

# IELTS PRACTICE TESTS SPEAKING



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## Information

**The speaking test has three parts: one, two and three**

### What is Writing Task 2?

In the Speaking test, you will have a discussion with a certified examiner. It will be interactive and as close to a real-life situation as a test can get. The Speaking test is 11-14 minutes long and is in three parts.

**Part 1** You will answer questions about yourself and your family.

**Part 2** You will speak about a topic.

**Part 3** You will have a longer discussion about the topic introduced in Part 2. The Speaking test is the same for both IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training tests.

### How to practise

You can practice with these questions either alone or with a partner. You may find it helpful a study partner to help you practise. Take the three parts of this practice test one after another without a break to make your practice as realistic as possible. Remember, you need to speak fluently, clearly and accurately. It is important to say as much as you can and to be spontaneous. Do not prepare answers in advance. Record yourself if you can so that you can go back and check your performance.

### Review your Speaking test

Listen to your recordings and send them to your teacher for feedback. Think about how you spoke. Were you fluent? Did your speech sound natural? Were you able to express yourself clearly? There are no 'answers'. The most important thing is that you explain yourself fluently and clearly.

# Test 1

## Part 1

Answer the questions:

- ✓ Where are you from?
- ✓ Are you a student, or do you have a job?
- ✓ What do you study? / What is your job?
- ✓ Do you enjoy your job / your studies?

## Part 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**Describe something interesting that you once found.**

**You should say:**

- ✓ what you found
- ✓ how you found it
- ✓ what you did with it
- ✓ and explain why it was interesting.

## Part 3

Answer these questions related to finding things:

**Collecting things as a hobby**

- ✓ What kind of things do people like collecting as a hobby?
- ✓ What educational benefit do you think collecting objects like coins or stamps might have?

**Archaeology**

- ✓ How useful do you think it is for humans to uncover objects from the past?
- ✓ Who do you think historic objects should belong to when they have been found?

## Test 2

### Part 1

Answer the questions:

- ✓ Which part of your country do most people live in?
- ✓ Tell me about the main industries there.
- ✓ How easy is it to travel around your country?
- ✓ Has your country changed much since you were a child?

### Part 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**Describe a well-known person you like or admire.**

**You should say:**

- ✓ who this person is
- ✓ what this person has done
- ✓ why this person is well known
- ✓ and explain why you admire this person.

### Part 3

Answer these questions related to famous people:

- ✓ What kind of people become famous people these days?
- ✓ Is this different from the kind of achievement that made people famous in the past? In what way?
- ✓ How do you think people will become famous in the future?
- ✓ What are the good things about being famous? Are there any disadvantages?

## Test 3

### Part 1

Answer the questions:

- ✓ What's your favourite colour? [Why?]
- ✓ Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were younger? [Why/Why not?]
- ✓ What can you learn about a person from the colours they like?
- ✓ Do any colours have a special meaning in your culture?

### Part 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**Describe a song or a piece of music you like.**

**You should say:**

- ✓ what the song or music is
- ✓ what kind of song or music it is
- ✓ where you first heard it
- ✓ and explain why you like it.

### Part 3

Answer these questions related to music:

- ✓ What kinds of music are popular with young people in your culture?
- ✓ What do you think influences a young person's taste in music?
- ✓ How has technology affected the kinds of music popular with young people?
- ✓ Tell me about any traditional music in your culture.
- ✓ Why do you think countries have national anthems or songs?

## Test 4

### Part 1

Answer the questions:

- ✓ Do you prefer relaxing at home or going out in the evening? [Why?]
- ✓ When you go out for an evening, what do you like to do?
- ✓ How popular is this with other people in your country?
- ✓ Is there any kind of entertainment you do not like? [Why/Why not?]

### Part 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**Describe one of your friends.**

**You should say:**

- ✓ how you met
- ✓ how long you have known each other
- ✓ how you spend time together
- ✓ and explain why you like this person.

### Part 3

Answer these questions related to friends:

- ✓ What do you think are the most important qualities for friends to have?
- ✓ Which are more important to people, their family or their friends? Why?
- ✓ What do you think causes friendships to break up?
- ✓ What other types of relationship, apart from friends or family, are important in people's lives today?
- ✓ Have relationships with neighbours where you live changed in recent years? How?

## Test 5

### Part 1

Answer the questions:

- ✓ How important are clothes and fashion to you? [Why/Why not?]
- ✓ What kind of clothes do you dislike? [Why?]
- ✓ How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?
- ✓ What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

### Part 12

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**Describe a festival that is important in your country.**

**You should say:**

- ✓ when the festival occurs
- ✓ what you did during it
- ✓ what you like or dislike about it
- ✓ and explain why this festival is important.

### Part 3

Answer these questions related to the purpose of festivals and celebrations:

- ✓ Why do you think festivals are important events in the working year?
- ✓ Would you agree that the original significance of festivals is often lost today? Is it good or bad, do you think?
- ✓ Do you think that new festivals will be introduced in the future? What kind?
- ✓ What role does the media play in festivals, do you think?
- ✓ Do you think it's good or bad to watch festivals on TV? Why?