

IELTS SPEAKING TOPIC LIST 2023. PART 2 & 3

Part 2

Describe an advertisement you don't like.

You should say:

where and when you first saw it
what type of advertisement it is
what product or service it advertises
and explain why you don't like it.

Part 3

What are the most advertised products in your country?

Which one is more effective: newspaper advertising or online advertising?

What role do social media play in advertising?

What do you think of celebrity endorsement in advertising?

Does advertising encourage us to buy things we don't need?

Part 2

Describe your favourite place in your home where you can relax.

You should say:

where it is
what it is like
what you enjoy doing there
and explain why you feel relaxed at this place.

Part 3

Where do people spend most of their time in their home?

Where are good places for relaxation? What are the differences among these places?

Why do some people prefer to relax in public places, like parks or cafes?

Do you think it is the responsibility of people or the government to ensure places for people to relax?

Why is it important for people to take some time to relax in the day?

What can happen if people do not find time to relax?

Why is it difficult for some people to relax?

Do you think that relaxing is easier than it was in the past?

Part 2

Describe a place you visited where the air was polluted.

You should say:

where the place is
when you visited there
why the air was polluted
and explain how you felt about the place

Part 3

How can air quality be improved?

Do you think the city is cleaner or dirtier than the countryside? Why?

Is there more pollution now than in the past?

What can people do together to improve the local environment?

Do modern means of transport cause harm to the environment?

Who should be responsible for protecting the environment?

Part 2

Describe a technological product you own that you feel is difficult to use.

You should say:

what it is
when you got it
how often you use it
and explain how you feel about it.

Part 3

What technology do people currently use?

Why do big companies often introduce new products?

Why are people so keen on buying iPhones even though they haven't changed much?

How does technology affect our lives?

What are the disadvantages of overusing technology?

How can the elderly learn to use new technologies?

Part 2

Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted.

You should say:

what it was

when you received it

who gave it to you

and explain why you wanted it so much.

Part 3

How should bosses reward employees?

What kinds of gifts do children like to receive as rewards?

Why do people like shopping more now than in the past?

Do you think shopping is good for a country's economy?

What are the things young people like to buy?

Will online shopping grow in the future?

Part 2

Describe something you would like to learn in the future.

You should say:

what it is

how you would like to learn it

why you would like to learn it

and explain whether it's difficult to learn it.

Part 3

What's the most popular skill to learn these days?

What are the ways people can learn practical subjects, such as cooking?

What makes young people choose a major, interest, or career?

Do young people take their parents' advice on choosing a major?

What subjects are popular with young adults today?

At what age should children start making their own decisions? Why?

Should schools teach both arts and science?

Part 2

Describe a person you met at a party who you enjoyed talking to

You should say:

What party it was

Who this person is

What you talked about

And explain why you enjoyed talking with him/her

Part 3

In what situations would people be willing to get to know new people?

Why are some people unwilling to have conversations with others?

Is it difficult for adults to talk to children?

What's the difference between chatting with friends and new people?

Do you think it's harder for adults to make friends than children?

What are the benefits and drawbacks of meeting people on social media?

Do you think that technology has made it easier or harder to meet new people?

Why do some people find it hard to maintain friendships for a long time?

Part 2

Describe your first day at school

You should say:

Where the school was

How you went there

What happened that day

And say how you felt on that day

Part 3

Is it better to work in a big or a small company?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of changing jobs?

Why do many young adults keep changing jobs?

Why might some children change schools?

Do you think it's essential that people go to university?

Some people say that school was more difficult in the past, do you agree?

Part 2

Describe some good news you heard from others

You should say:

What it was

When you heard it

How you knew it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

How do people share good news?

What kind of good news do people like to hear?

Do people like to hear good news from their friends?

How do you handle bad news?

Why do people share news on social media?

Should the media publish only good news?

How do you think people will get their news in the future?

Part 2

Describe your daily routine that you enjoy. You should say:

What it is

Where and when you do it

Who you do it with

And explain why you enjoy it

Part 3

How important is it to have a daily routine?

Is having a daily routine boring?

What daily routines do people usually have at home?

Why do some people dislike routines?

How do people's routines differ on weekdays and weekends?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of routines?

Part 2

Describe a historical period you would like to know more about. You should say:

when it was

what you are interested in

what you know

and why you would like to know more.

