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Preface

As far as you know, IELTS candidates will have only 11-14 minutes for IELTS Speaking and it comprises of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you invest time in practicing the real IELTS Speaking questions.

Beside Cambridge IELTS Practice Tests series published by Oxford University Press, IELTS Speaking Recent Actual Tests with Suggested Answers aims to develop speaking and test-taking skills along with language proficiency to help you achieve a high IELTS Speaking score. It contains IELTS Speaking questions that were asked and would be asked in IELTS Speaking tests in 2021. The questions are divided into part 1, part 2 and part 3. Each of the questions have answers provided by our certified IELTS trainer along with the vocabulary that is specifically used for that question/topic. When using this e-book, you can be aware of the kinds of questions that you would face in a real exam, and how the answers are framed accordingly. Moreover, these tests are extracted from an authentic IELTS bank source; therefore, you are in all probability to encounter these questions in your real examinations.

The authors are convinced that you will find IELTS Speaking Recent Actual Tests with Suggested Answers extremely helpful on your path to success with the International English Language Testing System.

Don't just trust to luck in your IELTS exam – the key is practice!

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Introduction

The Speaking test comprises of 3 parts and is conducted by an examiner for 11-14 minutes. This test is similar to an interview and thus the emotions attached to the test is also similar – jitters, scary, anxiety. This is where IELTS Speaking e-book comes in.

This e-book helps you to know the unfamiliar.

Part - 1

Most of the part one questions are personal questions that the examiner will ask you to bring you into a comfort zone. These questions are sorted in terms of different topics.

Part - 2 & 3

Part – 2 consists of a cue card for which you will be given 1 minute to prepare and 2 minutes to talk. The questions in the cue card are addressed and a sample answer is given for the cue-card. Following the cue-card are part 3 questions. Part 3 of the speaking e-book consists of questions related to the cue card you will receive. And so, these questions are found with sample answers below the related cue-cards.

Vocabulary

Lexical resources is a factor of assessment during the speaking tests. So, below each of these topics, you will find a vocabulary section that contains words related to that particular topic along with examples.

Happy practising!





IELTS Speaking – Part 1

1. Environmental Protection

Questions

- 1 Would you like to work in a company related to environmental protection?
- 2 How can we protect the environment?
- 3 Do you think you have done enough to protect the environment?
- 4 Is there education about environmental protection at school in your country?

Sample Answers

1 Would you like to work in a company related to environmental protection?

Of course. If given the opportunity, I'd definitely love to work in an eco-friendly company that promotes environmental protection. As I'm a passionate environmentalist, I'd like to contribute as much as possible to the environment. During my schooling, I worked as a volunteer for several environmental organizations that encourage environmental awareness among the public.

2 How can we protect the environment?

There are several ways to protect the environment. We need to take proactive steps towards cleaner living habits such as using the 3Rs, i.e, reduce, reuse, and recycle. Using recyclable materials and reusable bags, using eco-friendly products and chemical-free fertilizers for agricultural land, consuming less water and electricity, and using local transportation services are some ways by which we can save the environment. These are some of the steps that can be taken to conserve the environment.

3 Do you think you have done enough to protect the environment?

Well, I don't think I've done enough to protect the environment, but as of now, I've done my bit, and there's so much more that I should have to start practising in the future to save the environment. At present, I have started making small changes in my life, such as reducing the use of plastics, using reusable and recyclable materials, using cycles or walking to cover short distances, and saving water and electricity.







Is there education about environmental protection at school in your country?

Yes, students are educated about the conservation and protection of the environment in high school as a skill subject. With the help of this subject, the students are aware of the importance of environmental protection. However, I believe that the education institution should make environmental protection as a compulsory subject so that the students will gain a comprehensive knowledge on protecting the environment that would enable them to live a sustainable life.

Vocabulary

Comprehensive -

Meaning: including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something. **Eg:** Science is a comprehensive subject.

Awareness

Meaning: knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.

