in that hobby since you were a child, and why

Speak about your main hobby. You should say:

- How often you do it
- How long you spend doing it
- Why you enjoy it

And say why you do that more than your other hobbies

Holidays

Talk about something you often do during longer holidays such as the summer holiday or Christmas/ New Year holiday.

You should say:

- How long it takes
- Where you do it
- Who you do it with

And say why you do that when you are on holiday rather than on your days off

Talk about something you do when you are away on holiday.

You should say:

- Why you do it
- How often you do it
- Where you have done it

And say whether you think you will have more or less time you do that in the future, and why

Talk about your last long holiday. You should include:

- Where you went
- Who you spent most of your time with
- How much you spent

And say if you think you will do the same thing in your next holiday or not, and why

Talk about what you are going to do or might do in your next long holiday. You should say:

- Where you will go
- What you will do
- Who you will spend your time with

And say how you think that holiday will compare to other holidays you have had.

Home/ house

Talk about a place in your home where you often spend your free time. You should say:

- What that place is like
- Where exactly it is
- Why you spend time in that place

And say what you would change about that place if you could, and why

Talk about something you like doing at home. You should say:

- Why you do it at home
- Where exactly you usually do it
- How much time you spend doing it every week

And say whether you enjoy spending time at home more than going out or not, and why

Talk about something in your home that you often use in your free time. You should include:

- What it looks like
- Where you usually keep it
- How you use it

And say if you would like to replace that thing or not, and why

Impression/ impressed

Talk about a book that had an impression on you. You should say:

- What the topic of the book was
- Why it impressed you
- If any other books have impressed you the same way

And say if you would like to read the same book again or not, and why

Talk about a film that impressed you. You should include:

- What the story was
- Who was in it
- Which part impressed you most

And say if you think you would enjoy the film as much if you saw it again or not, and why

Indoors

Talk about something that you enjoy doing indoors. You should say:

- Where you usually do it
- What equipment is needed
- Why it is better to do this thing indoors

And say if you prefer spending your free time indoors or outdoors or not, and why

Ingredients- see “Cook”

Instrument

Talk about an instrument you would like to be able to play. You should say:

- What the instrument looks like
- What it sounds like
- What kinds of people it is popular with

And say if you think you will ever try to play that instrument or not, and why

Item

Describe an item you often use in your free time. You should mention:

- What it looks like
- How it is used
- Where you keep it when you are not using it

And say how you would improve that item if you could, and why

M

Magazine- See “favourite”

Movie- see also “Film”

Give a short presentation about a movie that you'd like to see. You should say:

- What kind it is
- Why you want to see it
- How it is different to other movies

And say if you think you will see that movie in the near future or not, and why

Music- see also “Favourite”, “Instrument”

Talk about a musical instrument you'd like to be able to play but haven't tried.

You should describe:

- Its appearance
- Its sound
- The kinds of people it is popular with

And say if you think you will ever try to play that instrument or not, and why

N**News- see also “Favourite”**

Talk about a news source you like to use. You should say:

- How often you find out the news this way
- Why you use this source
- What other sources you use

And say how you would improve that news source if you could.

Newspaper- see “Favourite”**O****Often- see also “Family”**

Describe a TV programme that you often watch. You should say:

- What kind of programme it is
- Why you watch it
- When and why you first started watching it

And say if you think that programme is better than other TV programmes that are on at the same time or not, and why

Describe something you often do while working or studying, mentioning:

- When and where you do it
- Who you usually do it with
- What things you need in order to do it

And say if you think you will do it more or less often in the future, and why

Outdoors

Give a presentation about something you like doing outdoors. You should say:

- Where you usually do it
- How you get there
- What things you need to do it

And say why you do that thing outdoors rather than indoors

P**Past-** see “Film”, “Child”, “Recently”, “Holidays”**Phrasal verbs**

Talk about a new sport or hobby you would like to take up. You should say:

- Why you are interested in that thing
- If it is an easy or hard thing to start
- What the best way to start doing it is

And say if you think you will start doing it soon or not, and why

Place- see also “Favourite”, “Home/ house”