Part 3

Should everyone know history?

How can children learn history?

Is it hard to protect historical buildings?

How can technology make learning history more interesting?

How do museums teach people history?

Will museums be replaced by technology?

Should museums be free?

Should people remember their family's history?

Part 2

Describe a noisy place you've been to.

You should say:

where it was

why you went there

why it was noisy

and explain how you felt about being there.

Part 3

Are cities becoming noisier?

Do you think the world will be noisier in the future?

Where is it noisier, in cities or in the country?

Do you think there is more noise today in the city than in the past?

What can be done to reduce the noise from the traffic?

How can people consider other people's feeling when they chat in public?

What are some common sources of noise?

What are the effects of loud noise?

What are some noisy places?

Part 2

Describe an activity you enjoyed in your free time when you were young

You should say:

what it was

where you did it

who you did it with

and explain why you enjoyed it.

Part 3

Is it important to have a break during work or study?

Do people have enough time for leisure activities today?

Are there more activities for young people now than 20 years ago?

What sports do young people like to do now?

What leisure activities do old and young people prefer?

What's the difference in the ways young people spent their free time today and 20-30 years ago?

Why do people say there aren't enough hours in a day?

Is not having enough time a feature of our modern world?

Part 2

Describe a complaint that you made and were satisfied with the result.

You should say:

when it happened

who you complained to

what you complained about

and why you were satisfied with the result.

Part 3

What products or services do people in your country like to complain about?

Would you buy things in the shops where you have complained before?

Will customers' complaints improve products or services?

Are there any disadvantages to setting up customer service?

Part 2

Describe a piece of good news that you heard about someone you know well.

You should say:

what it was

when you hear it

how you knew it

and explain how you felt about it

Part 2

Describe a time when you taught a friend or relative something.

You should say:

who you taught

what you taught

what the result was

and explain how you felt about the experience.

Part 3

What practical skills can young people teach old people?
Do you think "showing" is better than "telling" in education?
Do people in your country like to watch videos to learn something?
How can we teach the older generation to use technology?
Where can we learn practical skills?
What's the difference between the ways of how children and adults learn things?

Part 2

Describe another city you would like to stay in for a short time
You should say:
where the city is
who you will go there with
what you will do there
and explain why you will stay there for a short time.

Part 3

Why are historical cities popular?
Why do people go to other cities?
Can tourists face bad things in other cities? Which ones?

Part 2

Describe an unusual meal you had
You should say:
When you had it
Where you had it
Who you had it with
And explain why it was unusual

Part 3

What are the differences between a café and a restaurant?
Which is more popular among people when they meet: a café and a restaurant?
What kind of people like to go to cafes?
Is it expensive to eat out in your country?
Why do many people like to study in a café?

Part 2

Describe a character from a movie/film that you like
You should say:
who it is
when you first saw the film
what their character is like
and say why you like this character

Part 3

Are there many people in your country who want to be actors?
What are the differences between acting in a theatre and in films?
Some people say that actors are paid too much money, would you agree?
Are there any drawbacks to being a famous actor?

Part 2

Describe a gift that you received

You should say:

when you received the gift

who gave it to you

what the gift was

and say how you felt about receiving the gift

Part 2

Describe a person you would like to work or study with

You should say:

who it is

how long you have known each other

what you want to work on/study

and say why you would like to work or study together

Part 3

What do you think makes someone a good colleague?

What matters most about a colleague's personality?

Is having good colleagues the most important thing about a job?

How can workers build good relationships with their colleagues?

Does it matter if a child likes/doesn't like their classmates?

How can teachers help their students get along?

Part 2

Describe something you did that made you feel proud

You should say:

What it was

How you did it

How difficult it was

And explain why you felt proud of it

Part 3

Do people usually set different goals at different stages of their life?

What are the differences between the goals/ambitions that young and older people have?

What sorts of goals could be considered unrealistic?

Is it important to have goals in life?

What rewards can companies offer to their successful employees?

What rewards are important at work?

Part 2

Describe an interesting older person

You should say:

who this person is

how you know this person

what you do or did together

and say why you think this person is interesting

Part 3

What are the benefits of being interested in/being friends with older people?

What kinds of things can young people learn from older people?

How can older people influence younger people to make good decisions?

