

IELTS SPEAKING PRACTICE PAPER

QUESTION 1

Part 1 – sample questions

- Which form(s) of transport do you usually use?
- What is the easiest way to get around your town/city?
- Do people use public transport where you live?
- Are there any problems with the public transport system in your town/city?
- How do you prefer to travel on long journeys?
- What is the most unusual method of transport you've ever used?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe an interesting journey you have been on.

You should say:

- where you went
- how you travelled there
- who you went with
- and explain what was so memorable about the journey.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. What methods of transport are most popular in your city / country?
2. What are some of the problems of long-distance travelling?
3. Has the way people travel changed much in the last few decades?
4. Do you agree that governments should do more to encourage greener methods of transport?
5. What measures could be taken to reduce problems of congestion in cities?
6. Do you think that transport problems are worse in urban or rural areas?

QUESTION: 2

Part 1 – sample questions

- Are there many public or national holidays in your country?

- Do you think there are enough public holidays?
- Do you like going away on holidays?
- Tell me something about your last holiday?
- Do you always like to go to the same place for your holiday?
- Where would you like to go for your next holiday?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a holiday you would like to go on.

You should say:

- what place you would like to go to
- how you would like to get there
- what you would like to do while you were there
- and explain why you would like to go on this holiday.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. Which places in your country do visitors enjoy visiting most?
2. What are some of the benefits of going away on holiday?
3. Have there been any recent changes in the types of holiday that are popular in your country?
4. What kinds of benefits might a significant increase in tourist numbers bring to a location?
5. What are some of the negative effects of a dramatic increase in tourism?
6. What developments affecting international travel might there be in the future?

QUESTION: 3

Part 1 – sample questions

- What is the climate like in your country?
- Are there any problems with the climate in your country?
- What is your favourite type of weather?
- What kind of weather do you dislike?
- Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold country?
- What is the best/worst weather for travelling in?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe an environmental problem. You should say:

- what it is
- how long it has existed
- how it affects people's lives
- and explain how you think the problem will develop in the future.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. Which environmental problems are people most concerned about in your country?
2. What are the main causes of these environmental problems?
3. Do you think it is the responsibility of governments alone to protect the environment?
4. What measures can individuals take to protect the environment?
5. Do you think large companies and business organisations should be more environmentally friendly? Why? How?
6. How can we teach children about the importance of protecting the environment?

QUESTION: 4

Part 1 – sample questions

- How much time do you spend using a computer at work or at home?
- What do you mainly use a computer for?
- Did you learn how to use a computer at school?
- Have you ever taken a course to improve your computer skills?
- Has the internet made your job / studies easier?
- Which device do you prefer to use for browsing the internet?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a piece of technology that you find useful.

You should say:

- what it is
- what you can do with it
- how often you use it

- and explain why you find it so useful

Part 3 – sample questions

1. What are some of the main uses of technology for communication?
2. Do you agree that some people use technology for communication too much?
3. What differences are there between the attitudes of older and younger people to technology for communication?
4. Do you think that the advance of technology has improved standards of education in schools?
5. Would you agree that the rapid development of digital technology has had a positive impact on the world of work?
6. Do you think that the rate of technological expansion will slow down in the years to come?

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QUESTION: 6

Part 1 – sample questions

- How much free time do you have per week?
- How do you like to relax at the end of the day?
- What kinds of things do you enjoy doing at the weekends?
- Do you have any plans for next weekend?
- Do you prefer to spend your free time alone or with other people?
- Do you have enough free time to do all the things you enjoy?
- What would you do if you had more free time?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a leisure activity you like doing in your free time.

You should say:

- what kind of activity it is
- how often you do it
- what equipment you need to do it

and explain why you enjoy doing it.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. What kind of free-time activities are typical in your country?
2. Have there been any recent changes in the types of leisure activities that people find popular?

3. Do you agree that it's important for people of different ages to do leisure activities together?
4. In your opinion, who is responsible for encouraging children to take up different leisure pursuits?
5. Do you think people have less time for leisure activities now compared to the past?
6. Do you think that technology has changed the types of leisure activities we enjoy these days?

QUESTION: 7

Part 1 – sample questions

- Are you a full-time or part-time student?
- What subject(s) are you studying?
- Why did you choose this/these subject(s)?
- Which topic/subject do you find the most difficult/interesting?
- What was your favourite subject when you were at school?
- What do you plan to do when you finish studying?
- Is there anything else you would like to study in the future?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a teacher that had a positive influence on you.

You should say:

- what subject this teacher taught
- how long he/she was your teacher
- what positive attributes this teacher had
- and explain why you remember this teacher in particular.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. Some people say that your school days are the best days of your life. Do you agree?
2. Do you think school and university prepares young people adequately for real life?
3. Do you agree there is too much pressure on young people at school these days?
4. Some people argue that end-of-year exams should be replaced by continuous assessment. What do you think?

5. Have there been significant changes in schooling methods in your country in recent years?
6. Do you think schools and universities provide enough careers advice to their students?

Part 1 – sample questions

- Which languages do you speak?
- Do you think it's important for children to learn a foreign language?
- When did you start learning a foreign language?
- Do you enjoy learning languages?
- What activity do you find most useful for learning English?
- What do you find most difficult about learning English?
- Are there any other languages you would like to learn in the future?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a conversation you had which was important to you.

You should say:

- when the conversation took place
- who you had the conversation with
- what the conversation was about
- and explain why the conversation was important to you.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. What are the main differences between spoken and written communication?
2. To what extent do you think the media influences how people communicate with each other?
3. Do you think there are differences in the way men and women communicate?
4. Do you think that people become better communicators as they get older?
5. Do you agree that education has a strong and positive effect on people's ability to communicate effectively?
6. What impact has the growth of technology had on the way people communicate and how do you think this will develop in the future?