Eg: An awareness program for Aids was started by the institution.

Passionate

Meaning: having, showing, or caused by strong feelings or beliefs.

Eg: Pablo was passionate about automobiles.

Volunteer

Meaning: a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

Eg: Michael worked as a volunteer for the NGO.

Compulsory

Meaning: required by law or a rule; obligatory.

Eg: The school made it compulsory for all the students to wear uniforms.





2. Barbecue

Questions

- 1 Do Vietnamese people like barbecue?
- What kind of food do you like to eat for barbecue?
- Would you like to have a barbecue with your family or your friends?
- 4 Did you have barbecue when you were a child?

Sample Answers

1 Do Vietnamese people like barbecue?

Of course, as a Vietnamese myself, I love barbecues. It is one of the most sought-after foods during our family get-togethers and occasional gatherings like birthday parties, receptions, or wedding anniversaries. Moreover, some people love eating barbecues when they go out on a picnic with family and friends. Barbecues are most popular during summers.

2 What kind of food do you like to eat for barbecue?

In our community, we love barbecuing beef, meat, chicken, grilled ribs, fish with some herbs, and veggies like capsicum, potatoes, corn, and eggplants. I usually prefer eating these types of barbecues along with a bowl of salad filled with juicy tomatoes, crunchy cucumbers, salty cheese, and cream on the top. The combination is scrumptious.

Would you like to have a barbecue with your family or your friends?

Definitely Yes! Barbecuing is one way to bond with family and friends, and I often BBQ with family. I hardly get a chance to meet my friends considering everyone's busy schedules. So, whenever we catch up, we make sure to enjoy dinner parties. We divide tasks among us and enjoy eating BBQ while watching a movie.

4 Did you have barbecue when you were a child?

Well, yes, I've some lovely memories of barbecue dinners as a child. My dad is a foodie, and he also loves to cook. So, it was quite often to host a barbecue dinner in our backyard regardless of any occasion or celebrations. Everyone in our family would join us, and we'd enjoy eating barbecues while watching an old movie.

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Vocabulary

Excellent

Meaning: extremely good; outstanding.

Eg: He was appreciated for playing an excellent role in the movie.

Scrumptious

Meaning: (of food) extremely tasty; delicious. **Eg:** My mother bakes scrumptious lasagna.

Sought-after

Meaning: wanted by many people

Eg: Michelle is one of the most sought-after dentists in the town.

Barbecuing

Meaning: cook (food) on a barbecue.

Eg: Mona enjoyed barbecuing

Schedule

Meaning: a plan for carrying out a process or procedure, giving lists of intended events and times **Eg:** The University released the exam schedule.

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3. Advertisements

Questions

- 1 Do you like advertisements?
- 2 How do you feel about advertisements?
- Is there much advertising in your country?
- 4 Where can we see advertisements?
- Do you like advertisements on TV or radio?

Sample Answers

Do you like advertisements?

Well, I'm not very fond of advertisements, but I enjoy watching them if the advertising concepts are interesting or entertaining. However, nowadays, a lot of advertisements are really insidious, manipulating people to spend on products that they don't actually need. Thus, when an advertisement comes, I immediately skip it.

2 How do you feel about advertisements?

I feel that advertisements are a great way to promote a company's products and services that are newly launched in the market. With the help of ads, we understand the usage of the product. The advertisements were very meaningful in the past few decades. But nowadays, they are devious, and I get irked seeing such commercials.

Is there much advertising in your country?

Of course, there are too many advertisements in my country. There are countless ads and commercials everywhere, either in the form of electronics or in the form of posters and banners. Even when we open any application on our smartphone, the first thing we see is an advertisement. We can't escape it, and there's just no way out to skip these advertisements.

