

Sample IELTS Speaking Topics

In Part 2 of the IELTS Speaking Module, you need to give a short talk, of about 1-2 minutes, on a simple topic. The questions do not require any specific knowledge, but are based on personal experience. You are handed a card with the topic and you have one minute to prepare your talk. You can make notes and use these notes during your monologue. The examiner will not ask you any questions during this part of the test, so you must know how to answer all parts of the question you are given and speak fluently for a few minutes by yourself. Sample IELTS Speaking Module topics (for Part 2) are given below. It is quite likely that you will be given one of these topics or something very similar, so make sure you can speak confidently and clearly on each one.

Describe an artist or entertainer you admire.

You should say:

- Who they are and what they do
- How they became successful
- How you found out about them
- And explain why you admire them

Describe a subject you enjoyed studying at school.

You should say:

- When and where you started studying it
- What lessons were like
- What made the subject different from other subjects
- And explain why you enjoyed the subject
- Describe an important choice you had to make in your life.
- You should say:

- When you had this choice
- What you had to choose between
- Whether you made a good choice
- And explain how you felt when you were making this choice

Describe a job you have done.

You should say:

- How you got the job
- What the job involved
- How long the job lasted
- Describe how well you did the job

Describe an area of countryside you know and like.

You should say:

- Where it is
- What its special features are
- What you and other people do in this area
- And explain why you like it
- Describe an object you particularly like.
- You should say:
 - What it is and what it looks like
 - What it is made of
 - What it is for
 - And explain why it is special for you

Describe a newspaper or magazine you enjoy reading.

You should say:

- What kind of newspaper / magazine it is
- Which parts of it you read regularly

- When and where you read it
- Explain why you enjoy reading it
- Describe something healthy you enjoy doing.
- You should say:
- What you do
- Where you do it
- Who you do it with
- And explain why you think doing this is healthy

Describe a game or sport you enjoy playing.

You should say:

- What kind of sport it is
- Who you play it with
- Where you play it
- And explain why you enjoy playing it
- Describe someone in your family who you like.
- You should say:
- How this person is related to you
- What this person looks like
- What kind of person he/she is
- And explain why you like this person

Describe a museum or art gallery that you have visited.

You should say:

- Where it is
- Why you went there
- What you particularly remember about the place.
- Describe an enjoyable event that you experienced when you were at school.
- You should say:
- When it happened

- What was good about it
- Why you particularly remember this event.

Describe a song or piece of music you like.

You should say:

- What the song or music is
- What kind of song or music it is
- Where you first heard it
- And explain why you like it

Describe a festival that is important in your country.

You should say:

- When the festival occurs
- What you did during it
- What you like or dislike about it
- And explain why this festival is important