



IELTS Speaking Part One and Needs Analysis First Lesson

Write your partner's name in the top box above, then ask them questions about all the boxes below and write notes in each place.

Name			
Topic	Present	Past	Future
Using English			
English classes			
English exams			
Self-study			
Strengths and weaknesses/ Priorities			
The best way to learn English and get a good score in the IELTS exam			

What could the questions be for each of the boxes above?

Compare your ideas with the questions below and then ask your partner any questions that you haven't used so far.

Topic	Present	Past	Future
Using English	How often do you use English? What things do you have to do in English?	Have you ever lived abroad?	Do you think you will use English more in the future? How important will English be for your future?
English classes	Why are you taking this class?	Is this your first class in this school? How long have you been studying English?	Do you want to study abroad?
English exams	Why do you want to take IELTS?	Have you taken any English language exams? Have you taken IELTS before?	When are you going to take the exam? Do you want to take any other exams?
Self-study	Do you have any IELTS self-study books? What else do you do to learn English?	Have you ever tried studying grammar on your own? Have you ever seen a film with no subtitles?	What else are planning to do to help pass the exam?
Strengths and weaknesses/ Priorities	What is the most difficult part of English/ IELTS for you? Which part of your English do you most need to improve?	What part of English did you least like at school?	Will your priorities change in the future?

Brainstorm similar past, present and future questions for the typical IELTS Speaking Part One topics below.



Topic	Present	Past	Future
Other languages			
Education/ Studies			
Work			
Family			
Home			
Free time			



Compare your questions with the list of typical IELTS Speaking Part One questions below
Languages

- What do you enjoy most about learning foreign languages?
- Do you know any other foreign languages?
- What languages did you study at school? (Was that a good choice?)
- Have you ever tried to learn another language?
- Do you plan to learn another language in the future?
- Which other languages do you think will be most useful for you to learn?

Education/ Studies

- Are you studying anything at the moment?
- Do you find it easy to study where you live? (Why? /Why not?)
- What was your favourite subject when you were in primary school?
- Did you enjoy English at school?
- Is there something new you'd really like to learn about? (Why?)
- Would you like to study full time in the future?

Work

- Are you working at the moment?
- What kinds of things do you most often have to do in your job?
- Have you always done that job?
- Have you ever had a part-time job?
- Would you like to change jobs?
- Do you have any professional ambitions?

Family

- Do you have a large family? / How many brothers and sisters do you have?
- Do you take after your mother or your father?
- Did you get on with your brothers and sisters when you were young?
- Who were you closest to when you were growing up?
- Would you like to have a large family? (Why/ Why not?)
- When will you next meet up with your extended family?

Home

- Are you from round here?/ Are you from the country or the city?
- How is your hometown changing?
- Did you have to travel far to get here today?
- How long have you been there?/ Is...the only place you have lived in?
- What type of house would you like to live in?
- Would you like to live in your hometown when you retire/ get older?

Free time

- Do you have any hobbies? (How did you first become interested in that/ those things?)
- What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
- Has your choice of free time activities changed over the years?
- What did you do last weekend?
- Have you got any plans for this weekend? (What are you going to do?)
- Are there any new leisure activities you would like to take up?



Take turns being the examiner and asking each other questions for three minutes or so in the test Part One format below, with two to four topics and two to four questions about each (plus follow up questions if the first answer is quite short)

IELTS Speaking Part One exam practice script

Examiner: Hi, come in. Please take a seat.

You: _____

Examiner: Can I see your ID?

You: _____

Examiner: Thank you. My name's John and I am your examiner today. What would you like me to call you?

You: _____

Examiner: First I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself, if that's okay?

You: _____

Examiner: First of all, let's talk about _____.

_____?

You: _____

Examiner: _____?

You: _____

Examiner: _____?

You: _____

Examiner: Okay. Let's move on and talk about _____.

_____?

You: _____

Examiner: _____?

You: _____

Examiner: _____?

You: _____

Examiner: I'd also like to ask you about _____.

_____?

Examiner: _____?

You: _____

Examiner: Okay, thank you. Now..."

(In the real exam the examiner explains Part Two here)