

101 IELTS Speaking Part Two Topic cards that tie in with IELTS Speaking Part One

Students often find moving from practising the question and answer format of speaking about themselves in IELTS Speaking Part One to speaking more generally for 1 or 2 minutes non-stop in IELTS Speaking Part Two to be quite a jump. Luckily, the 6 to 8 most popular topics in IELTS Speaking Part One (e.g. Friends and Families) can also come up in Part Two (although the same topic is never used twice in the same test). You can therefore easily use both Part One and Part Two exam practice questions in the same class, using the Part One questions as a warm up for the Part Two presentations.

It is not possible to say which topics are most likely to come up in the IELTS Speaking Test Part Two, but the most typical questions for each of the topics that are the same as IELTS Speaking Part One are given near the top of each section below. The topic cards further down each section are ones that are more difficult to answer and/ or less likely to be in the exam. For example, it is very unlikely that students will get a task where they have to speak mainly about the future like “Talk about a subject you would like to study in the future...”. The reason for including tasks like this is to give students practice in answering a question that is very different from any they have practiced before (there is about a 50% chance of this happening in the exam, however much preparation they have done), and to help teachers tie IELTS Speaking Part Two tasks in with any topic covered in class.

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about Work and Studies

Talk about something you use to help you in your work or studies. You should say:

- What it looks like
- What it does
- How often you use this thing

And say what you would do if you could not use this object

Describe a classroom that you study or have studied in. You should say:

- What part of the school or college it is in
- What it looks like
- What things are in it

And say if you think the people who study there like it or not, and why

Talk about a job you have done or know about

You should say:

- What people do in that job
- What kind of place they work in
- What clothes and equipment they need

And say if you think it is a satisfying job to do or not, and why

Talk about a job someone in your family does

You should say:

- How long they have been doing that job
- What the good things about that job are
- What the difficulties of doing that job are

And say if you think that person enjoys their job or not, and why

Describe a school that you are studying in or studied in

You should say:

- What it looks like from the outside
- What it looks like inside
- What facilities there are

And say if you think it is a good school building or not, and why

Describe one thing that you have to do as part of your work or studies. You should say:

- Why you need to do it
- How often you do it
- If it is a difficult thing to do

And say if you would like to do that thing more often or not, and why

Talk about a school subject you liked when you were younger

You should say:

- What the name of the subject was
- What topics you studied as part of that subject
- Why you liked it

And say why you think some people didn't like that subject as much as you did

Describe a workplace you have worked in or know about

You should say:

- What the building looks like
- What is inside the building
- What things there are to do in the local area

And say if you think it is a good place to work or not, and why

Describe a project you had to do on your own or with others as part of your studies or job

You should say:

- What the reason for doing that project was
- How successful the project was
- How long it took you

And say if you enjoyed working on that project or not, and why

Describe your dream job

You should say:

- What kind of things you would do in that job
- What the working conditions would be like
- What kind of workplace you would work in

And say if you think you will be able to get a job like that or not, and why

Describe a job you would like to do in the future.

You should say:

- How and when you first became interested in that job
- What people in that job have to do everyday
- What qualifications and experience you need in order to get that job

And say if you think you will be able to get that job or not, and why

Talk about a subject you would like to study in the future

You should say:

- Why you want to study that subject
- What things about that subject you find particularly interesting
- Where it is possible to study that subject

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

Describe your dream workplace. You should say:

- What it would look like
- What facilities it would have
- Where it would be

And say if you think you will ever work in a place like that or not, and why

Describe a classmate or colleague you often meet or met. You should say:

- Where you usually meet or met
- When you first met
- What things you talk or talked about

And say whether you would say this person is a close friend or not, and why

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about Sports, hobbies and free time

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 sport you like doing or watching

You should say:

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

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

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

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 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 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about Family, friends and pets

Describe a friend that you often spend time with:

You should say:

- How often you see this friend
- Where you usually go together
- What things you do together

And say why you like spending time with this person

Describe one of your relatives

You should say:

- What that person looks like
- What that person's character is like
- What they are doing at the moment

And say which other relative of yours they are most similar to

Talk about a pet you have or have had. You should mention:

- Its appearance
- Its personality
- Its habits

And say if you would like to have a similar pet again or not, and why

Talk about a job someone in your family does

You should say:

- How long they have had that job
- What they do in their job
- When and where they work

And say if you think that is the best kind of job for that person or not, and why

Describe a friend who has played an important part in your life.