4 Where can we see advertisements?

Well, advertisements are almost everywhere, whether we give it a look or not. We are bombarded by advertisements in our day-to-day lives. We see ads on the internet, social media applications, websites, you tube, game applications, TV commercials, radio, newspapers, and magazines. Besides, there are ads displayed on big hoardings and billboards at the corner of





the roads and on buildings. Some ads related to any events or a new brand, or the release of new films are displayed in large banners and posters.



Do you like advertisements on TV or radio?

Advertisements have become an integral part of our lives. They are everywhere. As I mentioned earlier, I'm not fond of advertisements but yes I prefer watching advertisements on TV rather than just listening to those advertisements on the radio. Some TV commercials are indeed meaningful and interesting to watch.

Vocabulary

Insidious

Meaning: proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects.

Eg: In recent days, a few TV commercials are extremely insidious.

Irk

Meaning: irritate

Eg: The boy's mischief irked the old man.

Bombarded

Meaning: attack (a place or person) continuously with bombs, shells, or other missiles.

Eg: The tower was bombarded with a grenade.

Manipulate

Meaning: handle or control (a tool, mechanism, information, etc.) in a skilful manner.

Eg: The politician manipulated the public.

Devious

Meaning: showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals.

Eg: The producers are devious in manipulating the people





4. Special Costumes

Questions

- Do you like to wear special costumes?
- 2 Did you try any special costumes when you were young?
- When was the last time you wore special costumes?
- 4 Do you ever buy special costumes?

Sample Answers

1 Do you like to wear special costumes?

Yes, I like wearing special costumes. They are worn by people either during an event or a themed occasion such as Halloween parties. I put on such special attires only during the Halloween season, and I must say that it's one of the best times to see people showing off their extraordinary creativity by wearing such costumes.

2 Did you try any special costumes when you were young?

Oh, yes, I remember that my school organised fancy dress competitions where everyone had to dress differently. So, my ingenious mother dressed me as a Chocolate bar using aluminium foil covers and colour papers. It was an amazing costume that all my friends loved. The reason behind me dressing as a chocolate bar was because I was extremely fond of them.

3 When was the last time you wore special costumes?

Well, I recently attended one of my closest friend's birthday party, which was themed on the Marvel movie, Avengers. So, I decided to become Captain America, and wore a costume with a long-sleeved blue & red t-shirt and blue pants, sewed with duct tape. However, I bought the fake vibranium shield online. I got a superhero feeling once I put on the costume.

4 Do you ever buy special costumes?

No. I don't spend money buying special costumes, as they are worn occasionally. Rather, I create my own costumes, by purchasing the materials from the local shop that is required and then sew them together. This way, I'm able to exhibit my creativity.





Vocabulary

Ingenious

Meaning: (of a person) clever, original, and inventive. **Eg:** The ingenious detective solved the case effectively.

Fake

Meaning: not genuine; imitation or counterfeit. **Eg:** John was fined for submitting a fake document.

Occasionally

Meaning: at infrequent or irregular intervals; now and then.

Eg: The older man's son visits him occasionally.

Show off

Meaning: display someone or something that is a source of pride. **Eg:** The little boy showed off his new PlayStation to his friends.

Sew

Meaning: join, fasten, or repair (something) by making stitches with a needle and thread or a sewing machine.

Eg: The tailor sewed my dress within a couple of days.





5. Wild Animals

Questions

- 1 Do you like to watch TV programs about wild animals?
- 2 Did you learn something about wild animals at school?
- 3 Where can you see wild animals?
- In which country do you think you can see a lot of wild animals?
- Have you ever seen any wild animals before?
- 6 What wild animal do you like the most?

Sample Answers

1 Do you like to watch TV programs about wild animals?

Undoubtedly, yes. As an animal enthusiast, I love watching TV programs and documentaries that feature wild animals, their behaviour, habitats, species, the food they consume, and so on. As a viewer, we get to learn so much about the wild animals. It's fascinating and thought-provoking to watch the surprisingly super intelligent and complex wild animals.

