

## IELTS SPEAKING TEST. BAND 8. LIAN HADDAD. TRANSCRIPT

**Adrian:** Welcome to the speaking portion of the IELTS exam. My name is Adrian. I will be your interviewer for this part of the test. What is your full name?

**Lian:** My full name is Lian Haddad. My surname is Haddad. Please just call me by my given name Lian.

**Adrian:** Okay Lian. The speaking has three parts. I will give you instructions for each and I'm going to record this for marking purposes. May I see your identification?

**Lian:** Sure. Here's the passport I used to register for this ?

**Adrian:** Thank you. Okay here is your passport back. For part one I will ask you a few questions to get to know you better and some questions on a general topic. How did you get to this exam?

**Lian:** I got here by public transport. I first took the metro, then a bus. All in all it took me about 25 minutes.

**Adrian:** How will you go back home?

**Lian:** I plan to go back home the same way I got here, by bus then a metro, but in the opposite direction of course.

**Adrian:** Let's talk about books. How often do you read a book?

**Lian:** I indulge in books as reading is one of my passions, so I read every day for an average of about 90 minutes. My current read is **In the Dreamhouse** by Carmen Machado.

**Adrian:** Where can you buy books?

**Lian:** There are physical bookstores, libraries and online stores where people including myself can purchase books for **In the Dreamhouse**, I bought it off Amazon.

**Adrian:** Which types of books do you like reading?

**Lian:** I like both fiction and non-fiction titles, including biographies, mysteries and science fiction. **In The Dreamhouse** is a very provocative memoir.

**Adrian:** which types of books do you dislike?

**Lian:** That's a very interesting question allow me a moment. Well, I think I'm not really into technical books like how to fix a car, it's just not my cup of tea.

**Adrian:** What is the next book you plan to read?

**Lian:** I've actually been giving this a bit of thought and I've decided to read **Bossypants** by Tina Fey. I think this novel is funny and light and it should be a refreshing change from my current read.

**Adrian:** Where is a good place to read a book?

**Lian:** A quiet nice room could be a good example, just lying on the couch with a cosy blanket would make it a very good place to read a book. Also a park on a sunny day or at the beach would also good would also make a good place.

**Adrian:** How have reading books changed?

**Lian:** I think that reading books nowadays have changed greatly with the advancements of technology. For example, there are devices that many people are now resorting to like e-readers, mobiles and tablets to read books from as well as software, so there are now many software advancements like translations and instant definitions that help the readers understand the text better.

**Adrian:** Okay. That is the end of part 1.

**Adrian:** Now we will continue with part 2. For part 2 here is a card with some questions don't turn that over yet. Here is some note paper and a pen. You will have one minute to look at the questions on the card. Think about your answer and then you will have 2 minutes to speak. You can take notes in the 1 minute if you wish. I will tell you when to start and when to stop. Are you ready?

**Lian:** Yeah.

**Adrian:** Okay. Then your one-minute preparation time begins now. Go ahead turn over the card.

Talk about an item that you plan to buy in the future.

What is it?

Where do you plan to buy it?

What do you need to do in order to buy this object?

Why have you decided to purchase this item?

What are the alternatives if you do not purchase this item?

**Adrian:** Okay Lian, your one-minute preparation time is up. Please begin speaking.

**Lian:** In fact I've been actually planning to buy the Kindle paperwhite, which is the e-reader manufactured by Amazon. This is a small tablet that is about 20 by 10 centimetres. It also it has four gigabytes of storage so it can store thousands of books. I'm planning to buy it off of Amazon as it's their product and I think that Amazon is one of the major online retailers for this and for millions of other books. I think that this e-reader is not only lightweight, but is also very convenient because I can fit it easily into my purse and the latest model is even waterproof. In order to buy this tablet, firstly I need to put aside some money so fortunately I've been saving away some money. These tablets cost around \$150. I would also need an Amazon account, an address of course, or post box to have it delivered to. I have chosen to buy this e-reader because I find it not to only works in ample light, but also in dim conditions as compared to other devices like tablets and mobile where I always feel that they hurt my eyes.

**Adrian:** Okay. Your 2 minutes is up Lian. I'm going to stop you there and I will take back the note paper, the card, the questions and now we will continue with part 3.

**Adrian:** For part 3 I will ask you some more questions related to the topic of part 2 let's talk about choosing products. With so many choices these days, how do people decide what product to buy?

**Lian:** Well, I think these days, shoppers choices are highly impacted by their online search as well as customer reviews. Of course, availability and price would be some factors that they would take into account to make their final decision. For example, that's what I took into consideration when I decided to buy the e-reader.

**Adrian:** How has technology helped customers to select the right product?

**Lian:** I think the technology has really aided people when it comes to shopping, so now people have more goods accessible and at more competitive prices. Also devices like smart phones made it easier for people to compare prices and goods online anywhere and anytime.

**Adrian:** Is this technology always beneficial?

**Lian:** I think that most times it is beneficial, but when it comes to clothes shopping, I think it might be a bit awkward so maybe the clothes you purchase may not fit you or they might not be as they are when delivered.

**Adrian:** Will the ways people select and purchase goods in the future be different than today?

**Lian:** Yes I do believe that it will be very different for example there are many advancements in commerce like augmented reality devices like Google glasses for example. Using Google glasses for shopping you can just look at objects and just select the frame.

**Adrian:** Let's talk about saving money what is good advice to give to individuals for saving their hard-earned money in relation to what we were discussing.

**Lian:** Just now I think buying products online gives the opportunity for customers to find prices that are very positive I think it's very important that people compare prices online as well as look for coupons. Those coupons could offer extra discount on prices for individuals. I think people should also strive to set aside at least 5% of their earnings each month into a high interest saving account at the bank.

**Adrian:** Is this easy or difficult to do?

**Lian:** I think it's fairly easy using technology to compare prices online, but I do also believe that it's extremely difficult these days to put aside some money as life is becoming very expensive these days.

**Adrian:** How has saving money changed in the past several decades?

**Lian:** I think that saving money has become more complicated these days compared to the past. Everyday life has become more expensive so you don't really find money that you don't need to put aside, also I think investment opportunities like real estate and stocks have become more volatile.

**Adrian:** What are the causes of this change?

**Lian:** I think the main cause for this is the over printing of money by the government's.

**Adrian:** That is the end of part three. That concludes the speaking portion of the exam. You will have your mark in about two weeks' time with the other sections. Have a great rest of your day, Lian, please remember to take your passport with you.

**Lian:** Thank you very much. Have a lovely day as well.

**Adrian:** Thanks. Bye bye.

**Lian:** Bye.