

IELTS Speaking Exam: Part 2

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Read this Part 2 question. Give yourself one minute to plan your answer, making notes if you wish, then record yourself answering it. By now, you should be finding it easier to speak for two minutes on a topic.

Describe a hobby you enjoy.

You should say:

how long you have been doing it

how often you do it

what benefits you get from it

and explain why you enjoy it.

Now listen to the sample answer.

Grammar: Present perfect

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Read the rules and complete the example sentences.

We use the present perfect:

- 1 to talk about something that began in the past and continues now.

Complete the gaps with the present perfect and *for* with a period of time, and *since* with a point in time.

I _____ (live) in Granada _____ over ten years and have no plans to move.
I love it here.

I _____ (know) her _____ before she was famous. She hasn't changed at all.

- 2 to talk about something that happened at an unspecified time in the past.

Fill the gaps with *already*, *ever* and *never*.

Have you _____ been bungee jumping? – No, _____. Have you?

I've _____ told you. Don't borrow my clothes – you don't look after them!

- 3 to give up-to-date news without specifying when it happened.

Note that if we give more details, we usually change tenses.

The government _____ (announce) that a number of libraries are set to close over the next year. They _____ (make) the announcement at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday.