

## IELTS Speaking Part One- The Same or Different

### Part One: Questions

Choose one question from below and ask it to your partner. Continue, each time changing who asks after one question. **Only ask one question each time**, but you can ask questions on the same line later in the activity if you like.

- 1 Can I check your name?/ How do you pronounce your name?/ What would you like me to call you?
- 2 Do you prefer to get your news online?/ Do you like reading news online?
- 3 How do you most like to travel?/ What is your favourite means of transport?
- 4 How important is exercise to you?/ How is exercise important to you?
- 5 How is exercise important to you?/ In what ways is exercise important to you?
- 6 How long do you think you will continue studying English?/ How long are you planning to continue studying English?
- 7 How long have you been living in your present home?/ How long have you lived in your current home?
- 8 How long have you spent abroad?/ How much time have you spent abroad?
- 9 How much time have you spent abroad?/ How many times have you been abroad?
- 10 Is there any hobby you'd like to start doing in the future?/ Is there any hobby which you want to take up?
- 11 What are you going to do at the weekend?/ What are your plans for the coming week-end?
- 12 What do you like about going to the cinema?/ Do you like going to the cinema?
- 13 What is the area near your home like?/ What is your neighbourhood like?
- 14 What is the most important sport for you? (Why?)/ How important is sport for you?
- 15 What kind of art do you like?/ What sort of visual art do you like?
- 16 What kind of exercise do you do?/ What do you do to keep fit?
- 17 What level of English do you hope to have in ten years' time?/ What level of English do you think you will have in 2024?
- 18 What would your ideal job be?/ What would be your dream job?/ What would be the perfect job for you?
- 19 When did you last meet up with your school friends?/ When was the last time you met up with your school friends?
- 20 Where are you from?/ Where do you come from?/ Where is your hometown?
- 21 Where did you first meet your best friend?/ Where were you the first time you met your best friend?
- 22 Who in your family do you get on well with?/ Which members of your family do you have a good relationship with?/ Which people in your family do you get along with?
- 23 Would you like to see anything at the cinema?/ Do you like going to the cinema?
- 24 Would you live abroad if you could?/ Do you think you will live abroad someday?/ Do you have any plans to live abroad?

Decide if each group of questions above has the same meaning (S) or a different meaning (D). If there are more than two, they are all the same or all different.

Hint: 10 are the same.

## Part 2: Comparing/ contrasting phrases presentation

Thinking about what you said in the discussion above, brainstorm as many different words and phrases as you can into the gaps below. At least four different things are possible in each gap.

This one is about nicknames etcetera \_\_\_\_\_  
this one is just about the pronunciation.

These two are \_\_\_\_\_ the same.

These two questions are \_\_\_\_\_ different.

The \_\_\_\_\_  
difference between the two is that is this one is a prediction while this one is a desire.

A \_\_\_\_\_  
difference between these two is that this one is hypothetical but this one is about reality.

Compare your ideas with those below the fold.

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### Comparing/ contrasting phrases Suggested answers

(NOT... X in italics and brackets means that it doesn't fit in the gap)

This one is about nicknames etc \_\_\_\_, **whereas/ , while/ , but/ . However,/ . In contrast,**  
\_\_\_\_\_ this one is just about the pronunciation.  
(NOT *On the other hand* X NOT *On the contrary* X NOT *though* X)

These two are \_\_ **exactly/ almost exactly/ almost/ nearly/ more or less** \_\_ the same.  
(NOT *a little* X NOT *fairly* X)

These two questions are \_ **totally/ almost totally/ very/ fairly/ a bit/ a tiny bit** \_\_ different.

The \_\_ **most striking/ most obvious/ most important/ main** \_\_ difference between the two is that is this one is a prediction while this one is a desire.

A \_\_ **great/ considerable/ substantial/ slight/ small / tiny** \_\_ difference between these two is that this one is hypothetical but this one is about reality.

### Part 3: Comparing vocabulary in IELTS Speaking Part One questions and answers

Use similar language to compare and contrast the expressions below. To make you use lots of suitable language, just discuss - **don't write what you decide below**. However, you can put a question mark next to ones you aren't sure about.

