

E. SPEAKING

Exercise 1 : It's a good idea to learn word forms in order to improve *lexical resource*. *Lexical resource* is using a wide variety of vocabulary and idiomatic language accurately. Read the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card. Then complete the table with words you could use to talk about this topic.

Describe the subject you enjoyed most at school.

You should say:

what the subject was

how long you studied the subject

how the subject was taught

and explain why you enjoyed the subject.

fascinated	fascination	interest	interesting	interestingly	keen
like	likeable	loving	passionate		
verbs	nouns	adjectives	adverbs		
enjoy	enjoyment	enjoyable	enjoyably		
		lovable /			
love	love	loveless /	lovingly		
	liking				
—	keenness		(on)	keenly	
		interested (in) /			
		disinterested (in) /			
interest		uninterested (in) /			
			/		
		uninteresting			
			(by) /		
fascinate		fascinating			
—	passion		(about)	passionately	

Exercise 2 : These sentences are all related to the topic of school. Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the words in brackets.

- 1 A subject I found _____ (enjoy) at school was English.
- 2 I was always _____ (fascinate) by languages.
- 3 I didn't enjoy Maths because I thought it was really _____ (interest).
- 4 I wasn't _____ (keen) History either!
- 5 I studied English for many years, which I really _____. (enjoy)
- 6 The classroom was in a _____ (fascinate) old building.
- 7 Our teacher was a very friendly and _____ (like) person.
- 8 She was a very _____ (passion) teacher.
- 9 I _____ (love) the class because it was always fun.
- 10 All the students were _____ (interest) learning English, too.

Exercise 3: Read the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card again. Then watch the video and complete the student's answers. Be careful, the answers might not be in the same order as on the task card. Also, note that the student doesn't answer all the questions.
(📺 Video 7.1)

- 1 What the subject was: Turkish _____
- 2 How long you studied the subject: _____ years
- 3 How the subject was taught: No answer
- 4 Why you enjoyed the subject: I _____ reading books and reading about history. It was influenced by western literature, e.g. _____ literature.

Exercise 4: In IELTS Speaking Part 3, you will be required to answer questions relating to the topic in Part 2 in a more general way, and possibly, in more detail. Watch the video of an IELTS Speaking Part 3 test. Then read the examiner's questions. How does the student respond to each question? Choose the correct answers. (▶ Video 7.2)

1 Do you think subjects like art, dancing and sport should be compulsory in all schools?

☐ Agrees ☐ Disagrees

2 What about the creative subjects, like art?

☐ Agrees ☐ Disagrees

3 Don't you think that high-school subjects should focus really on preparing students for working life?

☐ Agrees ☐ Disagrees

4 Do you think there's a subject that you believe should be offered in schools that isn't offered at the moment?

☐ Agrees ☐ Disagrees

5 Isn't that because they (Maths, Latin and Italian) are more important for our future?

☐ Agrees ☐ Disagrees

Exercise 5: In IELTS Speaking Part 3 you should try to *paraphrase* the examiner's questions to avoid repetition when giving your answer.

Look at the words in bold in the examiner questions. Then watch the video and complete the student's answers with the correct paraphrases. (▶ Video 7.3)

1 **Examiner:** Do you think subjects like art, dancing and sport should be **compulsory** in all schools?

Student: ... it's _____ for young people that maybe don't do sport in their spare time to do this.

2 **Examiner:** What about the **creative subjects**, like art?

Student: I think that _____ are important too ...

3 **Examiner:** Don't you think that high-school **subjects** should focus really on preparing students for working life?

Student: ... it's very important that school gives an _____ ... that teaches different things to students ...

4 **Examiner:** Do you think there's a **subject** that you believe should be offered in schools that isn't offered at the moment?

Student: ... Yes, for example, in Italy we don't do a lot of _____ and Arts ... because the main focus is on Maths, Latin and Italian.

5 Examiner: Isn't that because **they** (Maths, Latin and Italian) are more important for our future?

Student: Yes, ... but it's important to give the kids a different way of thinking, not only important _____.

Exercise 7: Watch the video of an IELTS Speaking Part 3 discussion about the qualities of a good teacher. Then match the descriptions in the box with the phrases the student uses. (▶ Video 7.4)

In the IELTS Speaking test it's a good idea to use *synonyms* in order to avoid repetition and improve *lexical resource*. A *synonym* is a word or phrase that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word or phrase.

being able to prevent children from being naughty and getting them to listen

being able to talk with and understand children

managing a class successfully without any problems

related to teaching

setting rules for the class and not allowing them to be broken

the method and strategies used to teach

1 connecting with children

2 control children

3 strict discipline

4 pedagogic

5 the way of teaching

6 control the class

Exercise 8 : It's a good idea to learn synonyms in order to avoid repetition and improve *lexical resource*. Watch the video of an IELTS Speaking Part 3 test and notice how often the student says. *I think ...* . Then improve the student's answers by choosing the correct synonyms. (📺 Video 7.5)

1 Yes, *I think* that a teacher must be very patient.

Yes, I believe/ believe that a teacher must be very patient.

2 *I think* that a teacher must really love his or her job.

I feel/ wonder that a teacher must really love his or her job.

3 *I think* it's a very difficult job to do.

I propose/ suppose it's a very difficult job to do.

4 *I think* it's the most important thing.

I guess/ guess it's the most important thing.

5 *I think* it's the first rule of teaching.

I consider/ considerate it to be the first rule of teaching.

6 *I think* that it's good to be friendly.

I reckon/ recommend that it's good to be friendly.

7 *I think* that being friendly means that you are kind and polite to people.

I imagine/ imaginative being friendly means that you are kind and polite to people.

Exercise 9: You are going to do IELTS Speaking Part 2 and Part 3.

Part 2

Describe the subject you enjoyed most at school.

You should say:

what the subject was
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how the subject was taught
and explain why you enjoyed the subject

Part 3

1. Do you think subjects like art, dancing and sport should be **compulsory** in all schools?
2. Should high-school subjects focus only on preparing students for working life?
3. Is there a subject that you believe should be offered in schools that isn't currently offered?