

IELTS SPEAKING TOPIC LIST 2023. PART 1

Speaking Part 1: Personal Questions

In part 1 of IELTS speaking you will first be asked 3 questions about work/study/living area. These are the basic questions that begin every test.

The examiner will not explain any questions if you ask - they will simply repeat the question once and if you don't understand, then they will move on.

You can ask about the meaning of particular words - for example:

Examiner: What's your favourite season?

Candidate: What do you mean by season?

That is ok.

The examiner will ask about 2 topics and then move on to part 2

Friends

Do you prefer to have a lot of friends or a small group of friends?

What do you usually do with your friends?

Do you have a best friend?

How do friends in your country stay in touch?

Work

Are you student or are you working now?

What do you like about your job/school at the moment?

What job would you like to do in the future?

Your Home Nation/Country

Where are you from?

What do you like the most about your country?

Where would you like to live in your country?

Are people in your country patriotic?

Chores

Did you do many chores as a child?

What chores do you typically do now?

Are there are chores you dislike doing?

Do men or women do more chores in your country?

Creativity

Are you a creative person?

What did you learn about creativity at school?

Does anyone in your family have a good imagination?

Are people in your country generally very creative?

Museums

Have you ever been to a museum?

What kind of art is in museums in your country?

Did you parents take you to museums as a child?

Are museums common in your country?

Reading

Do you enjoy reading?
What kinds of books do you like?
Do you have a favourite author?
Is reading a popular pastime in your country?

Cycling

Do you own a bicycle?
When was the last time you went cycling?
Is cycling dangerous in your country?
Would you ever take a long cycling trip?

Shopping

What do you usually shop for?
Do you often go to malls?
Do you shop online a lot?
How common are shopping centres in your country?

Family

Are you close with your family?
Who do you talk to in your family the most?
Do you have a large family?
Are families becoming more distant in your country?

Coffee

Do you prefer to drink coffee or tea?
How do you like to drink coffee?
Is coffee a popular drink in your country?
When was the last time you had some coffee?

Noise

Do you live in a noisy area?
How often do you overhear other people's conversations?
Would you like to live in a quieter place?
Where are the noisiest places in your country?

Science

Were you good at science when you were in school?
What was your favourite scientific subject?
How do you use science in your life now?
Are science majors common in your country?

Flying

Are there many airlines in your country?
Have you ever flown anywhere?
Where would you like to fly?
Are you scared of flying?

Driving

Do you like driving?
Where was the last place you drove?
Where do you like to sit in a car?
Is driving common in your country?

School

Did you like your school when you were a child?
What did you learn about?
Did you have a favourite teacher?
Are there many rules in schools in your country?

Offices

Do you work in an office?
Is it common for people in your country to work in office?
Where do most of your friends work?
Would you like to design an office?

Cities

Have you ever lived in a city?
What do you enjoy most about living in the city?
Which city would you like to live in in the future?
Do most people in your country live in cities?

Architecture

Are there a lot of buildings where you live?
What kind of architecture do you like the most?
Where would you live, if you could live in any home in the world?
Is architecture an important part of a city's identity?

Animals

What was your favourite animal as a child?
Do people in your country keep pets?
What kind of pet would you not like to have?
Is environmental protection important?

Where you Live

Where is your hometown?
Would you like to live there in the future?
What don't you like about your home?

Outdoors

Did you like to go outdoors when you were younger?
Do you still go outdoors a lot now?
Do you like reading outside?
Where do people in your country like to go outside?

Sports and Games

What is your favourite sport?
What sport did you play when you were younger?
Which sports do you enjoy watching on TV?
What is most popular sport in your country?

Notes

Do you often write down notes?
Do you make a lot of lists on your phone?
When do you usually make notes?
Is it common in your country for people to write notes?

Celebrities

Do you know any celebrities?
Which celebrity do you know the most about?
Are there any celebrities you would like to meet?
Who is the most famous person in your country?

Online News

Do you often read the news online?
Is it convenient to read online news?
What was the last article that you read about?
Do you still read newspapers?

Swimming

How often do you go swimming?
When did you learn how to swim?
Will you swim a lot in the future?
Can most people in your country swim?

Laughing

Do you laugh at jokes a lot?
Can you tell jokes well?
Do you think laughing is important?
What kinds of funny shows are popular in your country?

Conversation

Do you enjoy talking with your friends?
What do you usually talk about?
Have the kind of conversations you have changed much?
Do you like listening to your friends tell stories?

Favourite Foods

What are your favourite foods?
What were your favourite foods as a child?
What foods are becoming more popular in your country now?
What foods do you not like?

Interacting with Others

Do you like talking to strangers?
What was the last conversation you had?
Do you discuss politics with your friends?
Are families in your country very talkative?

Old Age

Do you know a lot of older people?
How often do you talk with your grandparents?
Do you think people get happier as they get older?
Are people living longer in your country?

Business

Have you ever considered starting your own small business?
What are the advantages of running a small business compared to working for a larger company?
What are some challenges that small business owners often face?
Do you think governments should help small businesses?