



IELTS Speaking Questions & Topics for Part One

Hometown

I'd just like to ask you some questions about your hometown.

- 1 Where is your hometown?
- 2 What was it like growing up there?
- 3 Has it changed much since you were a child?
- 4 What do you like most about living there?
- 5 What kinds of things can visitors to your hometown go and see?
- 6 Do you think you will live there when you are older?

Home

I'd like to ask you some questions about your home.

- 1 Do you live in an apartment or a house?
- 2 Is it a large apartment/house?
- 3 Who do you live there with?
- 4 What is your favourite room in your apartment/house?
- 5 Is it a quiet or noisy place to live?
- 6 What can you see from the windows in your apartment/house?
- 7 If you could change anything about your apartment/house, what would you change?

Studies

I'd just like to ask you some questions about your studies.

- 1 What are you studying?
- 2 Why did you choose that particular course?
- 3 What is your favourite subject?
- 4 Are you friends with many other students on your course?
- 5 What job would you like when you have completed all your studies?
- 6 Will you have to do further studies in the future?

Work

I'd just like to ask you some questions about your work.

- 1 What work do you do?
 - 2 What do you enjoy most about your work?
 - 3 What are your main duties?
 - 4 Is there any other work you would like to do in the future?
 - 5 What do you normally do when you finish work everyday?
 - 6 Will you have to do more training for your work in the future?
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Free Time

I'd like to move on and ask you some questions about your free time

- 1 What type of activities do you like to do in your free time?
- 2 How long have you been interested in these activities?
- 3 Do you like to do these activities alone or with other people?
- 4 Do you think people have enough free time?

Family

I'd like to move on and ask you some questions about your family.

- 1 How many people are there in your family?
- 2 Do you all live in the same house?
- 3 What things do you like doing together?
- 4 Who is your favourite family member?

Timing

Let's move on and talk about being on time for appointments.

- 1 Is being late acceptable in your culture?
- 2 Are you ever late for appointments?
- 3 What type of excuses do you think are alright for lateness?
- 4 How do you feel when someone is late for an appointment with you?

Neighbours

Let's change the topic and talk about your neighbours

- 1 Do you know the people who live next door to you?
- 2 How often do you see each other?
- 3 What kind of relationship do you have?
- 4 How can neighbours be helpful?
- 5 What kind of problems can people have with their neighbours in a big city?

Food

Moving to a new topic, I'd like to discuss cooking and meals with you.

- 1 Do you enjoy cooking?
- 2 What type of things can you cook?
- 3 What kinds of food are popular in your country?
- 4 Is it an important part of your culture to have dinner parties?
- 5 Do you prefer to eat with other people or on your own?

Dreams

I'd now like to discuss your night time dreams with you.

- 1 Do you dream much at night?
- 2 Do you often remember your dreams?
- 3 Do you think we can learn anything from dreams?
- 4 Do people in your country talk about their dreams?
- 5 Do you think that dreams can come true?

Magazines and Newspapers

Okay, let's move to a different topic and discuss magazines and newspapers.

- 1 Which do you prefer reading, newspapers or magazines?
- 2 What type of stories do you like to read about?
- 3 Do you think reading a magazine or a newspaper can help you learn a language?
- 4 Why do you think some people prefer magazines to newspapers?

Humour

Let's change the topic and talk about comedy and humour.

- 1 What type of programmes do you find funny on TV?
- 2 Which types of programmes are most popular in your country?
- 3 What kind of things make you laugh?
- 4 Do you like to make people laugh?
- 5 Do you think it is important to have a sense of humour?

Museums

Let's move on and talk about museums.

- 1 Are museums popular in your country?
- 2 Did you visit museums when you were a child?
- 3 Do you like to visit museums nowadays?
- 4 Do you think you should pay to visit museums?

Mobile Phones

Now lets talk about mobile phones.

- 1 Do you have a mobile phone?
- 2 At what age did you first get a mobile?
- 3 What do you most use it for?
- 4 Is it a nuisance if people use mobiles in public places such as trains and buses?

Television

We'll now talk about television.

- 1 How many hours a day do you spend watching television?
- 2 What type of television programs do you like to watch?
- 3 Do you think children in your country watch too much television?
- 4 Do you think television is useful for education in schools?

The Sea

Now we'll talk about the sea.

- 1 Do you like to go on holiday by the sea?
- 2 Are there many hotels by the sea in your country?
- 3 What kind of activities can people do by the sea?
- 4 How long do people normally visit the sea for when they go on holiday?

Flowers

Now we'll talk about flowers.

- 1 How many times have you ever given anybody flowers?
- 2 Is it popular to give flowers to people in your country?
- 3 On what special occasions do people give flowers in your country?
- 4 What kinds of flowers would you like to receive as a present?

The Weather

Now we'll move on to talk about the weather.

