

IELTS Speaking part 1

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Lưu ý khi trả lời câu hỏi part 1:

IELTS SPEAKING PART 1 – COMMON TOPICS

Study

What is your major?
Why did you choose to study this major?
What do you plan to do after graduation?
Would you like to learn anything new?

Work

Where do you work?
Why did you choose to do this job?
What do you like/dislike about your job?
Would you like to change your job?

Hometown

Can you describe your hometown to me?
What do you like/dislike about your hometown?
What do you think visitors to your hometown should see?
How is your hometown changing?

Home

Do you live in a house or an apartment?
What is your favourite room?
What do you like/dislike about the area where you live?
Is there anything that you'd like to change in your home?
What kinds of house or apartment would you like to have in the future?

City

Where do you live now? / Tell me about the city where you live.
Which part of the city do you like best?
Is there any part of the city you don't like?
Which city / What kind of city would you like to live in the future?

Sports

Do you play any kind of sports?
What sports do you like to do or to watch?
What kinds of sports are popular in your country?
Which do you prefer: watching sports at home or at the real event?
Do you think it's important for children to play sports?
Do you think people do enough exercise these days?

Films / Movies

Do you like films/movies?
What kind of films/movies do you like?
Is there any kind of films/movies you don't like?
How often do you go to the theater/cinema to watch a movie?
Which do you prefer: foreign films/movies or local films/movies?

Cinema

How often do you go to the cinema/theatre?
Which cinema do you often go to?
Do you like prefer to watch films in the cinema or at home?
Do you like to watch alone or with your friends?

Music

Do you like listening to music?
What kinds of music do you like?
Do you play any kinds of musical instruments?
How do you feel when you listen to music?

Animals

What's your favourite animal?
Which animals don't you like?
Have you ever had a pet before?
Do you like to watch TV programs about animals?

Hobbies

Do you have any hobbies?
What equipment do you need for your hobby?
What hobbies are popular in your country?
Is it better to have one hobby or multiple hobbies?

Public transport

How often you travel by public transport?
What kinds of public transport are there in your country/city?
Is there anything you like/dislike about public transport?

Numbers

Do you have a favourite number or a number that is special to you?
Are you good at memorizing numbers?
Do you often use numbers in your daily life?
What numbers do people often have to memorize?

Friends

Do you have a lot of friends?
What do you usually do with your friends?
Is it important to have a lot of friends?
When and where can you make friends?

Eating

What is your favourite kind of food?
How often do you cook? / Do you often cook at home?
Do you think healthy eating is important?
Which would you prefer: eating at home or eating out?

IELTS SPEAKING PART 1 – QUESTION TYPES

1. Basic description questions

Question:

Structure	Example	Answer
1. Opening phrase	• OK then... • Right, ok... • Alright... • Well... • Well, you know... • Well first of all... • Actually...	<i>"Well as you can probably guess I come from Hanoi and I have lived here all my life, although at the moment I'm studying in another city."</i>
2. 1st pointing phrase + Linking phrase + Point 1	• the first thing I should mention is that... • the point I'd like to begin with is that... • I could start off by saying that... • my initial point would be that... • I need to start off by pointing out that... • the main thing you need to know is that... • I suppose I should begin by highlighting the fact that... • you may (or may not) be aware that in fact... • I really need to kick off with the point that...	<i>I suppose if I had to describe Hanoi, the first thing I would say is that it's absolutely enormous, maybe even one of the biggest cities in South East Asia I guess. It's so big in fact that even the locals have problems finding their way around.</i>
3. 2nd pointing phrase + Linking phrase + Point 2	• Another point which I could add is that... • A second feature which I should mention is that... • As well as that, I could say that... • On top of that I can also add that... • Also, I suppose I should say that...	<i>Another significant characteristic is that it offers examples of both classical and contemporary architecture. Actually some of Vietnam's most renowned landmarks are "slapbang" in the middle of Hanoi.</i>
4. 3rd pointing phrase + Linking word/phrase + Point 3	• And I shouldn't forget to mention that... • In addition to what I've just said, I can add that... • Something else that I need to comment on is that... • I guess I could also remark on the fact that...	

