

IELTS Speaking Part Three- Typical Questions and Answers

Take turns asking your partner questions from below for three or four minutes, discussing each answer more if you want to.

- Are people in your country worried about light pollution?
- Are people your age in your country interested in vegetarianism, do you think?
- Can you think of any bad effects of dams? (On balance, do you think more should be built?)
- Do you believe that people your age in your country live ecologically friendly lifestyles?
- Do you think it is okay for families to have two cars? (Why do you have that opinion?)
- Do you think it is possible to stop global warming without stopping economic growth? (Why/ Why not?)
- Do you think that banning plastic bags is a good idea?
- Do you think that people's energy consumption is changing?
- Do you think the air quality in the place where you live is getting better or worse? (What makes you say that?)
- Do you think there is a danger that rising sea levels could directly affect this city?
- Do you think your government is doing enough to save endangered species? (Why do you think that?)
- How has people's awareness of green issues changed over the last 50 years in your country?
- How important is recycling, in your opinion?
- How much do you think the government should get involved in making sure less packaging is used? (What could they do?)
- How popular are organic foods in your country?
- In what ways do genetically modified foods benefit society?
- Is noise pollution a problem where you live?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of wind turbines?
- What are your predictions for the state of the environment in your country in the next few years?
- What can be done to increase the amount of recycling? (Do you think that is likely?)
- What can be done to stop global warming, do you think?
- What could be the consequences of/ the effect of deforestation?
- What do you think about environmental education in your country?
- What do you think the ecological state of your country will be like in 50 years' time?
- What is the biggest environmental problem facing your country, do you think?
- Why do some people resist nuclear energy?

Ask about any questions you don't know understand or don't know how to answer.

Without looking above, try to remember or think of a question for each of these answers:

According to an article I read, there will almost certainly be more flooding here in the future.

Prohibition is almost certainly a good idea, because people can just use their own.

I don't have any data about this but I get the impression that the atmosphere is quite a lot cleaner than when I was growing up.

I don't know much about this but I suppose the government could tax things that cause global warming.

I haven't heard any figures, but it could be slowly decreasing due to power shortages.

I haven't heard much about this problem before, but I suppose it could result in lots of species of animals who lived there becoming extinct.

In general, it's the nuclear problem, specifically radiation released into the sea.

In my humble opinion, it's absolutely vital.

I'm afraid I know almost nothing about this topic, but I imagine they are doing their best.

One benefit is that it should be easier for farmers in less productive poor areas to be able to grow crops.

They obviously produce totally clean energy. There are also drawbacks, e.g. they ruin the scenery of places where they are put.

The vast majority of people my age pay absolutely no attention to the impact on our planet of what they are doing.

We didn't really study this at school but I guess people are quite a lot more aware of green issues than they were half a century ago.

This is mainly because they are worried about another accident at a power station.

Look at the questions again to check.

Ask about any answers which you don't fully understand.

Useful phrases for IELTS Speaking Part Three brainstorming

Brainstorm at least three words or phrases into each of the gaps below.

According to _____
_____, there will almost certainly be more flooding here in the future.

Prohibition is _____
_____ a good idea, because people can just use their own.

I don't have any data about this but _____
_____ the atmosphere is quite a lot cleaner than when I was growing up.

I don't know much about this but I _____
_____ the government could tax things that cause global warming.

I haven't heard any figures, but it _____
_____ be slowly decreasing due to power shortages.

I haven't heard much about this problem before, but I suppose it could _____
_____ lots of species of animals who lived there becoming extinct.

In general, it's the nuclear problem, _____
_____ radiation released into the
sea.

In my humble opinion, it's is _____ important./ it's
_____ vital.

I'm afraid I know _____
_____ about this topic, but I imagine they are doing their
best.

One _____ is
that it should be easier for farmers in less productive poor areas to be able to grow crops.

They obviously produce totally clean energy _____
_____ they ruin the scenery of places where they are
put.

_____ people
my age pay absolutely no attention to the impact on our planet of what they are doing.

_____ but I
guess people are quite a lot more aware of green issues than they were half a century
ago.

_____ they are worried about another accident at a power station.

Compare your ideas with those on the next page.

Suggested answers

- According to _____an article I read/ something I read somewhere/ what I've heard/ what I learnt at school/ what someone told me/ government predictions _____, there will almost certainly be more flooding here in the future.
- Prohibition is _____certainly/ almost certainly/ probably/ maybe/ perhaps/ possibly_____ a good idea, because people can just use their own.
- I don't have any data about this but ___in my experience/ my personal impression is/ I get the impression that_____ the atmosphere is quite a lot cleaner than when I was growing up.
- I don't know much about this but I ___guess/ imagine/ suppose/ would (probably) say that/ think/ believe_____ the government could tax things that cause global warming.
- I haven't heard any figures, but it _____must/ may/ might/ could_____ be slowly decreasing due to power shortages.
- I haven't heard much about this problem before, but I suppose it could ___cause/ lead to/ result in_____ lots of species of animals who lived there becoming extinct.
- In general, it's the nuclear problem, _____for example/ e.g./ specifically/ especially_____ radiation released into the sea.
- In my humble opinion, it's is ___not at all/ not really/ not very/ a little/ fairly/ quite/ very/ really/ incredibly_____ important./ it's _____really/ absolutely_____ vital.
- I'm afraid I know ___nothing at all/ almost nothing/ very little _____ about this topic, but I imagine they are doing their best.
- One _____advantage/ benefit/ positive factor/ selling point _____ is that it should be easier for farmers in less productive poor areas to be able to grow crops.
- They obviously produce totally clean energy __, but (you could also say)/. However,/. On the other hand,/ . Other people say that/. There are also drawbacks, e.g.

_____ they ruin the scenery of places where they are put.

- ___All/ Almost all/ The vast majority of/ Most/ The majority of/ Many/ Some/ Few/ Very few _____ people my age pay absolutely no attention to the impact on our planet of what they are doing.
- ___I don't know much about this/ I'm no expert/ I haven't read much about this subject/ I've never thought about this before/ I'm not really into history/ We didn't really study this at school/ I'm not sure/ It's difficult to say/ It's hard to say (for sure) _____ but I guess people are quite a lot more aware of green issues than they were half a century ago.
- _____This is mainly because/ One reason is (that)/ The main reason is (that)/ One cause is the fact that/ Due to the fact that _____ they are worried about another accident at a power station.

Underline typical IELTS Speaking Part Three question stems above (= phrases which can be used to make many similar questions) and use them to ask each other similar questions on different topics.

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