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IELTS SPEAKING TOPICS

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5 Speaking Topics for IELTS
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What is The IELTS Speaking Test

Time: 11-14 minutes

Format: speaking interview between the examiner and the candidate

Content:

Part 1 - Introduction and interview (4-5 minutes)

Part 2 - Cue card (3-4 minutes, including 1 minute preparation)

Part 3 - Two-way discussion (4-5 minutes)

All speaking tests are recorded.

How to prepare for the IELTS Speaking Test

1. Practice the speaking questions by answering them, ask a friend to listen to you or record yourself and replay the recording.
2. Brainstorming for part 2. Write down the topic, then write down points relating to that topic, create sentences with these points.
3. Build your vocabulary by reading newspapers, articles, journals and listening to podcasts.

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Accommodation

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Part 1

Let's talk about accommodation.

- Do you live in a house or an apartment?
- Do you like living there?
- Which room is your favourite?
- If you had to change something about your home, what would it be? Why?
- Do you think you will live there for a long time? Why? Why not?
- Do you have a garden?
- Should every home have a garden? Why? Why not?

Part 2

Cue card

- Describe a house you know someone lives in.
You should say:
 - Whose house it is.
 - Where it is.
 - How it looks from the outside, and inside.

and explain what it is that you like or dislike about this house.

Part 3

Two-way discussion

- Do you think it is better to rent or buy a place to live in.
- Is it easy for find a place to live in your country?
- Is it expensive or cheap to buy a house in your country?
- Do you think young adults should stop living with their parents at a certain age?
- What are the options available for young people looking for accommodation in your country?

Vocabulary - Accommodation

- affordable
- apartment
- attractive
- conservatory
- contemporary
- cozy
- design
- expensive
- extended / extension
- fancy
- flat
- garden
- home
- house
- loft
- luxurious
- neighbourhood
- outskirts
- patio
- property
- rural
- simple
- spacious
- suburb
- suitable
- trendy
- urban

Collocations - Accommodation

- a basement flat
- fully-furnished flat
- good value for money
- off-road parking
- overlooking a park
- owned accommodation
- rented accommodation
- semi-furnished flat
- stunning architecture
- to be mortgage free
- to move in / move out of my flat
- to own your own home
- to take out a mortgage
- worth the price

Part 1

Let's talk about the environment.

- How can we protect the environment?
- Do you think environmental protection should be taught at school?
- Do you think the environment around you is clean?
- Do people in your country care for the environment?
- How does the weather affect the environment?

Part 2

Cue card

- Describe an environmental problem or event that took place recently. You should say:
 - What it was
 - Where it happened
 - What steps were taken to solve the problem.

and explain how future problems like this can affect the environment.

Part 3

Two-way discussion

- What measures can people take to protect the environment?
- Do you think the government is responsible for protecting the environment?
- How do you think businesses can be more environmentally friendly?
- Can recycling benefit the environment? Why? Why not?
- What are some of the biggest environmental problems in your country?
- Will the environmental issues get better or worse in the future?

Vocabulary - Environment

- atmosphere
- biodiversity
- climate
- conservation
- deforestation
- drought
- ecosystem
- endangered
- emissions
- erosion
- extinct
- habitats
- organisms
- plants
- pollution
- preservation
- protection
- recycling
- resources
- reusables
- solar
- species
- sustainable
- threat
- toxic
- vegetation
- waste
- wildlife

Collocations - Environment

- a rich and diverse biodiversity
- clean energy
- climate change
- energy-efficient
- environmental issues
- environmentally-friendly lifestyle
- fossil fuels
- global warming
- greenhouse gas emissions
- marine life
- natural environment
- plant life
- protecting the environment
- renewable energy

Part 1

Let's talk about hometown.

- Is your hometown big or small?
- What do you like/dislike about your hometown?
- Are the people where you live friendly?
- What would you like to change about the place that you live in?
- What is your hometown known for?
- How has your hometown changed in the last 30 years?

Part 2

Cue card

- Describe your hometown. You should say:
- Where it is
- What it is known for
- Does it have any famous landmarks

and explain why you like living there.

Part 3

Two-way discussion

- Why do people like living in their hometown?
- What are some of the advantages of living in the same place for a long time?
- In what ways can your hometown be improved?
- Does the place where a person lives affect their personality?
- Do people return to live in their hometowns after leaving?

Vocabulary - Hometown

- accessibility
- amenities
- art galleries
- boutiques
- cosmopolitan
- districts
- facilities
- green
- greenery
- high-rise buildings
- inhabitant
- inner-city
- lakes
- metropolitan
- modern
- monuments
- museums
- neighbourhood
- outskirts
- overcrowding
- parks
- residential
- rural
- scenery
- suburbs
- traditional
- urban

Collocations - Hometown

- all sorts of amenities
- cost of living
- cycle lanes
- green spaces
- housing estates
- in the suburbs
- on the outskirts
- relaxed atmosphere
- residential area
- sense of community
- slow/fast pace of life
- sporting facilities
- the high street
- the inner city

Part 1

Let's talk about parks.

- Do you like parks? Why? Why not?
- What are the advantages of living near a park?
- Do you visit any parks?
- Why are parks important for towns and cities?
- Are parks important in your country?
- Do people like to visit parks in your country?
- Do you think parks create a better environment?

Part 2

Cue card

- Describe a park in your city. You should say:
- What it's like
- Why you like it
- How often you go there

and explain what you can do at the park.

Part 3

Two-way discussion

- Why do you think parks are important?
- What do you think are the benefits of having parks in a city?
- Do you think the parks in your city are designed well.
- Should governments spend money on parks?
- Do you think younger people visit parks more than older people?
- Do you think people will visit more in the future?

Vocabulary - Parks

- aesthetic
- attractive
- benches
- birdlife
- botanical
- breathe
- bridge
- eco-system
- fountain
- habitat
- joggers
- lake
- lawn
- nature
- path
- pavilion
- peaceful
- playground
- relaxation
- reservoir
- restrooms
- sculptures
- statues
- unwind
- walking path
- warden
- well-maintained
- wildlife

Collocations - Parks

- admission fee
- city skyline
- cool breeze
- designed aesthetically
- ecological gardens
- fresh air
- jogging track
- leisurely places
- main gate
- maintained by the government
- make flower chains
- peace and quiet
- the parks wetlands
- walkways

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Science

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Part 1

Let's talk about science.

- What is science?
- Why is it important?
- Should children be encouraged to study science after school?
- What kind of jobs can people get after studying science?
- Do you think people read about science?
- Did you have science lessons at school?
- What kind of things did you learn about?

Part 2

Cue card

- Describe a science topic that interests you. You should say:
 - What it' is
 - Why you like it
 - How did you hear about it
- and explain why you find it useful

Part 3

Two-way discussion

- Why do people study science?
- Which area of science is important for travelling to space?
- Do you think scientific development is important?
- Should governments spend money on developing science?
- Is science an important subject in schools in your country?
- Do you think learning about science will become more important in the future?

Vocabulary -Science

- achievement
- astronomy
- automate
- cell
- characteristics
- create
- developments
- device
- digital
- discover
- engineering
- evidence
- evolve
- experimental
- extract
- invention
- mammal
- nuclear
- nutrition
- radioactive
- reptile
- research
- robotics
- soil
- species
- structure
- technical
- techniques

Collocations - Science

- advances in technology
- carry out research
- computer literate
- control remotely
- cutting-edge technology
- flora and fauna
- fossil fuels
- genetic engineering
- genetically modified
- renewable energy
- the laws of science
- the study of
- the world of science
- under observation



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