

IELTS Speaking on Reading

(good for linking IELTS Reading and IELTS Speaking)

IELTS Speaking Part One questions on reading

Useful to link reading practice and speaking practice

- 1 Are there any books which you would really like to read?
- 2 Are you reading anything at the moment? (Why that?/ Why not?)
- 3 Can you tell me about a book which you've heard about but never read?
- 4 Can you tell me about what you enjoyed reading as a child?
- 5 Can you tell me something about your favourite novel?
- 6 Did you enjoy reading the books which your teachers made you read at school?
- 7 Do you enjoy reading? (How about in English?)
- 8 Do you have to read much for your work or studies? (How do you feel about that?)
- 9 Do you often read in English? (How do you feel about that?)
- 10 Do you prefer using an e-reader or just traditional paper-based books? (Why?)
- 11 Do you read much online? (Why/ Why not?)
- 12 How much time do you spend reading? (Would you like to spend longer?)
- 13 How often do you use a dictionary when you read in English? (Do you think that is the right amount?)
- 14 Is there anything you dislike about reading in English?
- 15 Is there anything you want to read but never have?
- 16 What is the next book you would like to read? (Why that one?)
- 17 What kind of books do you have at home? (How often do you read them?)
- 18 What kinds of things do people your age in your country usually read? (Do you think that is good choice?)
- 19 What kinds of things do you like reading? (What appeals about those things?)
- 20 What type of magazines do you enjoy most? (What do you like about them?)
- 21 What was the last book you read? (Why did you choose that?)
- 22 What's your favourite newspaper? (Why that one?)
- 23 Would you read more if you had more free time? (How else might you spend that time?)
- 24 Would you say that reading in foreign languages is easier than other skills? (Why do you feel that way?)

Look at an IELTS Reading test and discuss together the best tactics.

Underline useful question stems above and then use them to ask each other questions on other typical IELTS Speaking Part One topics.

IELTS Speaking Part Three questions on reading

Ask and answer any questions below which you haven't already discussed. Only use the follow up question in brackets if the first answer is quite short.

- 1 Are people your age in your country interested in reading in other languages, would you say?
- 2 Can you compare IELTS Reading with other exams?
- 3 Can you contrast reading English with reading your own language?
- 4 Can you describe how people read journals etc when they are looking for academic references that they can use in their own essays?
- 5 Can you explain why different people have different opinions about the best tactics in the IELTS Reading test?
- 6 Can you identify ways in which IELTS Reading texts are different from newspaper articles?
- 7 Do you think it is possible to guess most unknown vocabulary from its context in a text? (Why/ Why not?)
- 8 Do you think that running your pen or finger across the page as you read is a good idea? (Why?/ Why not?)
- 9 Do you think that the way they teach reading in schools in your country is about right? (What makes you feel that way?)
- 10 Do you think the government should encourage more silent reading for pleasure in foreign languages in schools?
- 11 How common is learning speed reading skills in your country? (How do you feel about that?)
- 12 How do you feel about the IELTS Reading exam? (Is there anything positive about it?)
- 13 How important is it for children to read in other languages, in your opinion?
- 14 How useful is reading newspapers for improving your IELTS reading skills?
- 15 In what circumstances is it worthwhile scanning a text for particular words? (In what situations would it be a waste of time?)
- 16 Is lack of vocabulary a problem when you read? (What could you do about that?)
- 17 On the whole, is it better to improve your vocabulary or work on your reading speed?
- 18 What are the advantages and disadvantages of reading through a whole text before you look at the questions? (Which of those factors is the most important?)
- 19 What can be done to improve your reading speed, do you think?
- 20 What can people do if they take too long to finish timed reading tasks?
- 21 What could be the consequences of looking up each new word in a dictionary as you read?
- 22 What could be the effects of reading the same IELTS exam texts again and again?
- 23 What is the best way of finding information in a long text, in your experience?
- 24 What would your recommendations be to someone just starting an IELTS Reading test?

Ask your teacher about any topics you weren't sure of the answer to.

Taking what you have discussed into account, look at an IELTS Reading and decide how you would deal with it.

Underline the useful typical IELTS Speaking Part Three question stems above and ask similar questions about other topics.