

## IELTS Speaking on reading

### IELTS Reading/ IELTS Speaking

#### IELTS Speaking Part One questions on reading

Ask and answer questions from below, only using the follow-up questions if the answer is short.

#### Reading in English

1. Do you often read in English? (How do you feel about that?)
2. How often do you use a dictionary when you read in English? (Do you think that is the right amount?)
3. Is there anything you dislike about reading in English? (How about listening?)
4. Would you say that reading in English is easier than other skills? (Why do you feel that way?)

#### Reading generally (in your own and other languages)

5. Do you enjoy reading? (How about in English?)
6. Are there any books which you would really like to read? (How do you really learn about new books?)
7. Are you reading anything at the moment? (Why that?/ Why not?)
8. Can you tell me about what you enjoyed reading as a child? (Were you a big reader?)
9. Can you tell me something about your favourite novel? (How many times have you read it?)
10. Did you enjoy reading the books which your teachers made you read at school? (Why?/ Why not?)
11. Do you have to read much for your work or studies? (How do you feel about that?)
12. Do you prefer using an e-reader or just traditional paper-based books? (Why?)
13. Do you read much online? (Why/ Why not?)
14. How much time do you spend reading? (Would you like to spend longer?)
15. Is there anything you want to read but never have? (Do you think that you will?)
16. What is the next book you would like to read? (Why that one?)
17. What kind of books do you have at home? (How often do you read them?)
18. What kinds of things do people your age in your country usually read? (Do you think that is good choice?)
19. What kinds of things do you like reading? (What appeals about those things?)
20. What type of magazines do you enjoy most? (What do you like about them?)
21. What was the last book you read? (Why did you choose that?)
22. What's your favourite newspaper? (Why that one?)
23. Would you read more if you had more free time? (How else might you spend that time?)

Ask about questions above you couldn't answer, then use the underlined parts to ask each other questions on other typical IELTS Speaking Part One topics, such as:

Hobbies & Free time	Food	Family
Transport	School & Education	Reading
Your job	Accommodation	Your town/city
Festivals	Learning English	TV
Music	Travel & holidays	

## IELTS Speaking Part Two on reading

Describe a book which you liked when you were a child.

You should say:

- what the story is about
- why you liked it
- if it is famous or not

and say if you would like to re-read this book now or not and why.

Talk about something that you started reading but didn't like.

You should say:

- Why you started reading the book
- Why you didn't like it
- What you did when you realised you didn't like it

and explain what kinds of people would and wouldn't like this book.

Speak for one or two minutes about a book that you have never read but would like to.

You should say:

- What the book is about
- Why you haven't read it before
- Why you want to read it

and say if you think you will read this book soon or not, and why.

Describe a book that you have read more than once.

You should say:

- Why you read the book the first time
- Why you re-read it
- How you felt about it each time you read it

and say if you think you will read this book again soon or not, and why.

Speak about something that you read in order to learn a foreign language.

You should say:

- Why you read that thing
- How long you spent reading it
- How much it improved your foreign language skills

and say if you would recommend it to other people or not, and why.

Give a short presentation on something that you were made to read.

You should say:

- What it was
- Who made you read it
- How you felt about the idea of reading it

and say if you are now glad to have read that thing or not, and why.

### **IELTS Speaking Part Three questions on reading**

*Ask and answer any questions below. Only use the follow up question in brackets if the first answer is quite short.*

#### **IELTS Reading**

1. Can you compare IELTS Reading with other exams?
2. Can you explain why different people have different opinions about the best tactics in the IELTS Reading test?
3. Can you identify ways in which IELTS Reading texts are different from newspaper articles?
4. How do you feel about the IELTS Reading exam? (Is there anything positive about it?)
5. How useful is reading newspapers for improving your IELTS reading skills?
6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of reading through a whole text before you look at the questions? (Which of those factors is the most important?)
7. What can people do if they take too long to finish timed reading tasks?
8. What could be the effects of reading the same IELTS exam texts again and again?
9. What would your recommendations be to someone who is just starting an IELTS Reading test?

#### **Reading in foreign languages**

10. Are people your age in your country interested in reading in other languages, would you say?
11. Can you contrast reading English with reading your own language?
12. Do you think it is possible to guess most unknown vocabulary from its context in a text? (Why/ Why not?)
13. Do you think the government should encourage more silent reading for pleasure in foreign languages in schools?
14. How important is it for children to read in other languages, in your opinion?
15. Is lack of vocabulary a problem when you read? (What could you do about that?)
16. On the whole, is it better to improve your vocabulary or work on your reading speed?
17. What could be the consequences of looking up each new word in a dictionary as you read?

#### **Reading in your own and other languages**

18. Can you describe how people read journals etc when they are looking for academic references that they can use in their own essays?
19. Do you think that running your pen or finger across the page as you read is a good idea? (Why?/ Why not?)
20. Do you think that the way that they teach reading in schools in your country is about right? (What makes you feel that way?)
21. How common is learning speed reading skills in your country? (How do you feel about that?)
22. In what circumstances is it worthwhile scanning a text for particular words? (In what situations would it be a waste of time?)
23. What can be done to improve your reading speed, do you think?
24. What is the best way of finding information in a long text, in your experience?

*Underline the useful typical IELTS Speaking Part Three question stems above and ask similar questions about other topics. Then do a whole timed IELTS Speaking with the questions above, with one person as the examiner and the other as the candidate.*