

E. SPEAKING

Exercise 1 : In the IELTS Speaking test, you can increase your *grammatical range* by using *collocations*. *Collocations* are words or phrases which, when used together, form a new word. Match the words to make collocations related to the topic festivals.

day

dress

festival

holidays

movies

products

1 film

2 black and white

3 Easter

4 local

5 traditional

6 national

Exercise 2 :

Read the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card. Then complete part of the student's answer with the correct collocations. Watch the video and check your answers. (▶ Video 8.1)

Describe an important festival (a big celebration or special event) that takes place in your country.

You should say:

when the festival takes place

what happens at the festival

whether you enjoy the festival

and explain why the festival is important in your country

... It's called the Far East Film Festival. It's a _____ festival of course and it's about old, _____ Asian movies. It's usually around the _____ holidays, and it lasts ten days. Every day, you can watch four or five movies from across Asia, so Chinese but also Korean and Japanese. ... It's very nice because there is a market where you can buy local _____, and fairs where people dress up in _____ Japanese dress. ... I really enjoy this festival because it's very ... interesting. The only thing that is a little bit difficult is the movies are in the original _____.

Exercise 4 : Read the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card. The task card is about the present (see words in bold), so the student's answer should use the present simple. Complete the student's answer using the words in the box. Notice that the answer uses relative clauses, and includes words for adding information. Then watch the video and check your answers.

Describe an important festival (a big celebration or special event) that **takes place** in your country.

You should say:

when the festival takes place
what happens at the festival
whether you enjoy the festival
and explain why the festival is important in your country.

because

every day

just

of course

that

that

usually

where

- 1 I would like to talk about a festival [] is every year in my hometown.
- 2 It's called the Far East Film Festival, and it's a movie festival, [].
- 3 It is [] around the Easter holidays.
- 4 It's very nice because [] you can watch four or five movies.
- 5 There is a fair [] people dress up in traditional Japanese dress.
- 6 You feel that you're not in Italy anymore and it's [] like you're in China, for example.
- 7 I really enjoy this festival [] it's very ... interesting.
- 8 The only thing [] is a little bit difficult is the movies are in the original language.

Exercise 5 :

Read the IELTS Speaking Part 2 task card. Then watch the video and notice the errors the student makes. Correct the student's errors. There are 11 errors. (📺 Video 8.2)

Describe an important festival (a big celebration or special event) that takes place in your country.

You should say:

when the festival takes place

what happens at the festival

whether you enjoy the festival

and explain why the festival is important in your country.

- 1 In the 1923, they announce that Turkey is a republic. (3 mistakes)
- 2 Every year, we celebrate this moment in the 29th of the November. (2 mistakes)
- 3 There is lots of shows and celebrations.
- 4 They also talk about the history of Turkey in this day.
- 5 I enjoy this festival because it remembers people that they are living in a republic.
- 6 I usually go to the stadium for celebrating this national day.
- 7 That's why this day important.
- 8 It's one of the greatest moment of our history

Exercise 6 : In the IELTS Speaking test, the examiner is checking *grammatical range and accuracy*. This means you should correctly use a variety of verbs and tenses. Complete the examiner's IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions with the correct verbs.

- 1 We've been talking about celebrations and special events and I'd like to discuss/ debates with you one or two more general questions related to this.
- 2 Let's consider/ mention, first of all, public holidays. Are there many public holidays in your country?
- 3 How could we remind/ remember people of the real reasons behind public holidays?
- 4 Do schools teach children about the reasons for particular/ in particular celebrations in your country?
- 5 Let's think about special events. What sort of special events are organized/ arranged in the city where you live?
- 6 Are there fewer people celebrating this festival now because it remains/ refers to the past?
- 7 Do you think that local councils should fund/play special events for the community?
- 8 What is it that makes/ gets a big public event successful?

Exercise 7:

Complete the conversation from IELTS Speaking Part 3. Use the verbs in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers. (📺 Video 8.3)

celebrate consider fought fund refers related remember
remind rest survived

- 1 **Examiner:** We've been talking about celebrations and special events and I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. Let's _____ first of all public holidays. Are there many public holidays in your country?

Student: Yes, there are, because we have a lot of Christian holidays, of course, and then all the holidays that are _____ to our country ...

- 2 **Examiner:** Why is it important to have public holidays, do you think?

Student: ... I think they are the most important holidays because, ... first of all, they can remind us about our past, ... and also it's a good thing because you can _____ a little bit.

- 3 **Examiner:** So, how could we _____ people of the real reasons behind public holidays?

Student: ... The most important thing that we can do ... is invite all the people to come and _____ in public spaces and remember then why we are celebrating.

- 4 **Examiner:** Let's think now about special events. What sort of special events are organised in the city where you live?

Student: Well, the most important one is about ... a military group that _____ in the First World War ...

- 5 **Examiner:** So are there fewer people celebrating this now because it _____ to the past?

Student: Yes, ... but all the children of these people and also those that _____ are always there ...

- 6 **Examiner:** Do you think that local councils should _____ special events for the community?

Student: Yes, I think that it's important because if there is a big celebration then maybe more people will come and _____ ... our history.

Exercise 8: Look at the words in bold in the examiner's IELTS Speaking Part 3 questions. Match the definitions in the box with the words.

Examiner:

*We've been talking about celebrations and special events and I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. Let's **consider**, first of all, public holidays. Are there many **public holidays** in your country?*

*Why is it **important** to have public holidays do you think?*

*How could we **remind** people of the real reasons behind public holidays?*

*Do schools teach children about the reasons for **particular** celebrations in your country?*

*Let's think now about special **events**. What sort of special events are **organised** in the city where you live?*

*So are there fewer people celebrating this now because it **refers** to the past?*

*Do you think that local councils should **fund** special events for the community?*

*What is it that makes a big public event **successful**?*

a day when almost everyone in a particular country does not go to work/school

achieving the results wanted or hoped for

anything that happens, especially something important or unusual

necessary or of great value

special, or this and not any other

to make arrangements for something to happen

to make someone think of something they have forgotten or might have forgotten

to provide the money to pay for an event, activity or organisation

to relate to a person or thing

to spend time thinking about a possibility or making a decision

1 consider: _____

2 public holiday: _____

3 important: _____

- 4 remind:
- 5 particular:
- 6 event:
- 7 organise:
- 8 refer:
- 9 fund:
- 10 successful:

Exercise 10 : You are going to do IELTS Speaking Parts 1, 2 and 3. You will need some paper and a pencil.

Part 1

- What events were your family celebrating when you were growing up?
- How are weddings usually celebrated in your culture?
- Have you ever organized a family celebration?
- Do you generally enjoy family celebration?

Part 2

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whether you enjoy the festival

and explain why the festival is important in your country.

Part 3

- Are there many public holidays in your country?
- Why is it important to have public holidays?
- How are people reminded of the real reasons behind public holidays?
- What sort of special events are organised in the city where you live?
- Do you think that local councils should fund special events for the community?