- 1 What kind of weather do you like the most?
- 2 Does the weather affect the way that you feel?
- 3 Do people like the weather in your country?
- 4 Do the kinds of outside activities people do in your country change when the weather changes?

Public Transport

Now we'll move on to talk about public transport

- 1 What kinds of public transport do they have in your country?
- 2 What kinds of public transport do most people use?
- 3 What is your favourite type of public transport?
- 4 What do you do when you are travelling on public transport?
- 5 How could public transport in your country be improved?

Sport

Now we'll move on to talk about sport.

- 1 What is the most popular type of sport in your country?
- 2 Is there a lot of sport on television in your country?
- 3 What sports do children normally do at school?
- 4 Do you think people do enough sport these days?

Writing

Now we'll talk about writing

- 1 Do you enjoy writing?
- 2 What age do children normally learn to write in your country?
- 3 Did you used to write a lot when you were a child?
- 4 Do you ever write letters?
- 5 Do you prefer writing letters or sending emails?

Animals

Now we'll talk about animals.

- 1 What is your favourite animal?
- 2 What types of animals do you have in your country?
- 3 What types of animals are kept as pets in your country?
- 4 Do you think animals should be kept in zoos?

Dictionaries

Now let's move on to talk about dictionaries.

- 1 Do you ever use a dictionary?
- 2 Do you prefer paper or electronic dictionaries?
- 3 Are dictionaries used a lot in schools in your country?
- 4 Do you think dictionaries are useful for learning a language?

Fashion and clothing

Now let's move on to talk about fashion and clothing.

- 1 Were you interested in fashion when you were a child?
- 2 Is fashion important to you now?
- 3 What types of clothes are fashionable for young people in your country these days?
- 4 Does fashion change for people as they get older?

Birthdays

Now let's move on to talk about birthdays.

- 1 What did you usually do on your birthday when you were a child?
- 2 How do you normally celebrate your birthday now?
- 3 Is your birthday now still as important to you as when you were a child?
- 4 Do you think it's important to give someone a card when it's their birthday?
- 5 Do you think the price of a gifts/presents is important?

Books

Now let's move on to talk about books.

- 1 Do you like reading books?
- 2 What kinds of books do you like to read?
- 3 What is the best book you've ever read?
- 4 Is reading books a popular activity in your country?
- 5 Do you think that electronic books / eReaders are better than real books?

Exercise

We'll now talk about exercise.

- 1 Do you do much exercise?
- 2 Do you do more exercise now than when you were a child?
- 3 Do people in your country do a lot of exercise?
- 4 What do you think is the best exercise to keep fit?
- 5 Have the types of exercise people like to do changed since you were a child?

The internet

We'll now talk about The Internet.

- 1 Do you use The Internet?
- 2 Are children allowed to use The Internet at school in your country?
- 3 Do you think that The Internet is useful for study?
- 4 Have you ever used The Internet to buy something?
- 5 Are there any dangers of buying things online?

Daily Routine

We'll now talk about daily routines.

- 1 Tell me about your daily routine?
- 2 Has your daily routine changed since you were a child?
- 3 Is your daily routine different at the weekend to during the week?
- 4 What would you like to change about your daily routine?
- 5 Do you think it's important to have a daily routine?

Musical Instruments

We'll now talk about musical instruments.

- 1 Do you think it's important for children to learn to play a musical instrument?
- 2 Do children have to learn to play a musical instrument at school in your country?
- 3 Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
- 4 What do you think is the best age to start to learn to play a musical instrument?
- 5 What do you think would be the most difficult musical instrument to learn to play?

Pets

We'll now talk about pets.

- 1 Do you have a pet?
- 2 What types of animals do you think make the best pets?
- 3 Why do people have pets?
- 4 Should dogs be left in the house alone while their owners are at work?
- 5 Is there any types of animals that you think should not be kept as a pet?

Seasons

We'll now talk about seasons.

- 1 What is your favourite season?
- 2 Tell me about the different seasons in your country.
- 3 How do the clothes people wear in your country change with the seasons?
- 4 Do any types of jobs people do in your country change with the seasons?
- 5 Is tourism popular in a particular season in your country?

Photographs

We'll now talk about photographs.

- 1 Do you enjoy taking photographs?
- 2 Do you prefer to take photos with a phone or with a camera?
- 3 Do you take many photographs when you travel?
- 4 Do you like looking at photographs of yourself?
- 5 Have you put any photographs you have taken on the walls in your house?

Trees

Now let's talk about trees.

- 1 Do you like trees?
- 2 Are there many trees in your hometown?
- 3 Do you think there are enough trees in most cities?
- 4 What are the benefits of planting more trees?

Email

Now let's talk about email.

- 1 Do you email people often?
- 2 Do you chat with friends or family more with email?
- 3 Do you think people prefer to receive an email or a letter?
- 4 Do you think it's easier to write an email or a letter?
- 5 Do you think email will eventually replace letter writing?



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