2 Did you learn something about wild animals at school?

Of course. I learnt a lot of information about wild animals, their species, and habitats in my Zoology class. The lessons gave an insight into the habits of wild animals. However, these lessons were not in-depth, so I'd say my horizons about wild animals broadened after watching the wild animal documentaries on television.

Where can you see wild animals?

Wild animals in my country are usually found in Zoological parks, sanctuaries, or national parks. Animals like elephants and horses can be found in circuses as they perform various tasks. But in other countries, wild animals live in their habitats, which are their natural homes, like mountains, pine tree forests, rainforests, or beaches.

In which country do you think you can see a lot of wild animals?

Well, fauna can be found anywhere across the world. All developed countries conserve wild animals either in a national Park or in a zoo. However, as per the records, wild animals like

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jaguars, ocelots, foxes, anteaters, otters, and others can be seen in the Amazon rainforests in Brazil, which is one of the most renowned countries for animals. Besides, there's a lot of wildlife preserves in South Africa, where an individual can witness endangered species that can't be seen anywhere else.

5 Have you ever seen any wild animals before?

Yes. I saw some when I visited Khao Yai National Park in Thailand. It is one of the most valued spots for environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts. I saw some wild beasts like Polar Bears, Tigers, Binturong, Pangolin, Asian water monitor lizards, King Cobra, and so on. It is a memory that will stay with me for a lifetime.

6 What wild animal do you like the most?

Well, of all the wild animals, I like the majestic Bengal Tigers, also known as the Royal Tiger. The striped beasts are the most prominent members of the cat family. I like them because they are a perfect combination of courage, power, and rage.

Vocabulary

Enthusiast

Meaning: a person who is very interested in a particular activity or subject.

Eg: Since Mona was a nature enthusiast, her friends planned a nature themed birthday party.

Stripe

Meaning: a long, narrow band or strip differing in colour or texture from the surface on either side of it

Eg: John wore a striped shirt to the event.

Thought-provoking

Meaning: challenging or causing someone to think,

Eg: Although Winton's ideas were thought-provoking, the teacher selected Bill's silly idea.

Insight

Meaning: an accurate and deep understanding.

Eg: The presentation gave me an insight into the real estate market.

Documentary

Meaning: a film or television or radio programme that provides a factual report on a particular subject.

Eg: The short documentary features the famous politician, Mr. Paul.





6. Wallet

Questions

- 1 Do you use a wallet?
- Have you ever lost a wallet?
- Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?
- 4 Do most of your friends use a wallet?

Sample Answers

Do you use a wallet?

Yes, I use a wallet to keep my cash, card, slips or documents, etc., safely. It is very convenient for me to carry it anywhere. Also, a wallet is very useful in protecting our highly valued things.

Have you ever lost a wallet?

Yes, I vividly remember the moment when I lost a wallet. It was a rainy day when my friend and I went to a nearby departmental store to purchase snacks. Usually, I used to keep my wallet inside my bag for safety purposes. After purchasing, we had to stand in the queue for a long time, and when it was my turn to pay, I discovered that my wallet was nowhere to be found in my bag. I panicked and searched for it everywhere, but I couldn't find it anywhere, to my dismay. Later, my friend decided to pay for the snacks we bought.

Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?

Yes, I gifted a wallet to my brother on the occasion of his 14th birthday. Since I wanted him to save money and become responsible, I preferred to give him a wallet as a gift.

Do most of your friends use a wallet?

Yes, Most of my friends use a wallet as they find it very convenient to store cash/card and carry it anywhere. Moreover, we can keep many other things in the wallet depending upon its size and quality.

Vocabulary

Convenient - fitting in well with a person's needs, activities, and plans.





Eg: It was very convenient for me to work from home.

Vividly - in a way that produces powerful feelings or strong, clear images in mind. **Eg:** I vividly remember my convocation day.

Queue- a line or sequence of people awaiting their turn to be attended to or to proceed. **Eg:** Jack waited in the queue for almost 40 minutes to get entry to the exhibition.

Panic - feel or cause to feel panic.

