

E. SPEAKING

Exercise 1: What do you know about IELTS Speaking Part 3? Choose the correct answers.

In IELTS Speaking Part 3, you will be asked general discussion questions related to the topic from Speaking Part 2.

- 1 Do you have any preparation time?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Do you have a conversation with the examiner?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3 Do you talk about yourself?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4 Does the examiner ask you several questions?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 How long is IELTS Speaking Part 3?
☐ 3–4 minutes ☐ 4–5 minutes

Exercise 2 : In IELTS Speaking Part 3, you will be asked general discussion questions related to the topic from Part 2. Look at the common types of questions you may be asked. Match each of the general discussion questions (on the left) with what the question asks you to do (on the right)

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| 1 Tell me about popular hobbies in your country. | ● | ● Question asks you about the future |
| 2 Is it better to play games to win or for enjoyment? | ● | ● Question asks you for your opinion |
| 3 What do you think about school sports? | ● | ● Question asks you to compare the past to the present |
| 4 What will the Olympics be like in 20 years' time? | ● | ● Question asks you to compare two things |
| 5 Why do people like team sports? | ● | ● Question asks you to describe something |
| 6 How have sports on TV changed since you were a child? | ● | ● Question asks you to explain something |

Exercise 3 : Read the information. Do you think the examiner might ask the questions below in Part 3? Choose the correct answers.



In IELTS Speaking Part 2, you talk about your personal opinion on a topic. In Part 3, you answer questions which are related to this topic, but you should give a general opinion.

Examples:

I like to play football. = personal opinion (Part 2)

People in my country like to play football. = general opinion (Part 3)

1 Do you think that playing sports is less important now than in the past?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2 What sport don't you like?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3 Do you watch sports alone or with your friends?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4 What are the advantages of watching sports live rather than on television?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Do you think professional sportspeople will continue to get stronger and fitter in the future?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Who is your favourite tennis player?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Exercise 4 : Read the information. Then complete the table with the phrases in the box.



In IELTS Speaking Part 3 you should *extend* your answers, i.e. make them longer and more complete. You can do this by giving an example, making a suggestion or using conversation fillers, etc.

Look at the phrases in the table. You can use them to extend your answers.

It might happen.

My view is that ...

That's an interesting question.

alternatively,

for instance,

should

the reason is that ...

Giving an example:

such as

for example,

Giving your opinion:

In my opinion ...

I believe ...

Suggesting other opinions:

or ...

if you look at ...

Offering an explanation:

because ...

the explanation is ...

Making a suggestion or recommendation:

I would recommend / suggest ...

We could ...

People ...

Considering possible outcomes:

Maybe ...

It depends on ... (+ something / someone)

Conversation fillers:

Exercise 5 : Complete the phrases for extending your answers. Use the words in the box.

as believe depends explanation is happen instance is that opinion
question suggest

1 for _____,

2 In my _____...

3 the reason _____...

4 I would _____...

5 such _____

6 It _____ on ...

7 That's an interesting _____.

8 It might _____.

9 I _____...

10 the _____...

Exercise 6 : In IELTS Speaking Part 3, you should extend your answers. Read the conversation from IELTS Speaking Part 3 and complete the student's answers. Use the words in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers. (Video 2.1)

For example Maybe because have never thought about it just my opinion should
such as you look at 've never thought about it

Examiner: Do you think that playing sports is less important now than in the past?

Student: I _____ but I think it's important _____ students are shy about finding new friends. Playing sports, _____ football which is a team sport, can help find new friendships ... I don't know, it's _____.

Examiner: How can people be encouraged to take part in more sport?

Student: Maybe they might be encouraged by their parents. Parents _____ encourage them because playing sports gives you a better lifestyle. _____ some sports should be for free for some students, otherwise students from poor families can't afford to play. _____, hockey is a really expensive sport so maybe the government should subsidise it.

Examiner: Do you think top sportspeople will continue to get stronger and fitter in the future?

Student: If _____ football players like Messi or Ronaldo, they still work hard on their football skills and it doesn't seem like they will stop and say that they are good enough, and don't need to train anymore.

Exercise 7 : Read the examiner's questions and complete the student's answers with the extra information. Use the phrases in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers
(Video 2.2)

I'd say the disadvantage is that it takes away the feeling that you're there.

Now we are more dependent on technology.

Some people might think so.

others, for enjoyment and fun.

whereas you can watch it for free on TV.

1 **Examiner:** Do you think that the way people watch sport has changed much over the years?

Student: I think it has changed dramatically, yes.

2 **Examiner:** Is it a good idea to watch sport on your mobile phone?

Student: It has its advantages and disadvantages.

3 **Examiner:** Is it more realistic if you watch it on a large screen?

Student: I think it depends on your personal perspective.

4 **Examiner:** What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching sport live rather than on television?

Student: Nowadays, going to watch a football match is expensive,

5 **Examiner:** Do people who watch a lot of sport also play a lot of sport?

Student: Some people may watch sport just to compare their own performance to the players,

Exercise 8: Read the extracts from the IELTS Speaking Part 3 conversation. Then watch the video and complete the student's answers to the examiner's questions. Use the words in the box. (Video 2.3)

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Student: I [] it has changed dramatically, yes. Now we are more [] on technology.

2 **Examiner:** Is it a good idea to watch sport on your mobile phone?

Student: It has its [] and disadvantages. I'd [] the disadvantage is that it takes away the feeling that you're there.

3 **Examiner:** Is it more realistic if you watch it on a large screen?

Student: I think it [] your personal perspective. Some people [] think so.

4 **Examiner:** What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching sport live rather than on television?

Student: [], going to watch a football match is expensive, [] you can watch it for free on TV.

5 **Examiner:** Do people who watch a lot of sport also play a lot of sport?

Student: Some people may watch sport just to [] their own performance to the players, [], for enjoyment and fun.

Exercise 10 : Practice answering the following IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions.

1. Do you think that playing sports is less important now than in the past?
2. How can people be encouraged to take part in more sports?
3. Do you think top sports players will continue to get stronger and fitter in the future?
4. Do you think the way people watch sports has changed much over the years?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching sports live rather than on television?
6. Do people who watch a lot of sports also play a lot of sports?