

IELTS Speaking Part One Dice Game

Throw the dice to decide what kind of IELTS Speaking Part One-style personal question your partner should ask you:

First roll of the dice

- 1 = Work and studies
- 2 = Hometown
- 3 = Hobbies, interests and free time
- 4 = Family and friends
- 5 = Festivals and celebrations
- 6 = Accommodation

Second roll of the dice

- 1 = Distant past
- 2 = Recent past
- 3 = Past and present
- 4 = Present
- 5 = Near future
- 6 = Distant future

Language Input

What tenses and time expressions might you need to answer questions about each of the six tenses above?

Match these groups to the times above (one group does not match)

when I retire/ when I am old/ in 2050

at the moment/ currently/ generally

recently/ the day before yesterday/ early this morning/ when I got up/ at the weekend/ the last time I.../ I last.../ a couple of days ago/ just

used to/ when I was a child/ when I was in the second year of primary school/ when I was very young/ in kindergarten/ the first time/ I first.../ a long time ago/ in the early sixties/ half a century ago

since.../ in my life/ have been/ have seen/ have done/ already/ yet

the day after tomorrow/ when this lesson finishes/ this evening/ first thing tomorrow morning/ be about to...

when I was a teenager/ when I graduated from university/ when I was at university/ in my late teens/ in my early twenties/ in my mid-thirties

Study tips

How can you prepare yourself to use more complex time clauses in your Speaking Part One answers?