

Full IELTS Speaking test about the IELTS

Part One- 4 to 5 minutes

Ask questions about some of these topics: the candidate's family, home, hobbies, studies, jobs, future, travel, home town, country, English language studies, education

Example questions- Education

"Did you enjoy school when you were younger?"

"What were your favourite and least favourite subjects and school?" "Why?"

"Do you generally perform well during tests and exams?" "Why/ why not?"

"Have you ever cheated in a test or exam or do you know anyone who has?"

"What is the most difficult test or exam you have ever taken?" "What made it so difficult?"

Part Two- 3 to 4 minutes

Read the instructions below and hand over the task at the point indicated:

"Now I'd like you to give a short presentation. I'd like you to speak for one or two minutes on the topic I will give you. First you have one minute to prepare what you are going to say. You can make notes to help you if you wish. Here is your topic" (*Hand over now*).

Describe an English language speaking test you have taken or are planning to take.

You should say:

Why you decided to take the test

How the experience of taking the test was or how you expect to be

How you have studied for the test and how useful that study has been in improving your general English level

And say if you think the test is well designed and if not how it could be improved

After a maximum of one minute, interrupt the preparation by saying something like "Okay?", "Please start speaking when you're ready" or "Please start your presentation (now)".

If the candidate speaks for less than a minute, gesture that they should continue. If they continue speaking after 2 minutes interrupt them by asking them a question about what they said.

Example questions

"You said that you didn't feel nervous during the test. Why do you think that is?"

Part Three- 4 to 5 minutes

Discussion topic: Testing and language testing

Example questions:

"Do you think there is too much testing in schools in your country?" ("How has that changed over the last 20 years?" "How do you think that will change in the future?")

"Do you think regular testing helps people learn?"

"How would change the education system in your country if you could?"

Continue the conversation with your own questions on the topic

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Example questions- English Language Studies

"How long do you study English outside class every week?"

"How do you study?"

"Does studying for a test make you study harder?"

"What do you think the best way of studying a language is?"

"For you, what are the easiest and most difficult things about studying English?"

"What is your ultimate goal in studying English?"

Part Two- 3 to 4 minutes

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Describe an English language course you have studied

You should say:

Why you chose that course

If it matched your expectations

What, if anything, you would change about the course if you could

And explain what you plan to do next to improve your English

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Example questions

"You said that you were a bit disappointed in the course. Why do you the other students felt the same way?"

Part Three- 4 to 5 minutes

Discussion topic: Language study

Example questions:

"How much time do people your age in your country generally spend on studying languages?"

"Do you think language schools in your country offer good value for money?"

"Do you think other languages will become as important as English in your country in the future?"

"How do you think learning languages in your country will change in the future?"

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Card to cut up to be given to the candidates in Speaking Part Two

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