

## IELTS Speaking Part Three questions on language learning

Take turns asking three questions from the list below, skipping any which you won't be able to explain another way if your partner doesn't understand the question that you ask them. After all three questions, you can discuss the topics further if you like before you switch roles.

- What could be the consequences of people studying English from younger and younger?
- What could be the effect on English of English-speaking countries becoming less powerful?
- Do you think that your government is doing enough to improve language education? (Why do you think that?)
- What can be done to improve people's oral English, do you think?
- How important is teaching foreign languages, in your opinion?
- Are people in your country generally interested in studying languages, do you think?
- Do you think that people your age in your country leave university with enough English to be able to cope in business? (What evidence do you have for that?)
- Do you believe that banning native languages in the foreign language classroom is a good idea?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of having native English speaker teachers in public schools?
- In what ways does a country becoming more multicultural benefit society?
- Why, in your opinion, do some people not progress in their foreign language studies?
- Do you think there is a danger that English could slowly take over from your own language?
- How have people's attitudes to English changed over the last 50 years in your country?
- What are your predictions for foreign language education in your country in the next few years?
- What do you think the status of English in your country will be in 50 years' time?
- Do you think that language education in your country is getting better or worse? (What makes you say that?)
- Do you think that people's attitude to living abroad is changing?

*What language did you use for giving opinions, agreeing and disagreeing? What other phrases are possible?*

*The underlined parts of the questions above are typical structures for IELTS Speaking Part Three questions. Use them to ask other questions about language learning, and then move on to other discussion topics, such as:*

- Child rearing
- Education
- The media
- Technology
- The environment
- Health
- Transport

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