

IELTS Speaking Lesson 2

Part One- Warmer- The always answer Yes game

Ask your partner a Yes/ No question about last weekend: Did you (go swimming/ go to a bar/ play football)? They must answer "Yes". Then ask 3 more questions about that activity, e.g. How many lengths did you swim?/ How much money did you spend?/ Who won the match? After three questions, guess if your partner really did do that at the weekend "I think that it is true" or didn't "I think that it isn't true"

Part Two - Typical Yes/ No Starter Questions and Wh- Follow-up Questions

In the IELTS speaking exam, especially at the beginning of Part One, the examiner will sometimes ask a Yes/ No question and follow up with a more detailed Wh- question. Match the typical IELTS Speaking Part One starter questions and follow up questions below:

Have you got a large family?	Yes, I do	What didn't you like about it? (Why didn't you like it?)
Do you enjoy reading?	No, I didn't	How do you celebrate?
Did you enjoy studying English when you were a child?	No, I haven't. Just one younger brother and one older sister.	Where were you born?
Do you live with your parents?	Yes, sometimes.	What do they do?
Are you from near here?	No, I don't. I moved out in April.	What kind of place do you live in?
Do you meet up with your family on your birthday?	No, I'm not. I only came to Tokyo last month.	What kind of books do you like?

Part Three - The Top 6 IELTS Speaking Part One Topics

Below are the six most common topics in the IELTS Speaking Part One. Copy the questions above into the boxes below depending on their subjects:

Festivals and Celebrations:

Your hometown:

Friends and family:

Free time and hobbies:

Work and studies:

Your accommodation/ your home:

Write at least one more question on each topic in the boxes above:

Part Four - Top 30 Typical Questions and Question Types

Add the questions below to the boxes above:

What is the most important festival for families in your country?

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

What kind of town did you grow up in?

Do you have much time for your hobbies?

How did you first become interested in that?

What do you like doing in your free time?

How often do you see your grandparents?

When do people give presents in your country?

Where do you usually do your hobby?

Do you prefer living with other people or on your own? Why?

Where do most people in your country live?

How often do you read novels?

What job would you like to do in the future?

What do you like about reading comics?

Did you enjoy studying languages at school? Why?

Do you spend much time watching television?

Do you live in a house or a flat?

Are you a student?

Do you have any hobbies?

Where were you born?

Are there any new hobbies you would like to take up (=start)?

What are you studying at the moment?

Are there many green spaces there?

Who do you live with?

When is your favourite festival? Why do you like it?

Are you working at the moment?

Part Five - Difficult/ Easy Questions Speaking Game

Give each question above a number of points:

1 point (a very easy question to answer for you)

2 points (quite an easy question)

3 points (so-so/ not bad)

4 points (quite a difficult question)

5 points (a very difficult question)

Decide if you would like to try to answer a difficult question for more points or an easy question for less points and tell your partner(s). Choose a topic. Try to answer the question your partner asks you. They will then tell you how many points you have scored (e.g. quite a good answer of quite a difficult question will score 3 points). Take turns until all the questions have been answered.

Part Six - Unexpected Questions

As well as the typical questions above, the examiner will probably ask you some questions you have not answered in English before.

With your partner, write at least 7 more questions using the underlined parts of the questions above, changing the other part of the question to change the topics. Give each of your questions a number of points from 1 to 5. Swap groups and ask your questions to someone from another team.