

IELTS Speaking Part 1 Set E

Questions to practice with a partner.

Instructions:

You can practice asking these questions with a partner or record yourself on [flip.com](https://www.flip.com) and review what you say.

Short answers like "I do" or "I like it" are not really enough for this section of the test, so you should try to provide a reason for your answer.

If you are asking the questions, ask them "why?" or "Why not?" to help them practice extending their answers.



Jonathan

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Space Travel

Think about these questions, what answer can you give,

Do you want to travel in outer space?

What would you do if you had that opportunity?

Do you think it's necessary to see other planets?

When was the latest time you went travelling?

Do you like to travel by air?

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Television

Do you think watching television is a good hobby to have?

What benefits does watching TV bring to a person?

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How do the shows that are popular now compare to those that were popular ten years ago?

Do the internet and smartphones mean that TV is no longer necessary?

Do you think television actors and actresses get too much attention?

Is it important to be handsome or beautiful to become famous on TV?

What are the disadvantages of being a television or film celebrity?

Should parents encourage their children to be famous on television?

Reading

Where do children in your country usually learn to read?

What types of stories are children first taught to read?

Do boys and girls in your country like to read the same types of things?



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Why do some children have difficulty learning to read?

Do you think it is important to be good at reading? Why?

Has modern technology helped people read more or less?

What jobs can people get if they are unable to read or write?

Are there any benefits to reading comic books? What are they?

Work

What jobs should pay a high salary?

What influences a person's career choice?

Why do some people choose to do jobs that are dangerous?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of owning your own business?

What jobs are less common in your country now as compared to 20 years ago?

Is it always important to get good marks in school to earn a high salary?



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Some people say that parents should choose their children's career. Do you agree?

What jobs do you think will be popular in the future?

Animals

Do you think people spend too much time and money on pets?

What types of things do people like to do with pets in your country?

Are there laws that protect animals in your country? Can you give an example?

What is the best way for children to learn about animals and protecting animals?

Why do people like to visit zoos and watch programs about animals on TV?

Why is it important for animals and their habitats to be protected?

Is it okay for scientists to use animals to conduct experiments?

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There are many people in the world who like to hunt and fish.

Why do you think they enjoy these activities?

Technology

How do people in your country use technology for entertainment?

Do you think that some people use technology for communication too much?

What differences are there between the attitudes of older and younger people toward technology for communication?

What kinds of technological developments have made the biggest impact on our lives?

Do computers make it much easier to study?

Some people get excited about new technology? Why do you think this is?

Do you think special effects and animation make movies more entertaining?



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What are some of the problems associated with playing video games?

Work

Do you have a job?

How far away is your workplace from your home?

How long have you had this job?

Did you have a part-time job when you were a child?

What jobs do your parents have?

What job do you think would be the most difficult?

What do workers in your country like to do to relax after their workday?

What career did you want when you were younger?

Have you ever done any charity work?

What careers pay the highest salaries in your country?

Family



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How many people are there in your family?

Do you live with your family?

Did you spend a lot of time with your family when you were a child?

Who are you closest to in your family?

Do you prefer spending time with family or with friends?

What things does your family do together?

Did your parents ever have any hobbies when you were a child?

Is family important in your country?

Who cooks in your family?

Where was the last place that you visited with your family?

Sports

Do you do any kind of exercise?

How often do you exercise or play sports?

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What kind of sports did you participate in when you were a child?

Do you prefer to watch or play sports?

What are the most popular sports among people in your country?

What kind of sport would you like to try in the future?

Do people in your country exercise more nowadays than they did in the past?

Do you prefer team sports (football, volleyball, etc.) or individual sports (tennis, running, etc.)

Are there many places to exercise in your hometown?

Is swimming popular in your country?

Technology

How often do you use a computer?

Do you use a computer more for work, or for entertainment?

Do you prefer to watch movies on a computer or in a cinema?



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How old were you when you got your first cell phone?

How old were you when you got your first computer?

Do you prefer to read from a book or on an e-reader?

Did you ever use a computer to look up words in a dictionary?

Who taught you how to use a computer?

Do you usually use a camera or a cell phone to take pictures?

Is there anything you don't like about using a computer?

Communication

Is it necessary these days for children to develop good handwriting skills?

What kinds of communication are necessary at work?

What are the benefits of reading books?

Why are communication skills important?

When you meet with your friends, what do you normally talk about?



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How do you usually keep in touch with members of your family?

Do you prefer to speak to people by phone, by writing emails or sending text messages?

Do you ever write letters by hand?

Is there anything you dislike about smartphones?

Do you think young children should learn to speak a foreign language at school?

Travel

Do you like to travel?

What kinds of places have you visited in your life?

What places would you like to visit? Why?

What's the best place you've ever visited?

How do you prefer to travel on long journeys?

Do you prefer to travel with family or friends? Why?

Do you like to stay in hotels?



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What is the best part about traveling to a new place?

Is there a place that you do not want to visit?

Do you think it is important to try the local cuisine when traveling to a new place?

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