Describe a place you go when you are not working or studying. You should say:

- Where it is
- How you get there from where you live
- What you do there

And say how it compares to other places in your local area

Plans- see “Future”**Present Perfect-** see also “Recently”

Talk about something you have read recently:. You should say:

- What it was about
- How and why you got it
- How long it took you to finish it

And say if you would like to read something similar or not in the near future, and why

Present Simple- see “Often”**R****Read-** see “Book”, “News”, “Present Perfect” and “Favourite”**Recently-** see also “Film” and “Past”

Talk about something you have done in your free time recently. You should say:

- How and why you did it
- How long it took you to do it
- What kind of book it is

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

Recommend- see “Film”

Relax/ relaxing

Talk about something you often do to relax. You should mention:

- Where you do it
- How often you do it
- Why it relaxes you

And say if you think everyone would find that thing relaxing or not, and why

Room- see “Home/ house”

S

Seasons- see “Summer” and “Winter”

Simple Past

Talk about a hobby you had when you were younger. You should say:

- When you did it
- How long you did it
- Why you enjoyed it

And say if you have become more or less interested in that hobby since you were a child, and why

Sport- see also “Favourite”

Talk about a sport you are interested in. You should say:

- How you first became interested in it
- Why you like it
- What equipment and skills are needed to play it

And say if you think it is an easy sport to learn or not, and why

Talk about a sport that interests you but you have never tried. You should say:

- Where it is usually played
- What kinds of people usually play it
- Why it interests you

And say if you think you will ever do this sport or not, and why

Talk about a sport you did when you were a child.

You should include in your answer:

- How often you did it
- Where you did it
- If you were good at it

And say if you would like to do that sport again or not, and why

Summer

Talk about something you often do during the summer.
You should mention:

- Where you do it
- How often you do it
- Why you do it during the summer

And say if you often do that during the winter or not, and why

T

Take up

Talk about a new sport or hobby you would like to take up
You should say:

- Why you are interested in that thing
- If it is an easy or hard thing to start
- What the best way to start doing it is

And say if you think you will start doing it soon or not, and why

Thing- see “Item”, “Home/ house”

TV

Describe a TV programme that you watch or know about. You should say:

- When it is on and which channel it is on
- What kind of programme it is
- What kind of people watch it

And say if you think that programme is or could be popular in other countries or not, and why

Describe a TV programme that you often watch. You should say:

- What kind of programme it is
- Why you watch it
- When and why you first started watching it

And say if you think that programme is better than other TV programmes that are on at the same time or not, and why

Typical

Describe a typical day when you are not working or studying. You should say:

- Where you go
- What you do
- Who you spend your time with

And say how those days vary

U**Used to- see also “Child”, “Family”**

Talk about something you used to do in your free time but no longer do.

You should say:

- When you first and last did it
- Were you used to do it
- Why you stopped doing it

And say whether you would like to start doing it again or not, and why

V**Vacation- see “Holidays”****W****Weather- see also “Winter” and “Summer”**

Talk about something you like doing when the weather is cold or cooler. You should say:

- Where you do it
- How often you do it
- What clothes or equipment you need

And say if you prefer hot or cold weather, and why

Talk about something you like to do when the weather is hot or warmer than usual. You should include in your answer:

- Where you do it
- Why you do it when the weather is hot
- When you first started doing that thing

And say if you think people like doing in other countries or not, and why

Talk about something you do when the weather is good.

You should say:

- Where you do it
- How you get there
- Why you particularly do that when there is good weather

And say if it is also possible to do that when the weather is bad or not, and why

Give a short presentation about when the weather is bad.

You should mention:

- Where you usually do it
- What things you need in order to be able to do it
- How long you usually spend doing it

And say if you also do that thing when the weather is good or not, and why

Weekend- see “Days off”

Winter

Talk about something you like doing during the winter.

You should explain:

- Where you do it
- What clothes or equipment you need
- Why you do it during the winter

And say whether you like to spend your days off in the winter indoors or outdoors, and why

Would like- see also “Future”

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