You should say:

- How you met this person
- How long you have known them
- The kind of thing you do or did with them

And explain why they have been important in your life

Describe a friend you have had or had for a long time

You should say:

- How you met
- What things you do or did together
- What things you have or had in common

And say why you think your friendship lasted a long time

Describe a classmate, colleague or acquaintance

You should say:

- How well you know them
- When and how you first met them
- How long you have been working or studying together

And say whether you think you will get to know that person better in the future or not, and why

Describe a friend you had in primary school. You should say:

- What that person was like
- How long you were friends for
- What things you did together

And say whether you are still in contact with that person or not, and why

Describe a family member that you get on well with.

You should mention:

- What their personality is like
- What things they like doing
- If they have any strong dislikes

And say why you think you have a good relationship

Talk about a hobby of one of your family members or friends.

You should say:

- How often they do it
- Where they usually do it
- Who they usually do it with

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

Talk about the last time your whole family got together.

You should mention:

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

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

Describe a friend that you haven't seen for a long time.

You should say:

- Why you haven't met that person
- Where and when you last met him or her
- What you think that person has been doing since that time

And say whether you think you will meet him or her again soon or not, and why

Describe a relative you haven't met for a long time.

You should mention:

- Why you haven't met that person
- Where and when you last met them
- What you think that person has been doing since that time

And say whether you think you will meet them again soon or not, and why

Talk about the home of one of your friends or relatives. You should say:

- How long they have been living there
- What it is like outside
- What it is like inside

And say if you think that home reflects the personality of your friend or relative or not, and why

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about House, home and accommodation

Describe your favourite room in the place you are living now

You should say:

- What it looks like
- What you usually use it for
- Why you like it

And how it compares to other rooms you have been in or know about

Describe a place you have lived in or are living now

You should say:

- Where it is
- What are the good things about it
- What are the bad things about it

And say where you would like to live if you didn't live there

Describe your neighbourhood

You should say:

- What kind of shops there are
- What green spaces and natural features there are
- What things there are to do

And say what kind of person you think would like living in that kind of area, and why

Describe your dream home

You should say:

- What it would look like outside
- What it would look like inside
- What kind of area it would be in

And say if you think you will really live in a house like that or not, and why

Describe the first place you remember living

You should say:

- How old you were when you first started living there
- What you remember best about the place
- If you moved away or not, and why

And say if you remember that place well or not, and why

Describe a house or flat that you know well but have never lived in.

You should say:

- Whose home it is or was
- What it looks like
- What the local area is like

And say if you would like to live in that place or not, and why

Talk about the place where one of your friends or relations lives. You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is like
- What the local area is like

And say if you would like to live in that place or not, and why

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about Your Hometown

Describe a city, town or village you know well

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it looks like
- What kind of people live there

And say if you think it is a good place to live or not, and why

Describe a famous food from your hometown or country. You should say:

- What it looks like
- What it tastes like
- When and how it is usually eaten

And say why you think it is famous

Describe a landmark in your hometown or the place you are living now

You should say:

- What it looks like
- Why it is a landmark
- What it is used for

And say if it is popular with the local people and tourists or not, and why

Describe something famous in your hometown or local area. You should say

- What it is
- Why it is famous
- How well known it is

And say if that thing makes you feel proud of your hometown or local area or not, and why

Describe some countryside near your hometown or the place where you are living now. You should say:

- What it looks like
- What people usually do there
- How you can get there from your home

And say whether you often go to the place or not, and why

Describe the transport system in your hometown or the place you are living now.

