

Exercise 9

Read the information. Then read the responses to some follow-up questions for the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task in Exercise 8. Match the follow-up questions in the box with the responses.

Remember that after you finish your IELTS Speaking Part 2 response, the examiner will ask you one or two quick follow-up questions related to your response. These questions are usually quite simple, so you do not have to focus on giving a long, complex answer like you do in Part 3. Just speak for about 15–20 seconds.

Do many people drive in your country? Do you enjoy driving?

Do you still have the same car? How often do you drive?

Is the driving test difficult in your country?

1. Yes and no. You see, when I started university, I realised that I didn't really need my car to get around. A bicycle is more convenient. So, my brother is currently borrowing it, because he needs a car to drive to work every day. But technically, I am still the owner.

2. It depends. Certainly not during the rush hour, when there is a lot of traffic congestion, but I love getting out of the city and driving in the countryside with some good music to listen to.

3. Definitely. I think that these days, most families in Italy have at least one car and, as a result, there is a lot of traffic on the roads. There are also a lot of people who use mopeds to get around.

4. Right now, hardly ever. I'm at university and it's much easier and cheaper to get around by bicycle. I only drive during the holidays, when I return home, but even then I share my car with my brother.
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5. Well, personally I thought it was hard, but friends of mine from other countries have told me that it is more difficult where they are from. For example, I've heard that the examiners are very strict for the English version and most people fail the first time.