2. Like/Disliking questions

Question:

Linking	Disliking

Structure	Example	Answer
1. Opening phrase	- Well in general I would say that... - Actually, I suppose that... - For the most part I'd probably say that... - Well, to be honest I should say that... - Of course I think I'd have to say that... - Certainly I would definitely say that... - Well, I guess that generally speaking I would certainly say that ...	<i>Of course I think I have to say that I'm not so keen on the weather in my hometown.</i>
2. Liking / Disliking phrase	Sử dụng những cụm từ tương tự trong bảng trên	<i>Of course I have to say that I'm not so keen on the weather.</i>
3. Introduce a specific type of the topic (Cụ thể hóa câu trả lời)	...but in particular... = ...particularly... ...to be more precise... ...to be more specific... = ...specifically... ...to be more exact... ...to be more accurate...	<i>To be more precise, I really can't stand the summer months.</i>
4. Reason (Đưa ra lý do tại sao bạn like/dislike...)	- And I guess this is probably because... - This could/might be because... - This is due to the fact that... - I suppose the reason has something to do with the fact that...	<i>This is due to the fact that the temperatures can get as high as 40 degrees so it can be quite uncomfortable if you don't have air conditioning in your house.</i>
5. Second point (Mở rộng thêm ý)	- As well as this... - To add to this... - In addition to this...	<i>In addition to this, I'm not really that fond of the public transport system. And I guess this is probably because (reason) the buses are too old and the seats are really hard, so long journeys are usually pretty bumpy.</i>

3. "What/What kinds of ..." questions

Question:

Structure	Example	Answer
1. Opening phrase	- Well actually... - Of course, you know... - Sure, obviously... - Of course, it goes without saying... - OK, certainly...	<i>Of course, it goes without saying that there's quite a mixed variety of public transport in my city.</i>
2. Overall	...there's a mixed variety of... ...there's an extensive diversity of... ...there's a wide range of... ...there's a diverse mixture... ...there's a broad range of...	<i>Of course, it goes without saying that there's quite a mixed variety of public transport in my city.</i>
3. Linking phrase + 1st point	- But I guess...would probably be... - However, I suppose...could possibly be... - Though I think...would potentially be... - Yet I imagine...may well be... - Still, I suspect that...could perhaps be...	<i>Though I think the most commonly-used would potentially be buses.</i>

4. Details	• The thing with...is that... • I assume...are so...because... • The point I want to add about... is that... • And what you have to realize with... is that... • And the explanation for this could be that... • And the basis of this is that...	<i>And the explanation for this could be that they are so cheap and reliable. The average bus fare in my city is about one yuan for a single journey.</i>
5. Linking phrase + 2nd point	• Besides... • As well as ... • In addition to ... • Another kind of ... would be... • Another form of...worth mentioning could be... • A second variety of...would be sth like... • A subsequent category would be sth like...	<i>As well as buses, a second variety of public transport would be something like taxis.</i>
6. Details	• And the main characteristic of ... is that... • And the unique aspect of ... is that... • And one exceptional aspect with ...is that...	<i>And one exceptional aspect with (taxis) is that they are certainly the quickest way to get around town. So if you're in a hurry then taxis are the best bet (= the best choice).</i>
7. Ending	• And of course there's the usual things like... • And obviously you can also find things like... • Likewise, as might be expected, there are things like... • And naturally, there are things like...	<i>Likewise, as might be expected, there's things like ferries, motorcycle taxis and trains, although these are not as widely-used as the first two that I mentioned.</i>

4. "How often" questions

- How often do you listen to music?
- Do you often watch TV?
- How often do you cook?