You should say

- What kind of transport there is
- Which kind of transport most people use
- What the good points and bad points of the transport system is

And say if you think most people are happy with the transport system or not, and why

Describe a shopping street in your hometown

You should say:

- What things you can buy there
- What the most popular shops are
- Any changes there have been over the years

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

Describe the place you were born in or grew up in.

You should say:

- What kind of place it is
- Where it is
- What things there are to do there

And say if that is the place you would most like to be living in now or not, and why

Describe a park in your hometown or near where you are living.

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it looks like
- What people usually do there

And say if you often go to the park or not, and why

Describe a shop in your hometown or the place you are living now. You should say:

- Where it is
- What it sells
- What the advantages of shopping there are

And say whether you often go shopping there or not, and why

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about Festivals and celebrations

Describe a present that you someone gave you

You should say:

- Who you got it from
- Why they gave it to you
- If that present has been useful to you

And say what kind of person you would give a similar present to

Describe a present that you gave someone

You should say:

- Who you gave it to
- Why you decided to give them a present
- Why you chose that present

And say how that present compares to other presents you have given that person or other people

Describe a typical festival or celebration in your country:

You should say:

- When it usually happens
- What it is celebrating
- What people do

And say if that is your favourite celebration or not, and why

Describe your favourite festival or celebration

You should say:

- What time of year it is
- Why you like it
- What you usually do

And say how that festival or celebration compares to others in your country or abroad

Describe a traditional festival or celebration in your country. You should say:

- What is being celebrated
- What people do
- How long people have been celebrating this way

And say if you think this festival or celebration will change in the future or not, and why

Describe a party that you attended:

You should say:

- Who invited you
- Where you were invited
- What the party was celebrating

And say if you took anything with you to the party or not, and why

Talk about a birthday you can remember well.

You should say:

- How you celebrated
- Who you were with
- Why you remember that day

And say how it was different from other birthdays you have had before or since

Talk about your favourite day of the year

You should say:

- When it is
- Why you like it
- What you usually do

And say how it compares to other special days of the year

Talk about the last time your whole family got together.

You should say:

- Why you got together
- What you did together
- If everyone enjoyed themselves

And say if your family often get together and why

Talk about the next festival or celebration in your family or your country.

You should say:

- If it is a big celebration
- What it being celebrated
- What people will do on that day

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

Talk about how you usually celebrate the New Year. You should say:

- Where you usually go
- Who you spend your time with
- What you eat and drink

And say if you think New Year is one of the most important festivals in your country and why

IELTS Speaking Part Two topic cards about Holidays and travel

Talk about a thing you always take with you on holiday.

You should say:

- What it looks like
- Why you need it
- When you first started using it

And say if you think you could have a good holiday without it or not, and why

Talk about an activity you like doing when you are on holiday. You should say:

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

And say whether you also enjoyed doing that when you were a child or not, and why

Talk about somewhere you went on holiday.

You should say:

- How you got there
- What activities you did there
- Who you went with

And say if you would recommend that holiday to a friend or not, and why

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 journey or not, and why

Talk about a foreign country you have been to or would like to go to on holiday.

You should say

- Where that country is
- Why it is a good place to go on holiday
- What things there are to do there

And say whether you think you will go there or go there again in the near future or not, and why

Talk about something tourists like to do in your town or country.

You should say:

- How well known it 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 one means of transport that you often use.

You should mention:

- Where you usually go by that means of transport
- What the advantages of that method of travelling are
- What the disadvantages are

And say if you think you will use that means of transport more or less often 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 hotel, bread and breakfast, campsite etc. you have stayed in on holiday.

You should say:

- Why you chose that place
- How long you stayed there
- What the good and bad things about it were

And say whether you would like to stay in the same place again, and why

Talk about a foreign 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

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

Talk about your dream holiday. You should say:

- Where you would like to go
- What kind of accommodation you would like to stay in
- What activities you would like to do

And say if you ever think you will go on a holiday like that or not, and why

Talk about your plans for your next long vacation.