Do you think that cities are good places for elderly people?

In your country, do older people usually live with their families?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living with an older member of your family?

Part 2

Describe a new development (building/facility) in your city

You should say:

what it is

when it was built

how long it took to complete

and say what you think of this new development

Part 3

Are there many leisure facilities in your area?

Do people in your country still go to the cinema?

What new facilities would you like to have in your area?

Do you think there is more construction in your city compared to the past?

What needs to be improved in public transportation?

What kinds of facilities make a city a better place to live in?

Part 2

Describe a place you visited that was affected by pollution

You should say:

where it was

when you visited it

what kind of pollution you saw and how the area was affected

Part 3

What can people do to improve the environment in their local area?

How can air pollution be reduced?

Who should be responsible for reducing pollution?

Is there much pollution in your area?

Do you think modern technology is making pollution better or worse?

Does modern transportation do harm to the environment?

Do you think there is more pollution nowadays compared to the past?

Part 2

Describe a piece of technology that you find difficult to use

You should say:

what it is

why you bought the item

how often you use it

and say why you find it difficult to use

Part 2

Describe a website that you often use

You should say:

what the website it is

how you first find out about the site

what kind of information is there

and say why you like it

Part 3

What are some of the most popular websites in your country?

Do people spend more time online now compared to a few years ago?

Do you think that people spend too much time online?

How can we trust information that we find online?

How can parents make sure that their children stay safe when they use the Internet?

Part 2

Describe something you did with a group of people

You should say:

what the activity was

who was involved

where it happened

and say if you enjoyed the experience

Part 3

How do children build relationship with each other in a community?

Do you think it's important to have a good relationship with neighbours?

What are some ways you can get to know your neighbours better?

Are people's relationships with their neighbours now the same as in the past?

How do neighbours help each other?

Is it easier for people to get to know each other if they live in the countryside?

What makes a neighbourhood a good one to live in?

Part 2

Describe a time when you were late or missed an appointment

You should say:

when it was

what you missed / were late for

why you were late

and say what happened as a consequence

Part 3

Why are people late for meetings or appointments?

Why do some people find it hard to be punctual?

Is it important to be on time?

What can people do to be on time?

Do you think people are more punctual now compared to the past?

Part 2

Describe a skill or something you'd like to learn one day

You should say:

what it is

why you want to learn about it

how you would learn about it

and say whether it would be easy or hard

Part 3

Is it easier to learn how to learn new things compared to the past?

Why do some people struggle to learn new things when they are adults?

Is it important to keep learning things after you finish your education?

What kinds of subjects are important to learn about for the future?

Is school always the best place to learn something new?

Part 2

Describe an object that you think is beautiful

You should say:

what it is

where you saw it

what it looks like

and explain why you think it is beautiful.

Part 3

What does "beauty" mean?

Do you think the definition of 'beauty' has changed over the years?

What kinds of things are considered beautiful?

Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?

What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?

Why do you think people create beautiful things?

Is there a difference between the things that younger and older people find beautiful?

What kinds of things or places in your country do you find beautiful?

Part 2

Describe a fashionable person

You should say:

who he/she is

what he/she does

what kind of clothes he/she wears

and explain why you think this person is fashionable.

Part 3

Is fashion important?

Are people more concerned about how they look now compared to the past?

Are older people as fashionable as young people?

Why are young people usually more concerned about their fashion than older people?

Are women more fashionable than men?

Will online shopping replace offline shops?

Do you think that you can tell a lot about someone's personality from their clothes?

Do you think that children should wear uniforms at school?

Is it important for offices to have a dress code for their staff?

Part 2

Describe a time when you saw a lot of plastic waste (e.g., in a park/on the beach)

You should say:

where and when you saw the plastic waste

why there was a lot of plastic waste

what you did after you saw it

and explain what your thoughts were about this.

Part 3

Do you think we should use plastic products?

How can we reduce our use of plastic?

What kinds of plastic waste is often seen in your country?

Why do people like to use plastic products?

Part 2

Describe the home of someone you know well and who you often visit. You should say:

whose home it is

how often you go there

what it is like

and explain how you feel about the house.

Part 3

What are the differences between houses or buildings in the city and the countryside?

Why do some people prefer to live in the city and some in the countryside?

What are the safety risks in residential buildings in cities?

Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?

