

**IELTS Speaking Part One- Functional Language Practice Game**

*Make sure you have a different coloured pen or pencil to your partner. Take turns asking single IELTS Speaking Part One questions. Whenever you use a new phrase with one of the functions written below you can tick in that box. You can tick in the same box more than once as long as you use different words. If your partner thinks exactly the same phrase has been used during the game, they can cross that tick off. The person with the most ticks at the end of five minutes is the winner.*

<b>Checking what the question means</b>
<b>Still not understanding</b>
<b>The question doesn't quite match your situation</b>
<b>Pausing for thought/ Thinking aloud</b>
<b>Talking about things you can't remember</b>
<b>Giving vague answers/ Expressing uncertainty</b>
<b>Explaining things you don't know the English name for (or which have no translation)</b>

*Work together to try to think of/ remember as many phrases with each function for this part of the exam as you can (speaking, not writing).*

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### **Suggested questions**

#### **Introduction**

Can I see some ID?  
Could I just check your name?  
Which part is your first name?

#### **Friends and family**

How many people are there in your family?  
Did you get on well with your family when you were growing up?  
Would you like to have a large family?  
When did you first meet your best friend?

#### **Hobbies and free time**

What do you usually do in the evenings?  
How did you spend your free time when you were at secondary school?  
Do you enjoy any sports?

#### **Food and drink**

Can you cook?  
What's your favourite dish?  
What is the most famous dish from your area?

#### **Work**

Have you ever had a job?  
Are you working?  
What job would you like to do in the future?

#### **Studies**

Are you studying anything at the moment?  
Is it a difficult subject?  
Is there anything you dislike about your studies?

#### **IELTS and English**

What do you want to do after you take the IELTS test?  
Did you enjoy English at school?  
How long have you been studying English?

#### **Hometown**

Where are you from?  
Where did you grow up?  
Do you often visit your hometown? (Would you like to visit more often?)  
Are there any local specialties in the place you are from? (What are they like?)  
Does your hometown have a local festival? (What happens there?)