You should say:

- Where you want to go
- Who you want to go there with
- What you want to do when you get there

And say how likely you are to do what you have planned, and why

Describe the transport system in a place you know about. You should say

- What kind of transport is available
- Which kinds most people use
- What the good points and bad points of the transport system is

And say how the transport system in that place compares to other places you know about

Future plans

NB- As a Speaking Part two task that is mainly about the future is unlikely to come up, this section is arranged with the topics which are most common in the Speaking Part One “future plans” topic nearest the top.

Talk about one thing you are going to do next weekend.

You should mention:

- Where you are going to do it
- Who you are going to do it with
- Any equipment you need to do it

And say whether you are looking forward to it or not, and why

Talk about one thing you are planning to do after you pass the IELTS test.

You should mention:

- When you think you will do it
- Why you want to do it
- How long you have had that plan

And say whether there are any other options that you could also do which are just as good

Talk about a goal or ambition you have.

You should say:

- When and why you first got that goal or ambition
- What you need to do to make it come true
- What your next step needs to be

And say if you think you will achieve that goal or ambition or not, and why

Talk about a foreign country you have never been to and would like to visit:

You should mention:

- How that place is similar and different to your country and other countries you have visited
- Why you are interested in going there
- What you would like to do there

And say if you think you will go to that country in the near future or not, and why

Talk about your plans for your next long holiday. You should say:

- Where you are thinking of going
- Who you would like to go there with
- What you would like to do there

And say if you think you will do what you are planning or not, and why

Talk about a job you would like to do in the future.

You should say:

- What people have to do in that job
- Why you are interested in that job
- If there are any disadvantages or difficulties to doing that job

And say if you think you will be good at that job or not, and why

Talk about a subject you would like to study in the future.

You should say:

- What you need to study as part of that subject
- Where you can study it
- What you think the most difficult things about that subject would be

And say if you think studying that subject will be useful in your future life or not, and why

Talk about a new hobby you would like to take up.

You should mention:

- What the advantages of the hobby are
- What the difficulties of doing that hobby would be
- How you first became interested in that hobby

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

Talk about something you would like to buy.

You should mention:

- What it looks like
- What it is used for
- Why you want to buy it

And say if you think you will buy it or not, and why

Talk about another language you are interested in learning.

You should say:

- Where it is spoken
- How it is different from your language and from English
- Why you are interested in that language

And say if it is popular to learn that language in your country or not, and why

Talk about your next trip abroad.

You should say:

- Where you are going or would like to go
- What you want to do there
- What souvenirs you would like to bring back

And say whether you think your next trip overseas will be as you would like it to be 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
- How you play it
- What kinds of music are played on it

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

Talk about a sport you think is interesting but have never played.

You should say:

- What equipment is needed
- What some of the rules are
- What kinds of people this sport is popular with

And say if you think you will do this sport in the near future or not, and why

Language learning

Talk about another language you would like to learn.

You should say:

- Which countries or regions it is spoken in
- How it is different from your language and from English
- Why you are interested in that language

And say if you think it is more or less difficult to learn than English and your language, and why

Talk about one method of learning a foreign language you have used.

You should say:

- What you did
- How long you used this method for
- How it compares to other methods of learning a language

And say if you will use that same method in the future or not, and why

Talk about an English language book you have read or used.

You should say:

- Why you bought or used that book
- What you learnt from using it
- If it was difficult or easy to use

And say if you would use a similar book again or not, and why

Talk about a language test you have taken.

You should say:

- Where you took the test
- How long it took
- What skills and language knowledge you were tested on

And say if you think that was a good test of your language level or not, and why

Talk about something you would like to do after you pass IELTS.

You should say:

- When you think you will do it
- Why you would like to do that thing
- How long you have had that plan

And say whether you think having that plan will motivate you to do better in the test or not, and why