Part 2

Describe a popular place for doing sports (e.g. stadium)

You should say:

where it is

when you go there

what you do there

and explain how you feel about this place.

Part 3

Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?

What are the benefits of sport for children?

Do children need exercise?

Do young people like to do sports?

Why do some young people do less sport than adults?

Are martial arts useful for the elderly?

Part 2

Describe a time when you received money on your birthday/as a gift.

You should say:

when it happened

who gave you money

why he/she gave you money

and explain how you felt about it.

Part 3

Why do people rarely use cash now?

Do you think it is helpful to give money as gifts?

What do young people usually spend money on?

Why do young people tend to waste money?

Do people in your country like to save money?

What's the best way of saving money?

Part 2

Describe a story or novel you have read that you found interesting.

You should say:

when you read it

what the story or novel was about

who wrote it

and explain why you read it.

Part 3

Why do children like listening to the same bedtime stories?

Why do children like stories?

What can a child learn from a story?

Do young children like the same stories as older children?

How has technology changed storytelling?

How does technology help people tell stories?

Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?

Part 2

Describe an important thing you learned (NOT at school or college). You should say:

what it was

when you learn it

how you learned it

and explain why it was important.

Part 3

What can children learn from their parents?

Are some children well-behaved because they are influenced by their parents?

Is learning new skills important?

What kinds of things should parents teach their children?

Is learning new things important when you become an adult?

How can people learn new things outside of school or education?

Do you think it's easier to learn new things now compared to the past?

Part 2

Describe a photo you took that you are proud of

You should say:

when and where you took the photo

what is in the photo

what the photo means to you

and say why you are proud of it

Part 3

Is taking photos the best way to remember something?

Do people in your country like to take photos?

What do you think about filters and effects that make photos look better?

What do you think of people who change their faces and post them on social media?

Why do people enjoy remembering certain things by taking photos?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling with a camera?

Do you think photos are more valuable now than in the past?

Why do some people like to take photos of themselves?

Part 2

Describe a movie you've watched recently and would like to watch again. You should say:

what it was about

where you watched it

why you liked it

and explain why you would like to watch it again.

Part 2

Describe a time when you needed to search for information. You should say:

what information you needed to search for

when you searched for it

where you searched for it

and explain why you needed to search for it.

Part 3

What are the ways of getting information these days?

How can people check whether a piece of information is correct or not?

Do you think libraries are still important in the digital age?

Will libraries be replaced by the Internet?

Do most people trust information online?

What information can people get from television?

Part 2

Describe a TV program you like to watch. You should say:

what it is

what it is about

who you watch it with

and explain why you like to watch it.

Part 3

What programs do people like to watch in your country?

Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?

What shows do old and young people watch?

What's the influence of foreign shows on the shows made in your country?

Part 2

Describe an experience of online shopping. You should say:

when it happened

what you bought

what problems you had while shopping online

and explain how you felt about it.

Part 2

Describe a time when you had a problem shopping online. You should say:

when it happened

what online service you were using

what the problem was

and say if you solved the problem or not

Part 3

Why is online shopping so popular these days?

What's the difference between shopping online and in a store?

What kinds of problems can customers have when they shop online?

What is good service?

What is bad service?

Is it important for a company to provide after sales service?

How can companies make sure their staff are giving good service?

Part 2

Describe something you had to share with others. You should say:

what it was

who you shared it with

why you had to share it with others

and explain how you felt about it.

Part 3

How can parents and teachers teach children to share?

Why don't some people like sharing?

Is it important to have rules in shared accommodation?

Are there any advantages to sharing your home with other people?

Why do some people like to share accommodation on campus?

Do people in your country prefer to share public transport or they prefer private?

Is it good to share personal information on the Internet?

Part 2

Describe a time when you forgot/missed an appointment. You should say:

when it was

who you made it with

why you miss it

and how you felt about it.

Part 3

How do busy people remember things they need to do?

What do you think of people using calendars to remind themselves of things?

Is it important to have a daily plan?

What kind of things do people need to plan carefully?

Is there anything that cannot be planned?

Do you think it is important to have a work-life balance?

Part 2

Describe your favourite childhood friend. You should say:
who he/she is
where you met each other
what you often did together
and explain what made you like him/her.