Eg: When the aeroplane didn't take off, all the passengers panicked.

Occasion - reason; cause.

Eg: On the occasion of Independence Day, the school hoisted the national flag.







7. Car Trip

Questions

- 1 Do you like to travel by car?
- When do you travel by car?
- Where is the farthest place you've traveled by car?
- 4 Do you like to sit in the back or front when traveling by car?

Sample Answers

Do you like to travel by car?

Of course, I love to commute by car because of its convenience and flexibility. I can go anywhere I want without any difficulty and take shortcuts during traffic congestion. Moreover, it's a lot better than public transportation and time-saving.

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When do you travel by car?

I usually don't use the car to travel short distances. But whenever I want to visit far-off places or go out of town, I use my car so that I can reach my destination within a short period.

Where is the farthest place you've traveled by car?

Well, the farthest place I've traveled by car is from Bangalore to Pondicherry, which was almost 317 KM, and it was around 7 hours 6 minutes. The roads were in very good condition, and I witnessed different kinds of plantations and beautiful scenic views. Overall, it was a phenomenal drive and a memorable experience.

Do you like to sit in the back or front when traveling by car?

I prefer to drive the car or sit in the front row rather than sitting at the back. I like sitting in the front row as I can keep a check on the traffic. Moreover, I get to see a spectacular view of the never-ending roads.

Vocabulary

Commute - travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis.

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Eg: John commuted from his home to Park Tower via a cab.

Time-saving - reducing the amount of time needed to do something.

Eg: My mother bought a new time-saving vacuum cleaner, which was a great help to her.

Destination - the place to which someone or something is going or being sent

Eg: He said that he'd reach the destination within an hour.

Memorable - worth remembering or easily remembered, especially because of being special or unusual

Eg: I had a memorable experience with my cousins in Kashmir.

Never-ending - having or seeming to have no end.

Eg: I was mesmerized by the never-ending blue sea.







8. Sky and Stars

Questions

- Do you like to watch the sky?
- What is the sky like at night in your hometown?
- Can you see the moon and stars where you live?
- 4 Have you ever taken a course about stars?
- What's your favourite star?

Sample Answer

1 Do you like to watch the sky?

Well, who doesn't love to look at the beautiful blue sky in the morning and twinkling stars at night? I personally enjoy watching the magnificent beauty of the sky in the day and stargazing at night. It gives me a feeling of peace and tranquillity.

2 What is the sky like at night in your hometown?

My hometown is situated in the country's rural area, and whenever I visit the place during the daytime, I get to see the clear sky with no pollution and smoke. Further, the stars lighting up the sky at night and the moon being reflected on the bank of a river is one of the most magical sights, where we even get a chance to spot different constellations and stars.

Can you see the moon and stars where you live?

Sadly, I live in a metropolitan area, where air pollution is more prevalent, and the sky is always hazy during the day and at night, due to which it's impossible to see the moon and stars.

4 Have you ever taken a course about stars?

No, I have not enrolled in any course about stars. But I had a brief introduction to astrophysics and astronomy during my Bachelor's when I studied physics as an elective subject. But other than that, I have not studied the concept of stars intensely. If given a chance to study astronomy, I'd love to know about the evolution of stars, constellations, the milky way, and many more.

What's your favourite star?





Well, I don't know much about all of the stars present in the galaxy, but as a matter of fact, the Sun is also a star, and so I'd count the Sun as my favourite. It radiates light, heat, and energy, which keeps us alive. So overall, it is responsible for the existence of all life on Earth. Besides, I love watching the sunset and sunrise, as it gives me a feeling of warmth, appreciation and immense gratitude towards Mother Earth.

Vocabulary

Stargazing - observe the stars

Eg: I used to stargaze when I was a kid.

Magnificent - extremely beautiful, elaborate, or impressive

Eg: Rose was mesmerized by the idol's beauty.

Magical - relating to, using, or resembling magic.