- 1 family name/ surname
- 2 first name/ given name/ Christian name
- 3 to spell/ a spell
  
- 4 hometown/ where you live/ your country
- 5 where you live/ your (local) area/ your neighbourhood
- 6 home/ house
- 7 a house/ my house
- 8 live/ stay
- 9 house/ mansion
- 10 apartment/ flat
- 11 flat/ studio flat
- 12 student halls/ student dorm
- 13 narrow room/ small flat
- 14 I grew up/ I was brought up
  
- 15 brothers and sisters/ siblings
- 16 wife or husband/ partner
- 17 my family/ a member of my family
- 18 two families/ two family members
- 19 a member of my family/ a relative/ a relation
- 20 only child/ single
  
- 21 close friend/ good friend
- 22 good friend/ best friend/ oldest friend
- 23 get on with/ get on well with/ get along with/ have a good relationship with
- 24 workmate/ colleague/ co-worker
- 25 (ex)classmate/ (ex)colleague
- 26 fellow graduate/ fellow alumni
  
- 27 abroad/ overseas
- 28 to go on a trip/ to trip
- 29 meet up with my friends/ go out with my friends/ play with my friends/ hang out with my friends
- 30 journey to work/ commuting
  
- 31 celebrations/ festivals
- 32 party/ (going out for) drinks
  
- 33 cinema/ movie theater
- 34 films/ movies
- 35 movie theater/ theatre
- 36 sci-fi/ science fiction

- 37 rom-com/ romantic comedy
  - 38 cartoon/ animation
  - 39 animation/ anime
  - 40 costume drama/ historical drama
  - 41 kind of movie/ type of movie/ sort of movie/ genre (of movie)
  
  - 42 exercise/ sport
  - 43 free time/ leisure
  - 44 hobbies/ interests
  - 45 holiday/ vacation
  - 46 days off/ holidays
  - 47 tidy my flat/ clean my flat
  - 48 enjoy/ like
  - 49 like/ prefer/ would like
  
  - 50 normally/ usually/ generally
  - 51 rarely/ seldom/ hardly ever
  - 52 once every six months/ twice a year
  - 53 at the moment/ now/ currently/ presently
  - 54 at the moment/ at that moment
  - 55 nowadays/ these days
  - 56 every time/ all the time
  
  - 57 the day before yesterday/ two days before
  - 58 when I was younger/ when I was a child
  - 59 when I was in primary school/ when I was an elementary school student
  - 60 when I was 11 or 12/ when I was in my early teens
  - 61 I last.../ The last time I... was...
  
  - 62 in ten years/ in 2024
  - 63 in two days/ the day after tomorrow
  - 64 the week after next/ two weeks after
  - 65 am planning to/ going to
  - 66 I'm planning to.../ I've arranged to...
  - 67 I've arranged to.../ I'm... ing...
  - 68 appointment/ date/ arrangement/ promise
  - 69 I like/ I would like
  - 70 I would like/ I want
  - 71 I hope/ I wish
  - 72 I will/ I will probably/ I may..
  - 73 I may/ I might...
  - 74 I expect to.../ I'm sure I will...
  
  - 75 ideal/ perfect/ dream (job/ holiday/ home)
  - 76 If you get the chance/ If you got the chance
- What do the expressions in each group above have in common? Can you think of any more useful vocabulary in the same categories?*

#### Part 4: Comparing functional language in IELTS Speaking Part One answers

*Do the same with these phrases that you could use in Speaking Part One.*

1. Can you repeat the question?/ Can you rephrase the question?
2. Can you repeat the question?/ Can you say that again?
3. Could you say that another way?/ Can you rephrase the question?
4. Sorry, what does... mean?/ Excuse me, what do you mean by...?
5. I'm afraid I still don't understand the question./ I'm sorry but I'm still not quite sure what the question means.
  
6. Let me think./ Let me see.
7. That's a difficult question./ That's a tricky one.
8. I've never really thought about that before.../ No one's ever asked me that before.
  
9. I can't remember... (exactly) but.../ I don't precisely recall... but...
10. ... or something like that (anyway). / ... or something of that sort.
11. more or less/ approximately/ something like...
  
12. Sorry, I meant to say.../ Ah no, that's wrong. It's actually...
  
13. There is a word in my language.../ There is something in my country which we call...
14. which can be translated as...
15. The usual translation is.../ The direct translation is...
16. The direct translation is.../ The word-for-word translation is...
17. ... which is a kind of.../ which is a bit like...
  
18. This is because.../ The (main) reason for that is...
19. I'm not sure why exactly, but.../ for some reason or the other
20. in order to.../ to...
  
21. I (totally) detest/ I loathe/ I really hate...
22. My least favourite/ My most hated...
23. I (absolutely) adore/ I really love...

*What does each group of expressions above have in common? Can you think of any more with the same functions?*

*Test each other on all the things above, this time raising one of the two cards that you are given depending on whether they have the same or different meanings when your partner reads them out to you.*

## Cards to hold up

<b>The same</b>	<b>Different</b>
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