

Exercise 3

Read the information. Then match the IELTS Speaking Part 3 question types with the example questions.

The following is a list of common question types that are used in the IELTS Speaking test, particularly in Part 3:

Giving a personal opinion

These questions usually present you with a situation and ask you to express your opinion on it: *Who should be responsible for teaching children about money management?*

Evaluating

These questions ask you to analyse a proposition in some way, e.g. positives and negatives, advantages and disadvantages: *How important is it to manage your personal finances?*

Making a prediction

These questions often focus on how something will change in the future: *Do you think we will stop using cash at any point?*

Past versus present

How were things different in the past? How have things changed? For example: *How has shopping changed in the last ten years?*

Hypothesising

Talking about imaginary or theoretical situations: *How would life be different if cars were banned?*

Cause and effect

Saying why something happens or happened or what the effects of something are: *Why do you think some people find it so hard to save money?*

It is useful to become familiar with these question types so that you can practise them and learn language that relates to them. Of course, some questions in the IELTS Speaking test are a combination of these different question types.

How has travel changed in the last ten years?

What are the disadvantages of shopping online?

Will online shopping ever replace going to a real shop?

Would the world be a better place if we didn't have money?

Do you think people place too much emphasis on money and possessions?

How can being in debt affect people?

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