

Practice Questions IELTS Speaking

Part 1 (pick 2–3 topics, answer each in a few sentences)

Clothes

1. What kind of clothes do you usually wear?
2. Do you enjoy shopping for clothes?
3. Has your taste in clothing changed over the years?

Daily Routine 4. What does a typical day look like for you? 5. Is your routine different on weekends? 6. Do you prefer mornings or evenings?

Neighbourhood/City 7. Do you live in a house or an apartment? 8. What do you like about the area you live in? 9. What kind of transport do most people use where you live?

Art 10. Do you like art? What kind? 11. Did you study art at school? 12. Do you think art classes are important for children?

Plants/Gardening 13. Do you have any plants at home? 14. Do you enjoy spending time in nature? 15. Is gardening a popular hobby in your country?

Part 2 – Cue Cards (pick one, prepare for 1 minute, speak for 1–2 minutes)

A. Describe a piece of technology you find useful. You should say: what it is / how you use it / how long you've had it / and explain why it's useful to you

B. Describe an achievement you are proud of. You should say: what it was / how you achieved it / what difficulties you faced / and explain why you feel proud of it

C. Describe a book that had a strong impact on you. You should say: what the book was about / when you read it / why you chose to read it / and explain what impact it had on you

D. Describe a change you would like to make in your life. You should say: what the change is / why you want to make it / how difficult it would be / and explain how it would improve your life

Part 3 (pick the set matching whichever cue card you practised)

If you did Technology (A):

1. How has technology changed the way people communicate?
2. Do you think older generations struggle to keep up with new technology?
3. Are there any downsides to relying heavily on technology in daily life?

If you did Achievement (B): 4. Do you think success is measured differently across cultures? 5. Is it more important to focus on personal achievements or contributing to a team? 6. How does failure help people succeed in the long run?

If you did Books (C): 7. Do you think reading habits are declining among young people? 8. Should schools require students to read certain books, or let them choose freely? 9. How do books compare to films in terms of influencing people's thinking?

If you did Change (D): 10. Why do you think some people find it hard to change their habits? 11. Do big life changes usually happen suddenly or gradually, in your view? 12. Is it easier to change as an individual or as part of a group effort?

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Weekends

1. What do you usually do on weekends?
2. Do you prefer spending weekends at home or going out?
3. Has the way you spend weekends changed since you were a child?

Colours 4. What's your favourite colour? 5. Do colours affect your mood? 6. Is there a colour you dislike?

Public Holidays 7. What public holidays do you have in your country? 8. Which one do you enjoy the most? 9. Do you usually travel during public holidays?

Cooking/Food 10. Do you know how to cook? 11. What's a typical meal in your country? 12. Do you think fast food is popular where you live?

Internet 13. How much time do you spend online each day? 14. What do you mainly use the internet for? 15. Do you think the internet has made life easier or more complicated?

Friends 16. How would you describe a good friend? 17. Do you prefer having a few close friends or many acquaintances? 18. Has social media changed the way people make friends?

Part 2 – Cue Cards

E. Describe a memorable journey you have taken. You should say: where you went / who you went with / what happened during the journey / and explain why it was memorable

F. Describe a piece of good news you received recently. You should say: what the news was / how you found out / who you shared it with / and explain how it made you feel

G. Describe a teacher who influenced you. You should say: who this teacher was / what subject they taught / what made them memorable / and explain how they influenced you

H. Describe a time you helped someone. You should say: who you helped / what the situation was / what you did / and explain how you felt about helping them

Part 3

If you did Journey (E):

1. Do you think people travel more for leisure or for work nowadays?
2. What are the environmental impacts of increased travel?
3. Is travelling alone better than travelling with others, in your opinion?

If you did Good News (F): 4. Do you think people share good news differently now compared to the past? 5. Why do you think some news spreads faster than other news? 6. Is it important to share personal achievements publicly, or keep them private?

If you did Teacher (G): 7. What qualities make someone a good teacher? 8. Do you think teachers today face different challenges compared to the past? 9. Should teachers focus more on academic knowledge or life skills?

If you did Helping Someone (H): 10. Do you think people are generally more or less willing to help strangers nowadays? 11. Should helping others be taught as part of a school curriculum? 12. Is helping people online (e.g. donations, advice) as meaningful as helping in person?