Eg: It was a magical sight to see the Palace lit up so beautifully.

Enroll - officially register as a member of an institution or a student on a course.

Eg: Jack enrolled in an MBA program at a renowned university.

Existence - the fact or state of living or having objective reality.





9. Relax

Questions

- What do you do to relax?
- 2 Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?
- 3 Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?
- 4 Do you think students need more relaxing time?

Sample Answer

1 What do you do to relax?

Well, there are ample things which I do for relaxation. Some of my stress-busters are meditation, yoga, listening to music, dancing, gardening, talking to a friend or admiring nature to replenish and rejuvenate myself.

2 Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?

Maybe! Some people prefer to do exercise or work out to relax; it helps them stay calm and composed. Also, it's an acknowledged fact that sports is one of the effective ways of relaxation. In contrast, some people lie down, surf the internet and relax. Thus, it varies based on the individual.

Oo you think vacation is a good time for you to relax?

Without a doubt, yes. Everyone loves vacationing as it gives them an opportunity to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate. In addition, it gives them a break from their busy schedules and monotonous lifestyle. Also, some people plan and go on holiday to a different city whilst some people stay indoors and enjoy vacationing at home.

4 Do you think students need more relaxing time?

Certainly, Yes! Students have tremendous academic pressure and emotional stress. Therefore, they need to relax to focus on their studies. Therefore, they should be given additional time to relax as it may positively impact their learning ability.

Vocabulary







Ample - enough or more than enough; plentiful.

Eg: Students got ample time to complete the exam.

Rejuvenate - give new energy or vigour to; revitalize.

Eg: Rose visits the SPA to rejuvenate her skin.

Acknowledge - accept or admit the existence or truth of.

Eg: Meera's mother acknowledged her daughter's interest in music and enrolled her in the music classes.

Monotonous - dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest.

Eg: Jack was tired of his monotonous work-life, so he decided to quit.

Tremendous - very great in amount, scale, or intensity.

Eg: The city was hit by a tremendous earthquake.







10. Holidays

Questions

- What public holidays do you have in your country?
- Which public holidays do you like the most?
- What was the best holiday of your life?
- 4 Do you like to spend the holidays with your family or friends?

Sample Answers

1 What public holidays do you have in your country?

Well, Public holidays in Canada are also known as Statutory Holidays or stats holidays. There are several public holidays, to name a few are the New Year, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

Which public holidays do you like the most?

The obvious answer is Christmas as I get a chance to reunite with everyone in my family. Usually, my father invites a few friends and relatives to celebrate and enjoy each other's company on Christmas day. Moreover, we give each other extravagant gifts and forget our differences. Thus, without a doubt, Christmas is a wonderful time of the year.

What was the best holiday of your life?

One of the best holidays of my life was when I visited the most exotic place, Maldives. I had a very exhilarating experience at the island, where I witnessed the spectacular sandy beaches, turquoise waters, and amazing views. In addition, I enjoyed snorkelling, surfing, and various other activities. Moreover, everyone I met on the island was very welcoming and hospitable. Overall, I had a very good time, and I made some amazing memories.

4 Do you like to spend the holidays with your family or friends?

Of course, I like to spend the holidays with my family and friends, but it depends on the type of holiday. That being said, if it's a Christmas holiday, I'd spend it with my family, but if it's a New Year party, I'd definitely spend and enjoy my time with my friends.

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Vocabulary

Obvious - easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident, or apparent. **Eg:** It was obvious that the interview will be conducted online.

Extravagant - lacking restraint in spending money or using resources. **Eg:** The event manager planned an extravagant outing for his clients.

Differences - a point or way in which people or things are dissimilar. **Eg:** The couple couldn't solve their differences, so they consulted a therapist.

Exotic - very different, strange, or unusual. **Eg:** Bali is an exotic place for a vacation.

Hospitable - friendly and welcoming to visitors or guests. **Eg:** The Vietnamese people were extremely humble and hospitable.