Part 3

Why do people lose contact with their childhood friends?
Why is it hard to maintain friendship?
What's more important: to keep old friendships or make new friends?
How does modern technology influence friendship?
Has social media had a positive or negative impact on friendships and relationships?
What positive and negative effects do mobile phones have on friendship?
Does technology unite or move people apart?
Will technology replace face-to-face communication in the future?

Part 2

Describe an impressive English lesson you had and enjoyed. You should say:
what it was about
when you had it
what the teacher did
and why you enjoy the lesson.

Part 3

What qualities should a good English teacher have?
Why do people learn foreign languages?
Is learning a foreign language important?
Why are some people so good at learning languages?
Why do people choose to learn other languages?
Is it easier to learn a language now compared to the past?

Part 2

Describe a time you decided to wait for something. You should say:
when it happened
what you waited for
why you made the decision to wait
and explain how you felt about the decision.

Part 3

Is being patient always good for people? Why?
Do people have to have patience?
Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?
Do children have more patience than adults?
Why do some people like a slow-paced life?

Part 2

Describe a person you know who is from a different culture. You should say:
who he/she is
where he/she is from
how you met him/her
and explain how you feel about this person.

Part 3

What's the best way to learn about a foreign culture?
Do you think that reading is the best way to learn about another culture?
What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?
How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?
Do you think that people from different cultures will understand each other better in the future?
What can be done to make people more interested in other cultures?
Will cultural differences disappear in the future?

Part 2

Describe an outdoor activity you have done in a new place recently. You should say:
what the activity was
who invited you to participate in it
whether you asked for help in the activity or not
and explain how you felt about the activity.

Part 2

Describe a person who inspired you to do something interesting. You should say:
who he/she is
how you knew him/her
what interesting thing you did
and explain how he/she inspired you to do something interesting.

Part 3

What kind of international news inspires people?
Do people need to be encouraged when facing difficulties?
What kind of things can inspire people?
What qualities does a role model have?
Why should children learn from role models?
How can parents encourage their children to be ambitious and have goals?
Do you think that negative feedback can encourage people sometimes?
What can employers do to motivate their workforce?
Why do some people need a lot of encouragement sometimes?
How can parents motivate their children to do things that they don't want to?

Part 3

What factors affect how people feel about travel?
Is it important to take photos while traveling?
Can you trust other people's journals on the Internet?
What factors affect how people feel about travel?
Do people go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?

Part 2

Describe a person you know who loves nature/to grow plants (e.g., vegetables, fruits, flowers, etc.).
You should say:
who this person is
what he/she grows
where he/she grows them
and explain why he/she enjoys growing plants.

Part 3

How do people feel when they eat the vegetables they grow themselves?
Do you think it is good to let kids learn how to plant?
Is farming still important?
How will technological and scientific improvements affect food production?
Do people like to grow their own vegetables and fruits in your country?

Part 2

Describe a time when you argued with a friend. You should say:
when it happened
why you argued
how you resolved this argument
and explain how you felt about this experience.

Part 2

Describe a time when you had a disagreement with someone. You should say:
when it happened
where it happened
what you disagreed about
and say what happened after you disagreed

Part 3

What do people usually do if you disagree with someone?
How can people stop an argument from turning into a fight?
What disagreements do parents and children usually have?
How can people learn to be more respectful when they don't agree with someone?
Are there any benefits of disagreements?
Can criticism ever be helpful in the workplace?
Why do some people feel uncomfortable to disagree with others?

Part 2

Describe a time when you overcame difficulties in doing something and succeeded.
You should say:
what the difficult task was
how you overcame the difficulties
whether you got help
and explain how you felt when you succeeded.

Part 3

Should people set goals for themselves? Why?
How do you define success?
What does it take to become successful?
Is being successful and making a lot of money the same thing?
Does success depend on the ability to manage time effectively?
Are successful people often lonely?
Why do some people achieve success faster?
Do people learn the most from their mistakes?
What skills are important for success in business?
How do people achieve success at school?
Which is more important: academic success or success in more practical every day skills?

Part 2

Talk about a small successful company you are familiar with. You should say:
How long have you known that company?
What makes them successful?
Do you think the success of a business depends solely on its management?

Part 3

What skills are required to start a small business?
How can a small business grow big?
What kind of small businesses will young people have in the future?
What skills are required to start a small business?