Question:

Structure	Example	Answer
1. Opening phrase	• Well to be honest... • Well in truth... • Actually to be fair... • Well in all fairness... • In actual fact... • In fact, in all honesty...	<i>Well to be honest, I think I would have to say that it really depends.</i>
2. "Depends" phrase	• ...I think I would have to say that it really depends. • ...I suppose I would have to maintain that it kind of depends really. • ...I imagine that it would depend on the situation. • ...I guess my answer would be determined by different conditions.	<i>Well to be honest, I think I would have to say that it really depends.</i>
3. Linking phrase + 1st point	• Like for instance... • More precisely like... • Like more specifically... • Like, to be more direct... • You know like, to be exact...	<i>Like for instance, if I have the money, then it's quite possible that I will watch a movie in the cinema, two or three times a month. You know cinema tickets are pretty pricey in China.</i>

4. Two different situations	• If... then I will most likely... • If... then it's quite possible than I will... • If... then as a consequence I will probably... • If... then I guess it's quite likely that I will	<i>Like for instance, if I have the money, then it's quite possible that I will watch a movie in the cinema, two or three times a month. You know cinema tickets are pretty pricey in China.</i>
5. Compare linking phrase	• Whereas in contrast... • Though, at the same time... • Whereas on the other hand... • While, oppositely...	Whereas in contrast , if I'm broke, it's more likely that I watch movies at home on DVD: you probably know that DVDs are quite cheap here, especially compared to the price of a cinema ticket.
6. Two another different situations	• If... then it's more likely that I'll... • If... then it's almost certain that I will... • If... then I will almost always... • If... then I will most certainly...	Whereas in contrast , if I'm broke, it's more likely that I watch movies at home on DVD: you probably know that DVDs are quite cheap here, especially compared to the price of a cinema ticket.

5. 5. "Important" questions

- Is it important for children to play sports?
- How important is birthdays in your country?
- Are computers important to you?

Question:

Structure	Example	Answer
1. Opening phrase	• Well in actual fact, if I think about it, I guess that in many ways... • OK, well in reality, I suppose that to some extent... • Alright, I guess that on the one hand... • Well certainly in some ways...	Well in actual fact , if I think about it, I guess that in many ways it's fairly important , especially when you consider that a healthy diet can help to prevent a variety of diseases and health problems such as diabetes and obesity.
2. Linking structure + "Yes" answer	• ...especially when you consider that... • ...particularly if you think about the point that... • ...especially with regard to the point that... • ...and this is definitely the case with...	Well in actual fact , if I think about it, I guess that in many ways it's fairly important; especially when you consider that a healthy diet can help to prevent a variety of diseases and health problems such as diabetes and obesity.
3. Linking structure + "No" answer	• But you also have to understand that... • Even so, you could also say that... • At the same time you could say that...	But you also have to understand that eating unhealthy food in moderation is not overly harmful. In fact unhealthy food is often tastier than healthy food so I guess it's fine to eat a little junk food now and then.
4. Ending	• So all in all I guess my answer would have to be yes and no. • So on the whole I suppose the answer has to be yes and no. • So all things considered I guess the answer is both yes and no. • So in the main, I suppose the answer is probably yes and no.	So all in all I guess my answer would have to be yes and no.

6. Questions with choices

- Do you prefer to live in a smaller or bigger family?
- Which do you prefer: a flat or a house?
- For a long trip, how do you prefer to travel?

Question:

Structure	Example	Answer
1. Opening phrase	• Well, in actual fact, if I think about it, it's hard to say. • Well, in reality, I suppose that there are advantages of both.	Well, it's hard to say. I think there are advantages of both.
2. "Depends" phrase	• ... I think I would have to say that it really depends. • ... I suppose I would have to emphasize that it kind of depends really. • I imagine that it would depend on the situation.	Well, it's hard to say. I think there are advantages of both.
3. 1 st situation + reason	• If ..., ... will definitely be better since ... • If ... then it's quite possible that • Like for instance, ...	If you go to the cinema, the film experience is definitely better since you can get better visual and sound quality.
4. 2 nd situation + reason	• At the same time, you could say that ... • Even so, you have to understand that ...	If you watch a movie at home, it is cheaper if you buy a DVD or download it on your computer. Nowadays, there are tons of platforms such as Netflix or HBO Go, which let you stream movies online with a reasonable price.
5. Add one more reason	• Besides, / Moreover, • Additionally, / In addition, • One more thing is that...	Besides, I can also pause the movie whenever I want, or replay the parts which I couldn't understand especially if it is in a foreign language.
6. Ending	• All in all, I guess my answer would have to be ... • On the whole, I suppose the answer has to be ... • All things considered, I guess the answer is ...	On the whole, I would prefer to watch movies at home rather than going to the cinema.

7. Questions about the past

Structures to talk about past events:

Q: When was the last time you visited a museum?

Answer 1: Ever since I **graduated and worked** as a researcher, **I've never had** a chance to visit any museum much as I **wish to**. I suppose **the last time I paid** one a visit **must have been** during my time at primary school. What a pity!

Answer 2: I can't really think of the answer for this question off the top of my head, perhaps because **it has been** such a long time since **the last time I went** to a museum. However, I don't think **I've ever paid** a visit to any place of such a kind after primary school.

Q: Did you go to any museums when you were a child?

Answer 1: I used to go to museums a lot. I mean, it was one of the 'compulsory' extracurricular activities that we had back in primary school. We went to a different museum each year with the whole school, and nobody was allowed to be absent from this annual activity, even if you were sick that day.

Answer 2: I did, very often actually. As I've said before, The Vietnam Museum of Ethology was my childhood! If my memory serves me well, it was 2007 spring when I first visited the place. I still remember vividly how amazed I was stepping into the museum!

Q: What are some recent changes in your local area?

Answer 1: My hometown developed significantly in the last twenty years. It became industrialized, which I think is beneficial to us residents and to our local economy since jobs have been generated. (However, the saddest thing about its development is that it brings so much pollution. I think we're paying the price now for converting our agricultural lands to industrial lands.)

Answer 2: There are numerous changes that have happened in my city. One of the most obvious changes is that our city was becoming more and more densely populated in the past five years since job opportunities are centered in our city. The living cost and noise pollution has become undeniably high, the quality of education has become more competitive, and many more. So basically, our city has progressed, but there are underlying issues that need to be improved.

8. Questions about the future

Structures to talk about future events:

Q: Is there anything you'd like to change in your life? / What do you plan to change next year?

Answer 1: Well, actually, I **intend to** change my eating habits because I **really want to** shed some extra pounds and live healthily. Just so you know, **I'm going to do** this for myself not because people judge me for being overweight. I just realized that it's high time to prioritize my health.

Answer 2: Well, let me think, I guess **I'd like to** change my perspective on life. Honestly, **I've been** so pessimistic about life, because I am afraid that **I may end up being disappointed if I think too positively**. However, lately, I realized that this is limiting myself and **I would not be** able to grow as a person. Hence, I think **I will train** my mind to change that way of thinking. Also, **I would need** to avoid thinking negatively as well.

Q: How useful will English be for your future?

Answer: Of course, it is always an advantage to know a foreign language like English, and I really think that it will be highly useful for my future because I am planning to move to an English speaking country for higher studies. Besides studies, English will surely help me communicate with people from other countries in my personal and professional life. Finally, knowing this language will help me read many books which are written only in English.

Q: How much travelling do you hope to do in the future?

Answer 1: I am planning to do a lot of travelling in my own country because it is a very beautiful country, and it has pretty much everything to offer. In the future, I would be able to do a lot of travelling to other foreign countries also because I should have more money and free time to spend after settling down with life and career.

Answer 2: As much as possible I wish. Since I was a child, I've always had a strong desire for travelling. Before reaching 30, I hope I will have visited at least three different countries. I want to see in person every corner of the world and get a broader view of life. I just hope the future will treat me well, and it would/will be great if my travel desire is fulfilled