

Ask and analyse 100 IELTS Speaking Part One questions

Take turns asking each other questions from below.

Ask about any questions which you don't understand, aren't sure how to answer, etc.

Analyse all the questions and make statements about what they have in common with phrases like:

All of the questions...

Almost all of the questions...

Most of the questions/ The majority of questions...

Many of the questions...

Quite a lot of the questions...

Some of the questions...

A few of the questions...

A couple of the questions...

One or two of the questions...

None of the questions...

Use the ideas below the list of questions to continue your discussion.

Ask about any expressions above you couldn't use, any doubts you have about how common things are, etc.

Extensions

- Look at many Speaking Part Two questions and do the same
- Look at many Speaking Part Three questions and do the same
- Make different Speaking Part One questions from the same question stems

100 typical IELTS Speaking Part One questions

1. Are there any museums that you would like to go to?
2. Are you working at the moment?
3. Are your friends interested in technology?
4. Can you tell me something about your hometown?
5. Can you cook well?
6. Did you enjoy learning English when you were younger?
7. Do you enjoy going to the cinema? (Why/ Why not?)
8. Do you find it easy to stay in touch with your school friends?
9. Do you have any plans to go abroad?
10. Do you have any subscriptions to publications? (Why those?/ Why not?)
11. Do you have any brothers and sisters?
12. Do you like the area where you live? (Why/ Why not?)
13. Do you often watch TV?
14. Do you prefer to get your news online or by other means?
15. Do you still continue any of your childhood hobbies?
16. Do you usually have music on when you study?
17. Do you want to take up any new sports in the future?
18. Do you celebrate Christmas?
19. Do people often attend public festivals in your country?
20. Has your taste in music changed much since you were younger?
21. Have you always lived in the same place?
22. Have you ever tried to write a book?
23. How are your movie viewing habits changing?
24. How did you spend your weekends when you were younger?
25. How do changes in technology affect you?
26. How do most people in your country try to stay healthy?
27. How do you think you will spend your next holiday?
28. How do you usually revise before exams?
29. How easy is it to find work near where you live?
30. How important is the Internet to you?
31. How long do you think you will continue studying English?
32. How long have you been living in your present home?
33. How many books do you have?
34. How much time do you spend watching TV every week?
35. How much free time do you have?
36. How often do you download music?
37. How often do people eat out where you come from?
38. How popular is your hometown with tourists?
39. If you could live anywhere, which area of your town would you choose?
40. In what ways is exercise important to you?
41. Is there any kind of healthy food which you don't like?
42. Is there anything you dislike about modern art?
43. Is there any hobby you'd like to try in the future?
44. Is there any festival you particularly want to go to?
45. Is the last place you went on holiday famous for anything?
46. Is celebrating birthdays popular with your people in your country?

47. Tell me a little about your parents.
48. The last time you met up with your friends what did you do together?
49. What is the best thing about public transport in your town?
50. Would you say the most popular newspaper in your country is a good one?
51. What are you going to do at the weekend?
52. What are your plans for the next public holiday?
53. What changes would you like to make to your hometown?
54. What did you do on your last birthday?
55. What do you do when you have time to surf the Internet?
56. What do you find most difficult about using modern technology?
57. What do you like about going to the cinema?
58. What do you like doing with your family?
59. What do you usually do to keep healthy?
60. What do your best friends do?
61. What does your taste in TV say about you?
62. What is the most famous food from your country? (Can you describe it?)
63. What is the most important sport for you? (Why?)
64. What is the most important festival in your hometown?
65. What ways of learning languages are there in your town?
66. What is your favourite means of transport? (Why?)
67. What is your main hobby?
68. What is your typical working day like?
69. What is the area near your home like?
70. What kinds of homes do people in your town usually live in?
71. What kinds of music do you dislike?
72. What kind of art do you like?
73. What kind of books do people your age in your country usually read?
74. What type of magazines do you like?
75. What kinds of things make you motivated to study?
76. What kinds of new leisure activity would you like to try?
77. What was the last concert you went to?
78. What kinds of subjects do you enjoy studying?
79. What was your favourite TV programme when you were a child?
80. What were the best things about the place you grew up in?
81. What would your ideal job be like?
82. What's the most interesting thing about your favourite website?
83. What level of English do you hope to have in ten years' time?
84. What kinds of literature do you most like to read?
85. What social problems are there in your neighbourhood?
86. What films would you like see in the future?
87. What part of your lifestyle would you most like to make healthier?
88. When are you next going to take an aeroplane?
89. When did you last buy some new technology? (Why that thing?)
90. When do you think you will next buy a magazine?
91. When was the last time you took a vacation?
92. When you celebrate family birthdays what do you like to do?
93. Where did you first meet your best friend?

94. Where do you exercise?
95. Which foods from your country do most foreign people enjoy?
96. Which part of your home do you like most?
97. Who in your family do you get on well with?
98. Would you like to take up a new hobby?
99. Would you prefer to go to an art gallery or other kind of museum? (Why?)
100. Would you help if a festival was held in your street? (Why/ Why not?)

Decide how many of the 100 questions above each of these statements are true for:

- are personal questions
- are very personal questions (on religion, your love life, etc)
- are normal questions to ask someone when you meet them for the first time
- are odd questions to ask someone when you meet for the first time
- are about your family and friends
- are about your accommodation/ your local area
- are about your hometown
- are about festivals and celebrations
- are about free time and hobbies
- are about work and studies
- are about recent news (politics, etc)
- need special(ist) knowledge to be answered
- are about (very) academic topics (like some topics in IELTS Reading)
- are about the world in general
- are opinion questions
- are yes/ no questions
- are wh- questions
- are “tell me about...” questions
- need a long answer
- can be answered with quite a short answer
- probably need a reason in the answer
- are difficult to answer
- are difficult to understand
- are ambiguous/ are vague/ have more than one possible meaning
- can't be answered by some people
- are likely to bring up things that the examiner might not know or understand
- are about preferences/ likes and dislikes
- are about habits/ routines
- are about the present
- are about the past
- are about future plans
- are about future predictions
- are about future arrangements
- are about future desires
- are asking you to speculate/ hypothesise (imagine alternate universes, choices you didn't make, etc)
- could be used to make questions about other topics