

IELTS

LESSON 2 – SPEAKING PART 1

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IELTS Pro Tip #1 – Enthusiasm

- ▶ Show enthusiasm to talk
- ▶ Show the examiner that you want to talk a lot
- ▶ Be positive and try to talk a lot about each question
- ▶ Add details
 - ▶ Who / what / when / where / why
- ▶ Enthusiasm could improve your score



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Warm-up

PART 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Neighbours

- How often do you see your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you invite your neighbours to your home? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you think you are a good neighbour? [Why/Why not?]
- Has a neighbour ever helped you? [Why/Why not?]

Questionnaire results



Speaking Part 1 Overview

- ▶ 4-5mins
- ▶ Personal questions
 - ▶ Home or Study
 - ▶ 3 questions
 - ▶ Familiar topics
 - ▶ 2 topics
 - ▶ 4 questions each
- ▶ Examiner can only ask scripted questions and “Why?”

Home and study questions

Home

- ▶ Where are you living at the moment? [Why?]
- ▶ What do you like about the place you are living now? [Why?]
- ▶ Do you think you will live in a different place in the future? [Why? / Why not?]

Study

- ▶ What do you study? [Why?]
- ▶ What do you like about your studies? [Why? / Why not?]
- ▶ What would you like to do after you finish your studies? [Why?]

Fluency an Coherence Tip – A-R-E

A – Clearly **A**nswer the question

▶ Use the question to help you

R – Give a **R**eason

▶ It's because / One reason is / This is because / The reason why is that

E – Support with a story from your **E**xperience

▶ For example / For instance / Actually / In fact / I remember one time

A-R-E Example

What do you like about the place you are living now?

A – I like that there are lots of shops near my house

R – This is because I can get what I want anytime

E – Actually, last week, I needed a new desk, so I went to the Nitori furniture store near my house. There were many desks to choose from and I could get one that I liked. It was very convenient.

TIP: A good way to get an answer is to think of your experience first

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Grammar Advice – Verb tense

- ▶ Use the correct verb tense for the question

Past Tense

- ▶ Did you prefer playing team or individual sports when you were a child?

Present tense

- ▶ Do you often wear sunglasses?

Future

- ▶ Would you like to learn to play a musical instrument?

Past topics - Sports

- ▶ Did you prefer playing team or individual sports when you were a child? [Why? / Why not?]

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Past topics - Sports

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1. I preferred playing team sports
 2. I liked to playing individual sports

Past topics - Sports

- ▶ Did you prefer playing team or individual sports when you were a child? [Why? / Why not?]
- 1. I preferred playing team sports
- 2. I liked to play individual sports
- 3. I didn't enjoy team sports or individual sports
- 4. I was keen on both team and individual sports

A-R-E example

A - I liked playing team sports

R- The reason why is that I like playing with other people.

E - For example, when I was in Junior high school, I was a member of the local rugby team. I had many friends in the team and it was a very good feeling when we won the game

Present – topics Sunglasses

Do you often wear sunglasses [Why? / Why not?]

How many ways are there to answer this question?

Present – topics Sunglasses

Do you often wear sunglasses [Why? / Why not?]

never

rarely

I **sometimes** wear sunglasses

often

always

A-R-E Example

A – **I never wear** sunglasses

R – **It's because** I am very forgetful and always lose them

E – **I remember one time many years ago** I spent 10,000 yen on a good pair of sunglasses and I lost them the next day. I felt very bad.

Vocabulary Tip – Upgrade simple words

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- ▶ Like
- ▶ Good
- ▶ Bad
- ▶ Very

Vocabulary Tip – Upgrade simple words

- ▶ Try to use more sophisticated versions of common simple words
- ▶ Like – enjoy / appreciate / be fond of
- ▶ Good – Brilliant / excellent / superb
- ▶ Bad – Terrible / awful / dreadful
- ▶ Very – extremely / incredibly / surprisingly / remarkably

A-R-E Example

A – I never wear sunglasses

R – It's because I am very forgetful and always lose them

E – I remember one time many years ago I spent 10,000 yen on a good pair of sunglasses and I lost them the next day. I felt very bad.

How could this answer be upgraded?

A-R-E Example

A – I never wear sunglasses

R – It's because I am **very extremely** forgetful and **always frequently** lose them

E – I remember one time **many several** years ago I spent 10,000 yen on a **good luxurious** pair of sunglasses and I lost them the next day. I felt **very-bad terrible**.

Future topics - Music

- ▶ **Would** you like to learn to play a musical instrument (in the future)? [Why? / Why not?]

How many ways can you answer this question?

Future topics - Music

- ▶ **Would** you like to learn to play a musical instrument (in the future)?
[Why? / Why not?]

Yes, I think I would like to play a musical instrument in the future

No, I don't think I would like to play a musical instrument

Actually, I already play a musical instrument

ARE Example

Yes, I think I would like to play a musical instrument in the future

It's because playing a instrument would be really cool.

Actually, I love rock music like the Beatles and David Bowie so I would love to play the guitar. But, I think it would be really hard.

Strange Questions

Do you eat food everyday?

Yes, I do.

Why?

Why do I eat food?
What a strange question!
Why are they asking me this?



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ARE Example

Yes, I eat food everyday but I try not to eat too much

One reason is I think it is important to eat well everyday to live a healthy life.

In fact, I have recently started a diet to lose some weight and I try not to eat anything after 7 o'clock.

Unexpected Questions

Do you ever look at the sky?

I've never thought
about that!



Unexpected Questions - Experience

Do you ever look at the sky?

When have I seen
a beautiful sky



Unexpected Questions - Experience



ARE Example

Yes, I often **enjoy looking at the sky**

Because the sky can be very beautiful, especially when it is sunset.

For instance, I often go to watch the sunset from the top of a department store near my house. On a clear day, I can see Mount Fuji. It looks spectacular with the blues and oranges in the sunset



Tips review

1. Use A-R-E to express clear and detailed ideas
 - ▶ Try to start by thinking of an interesting story from your experience
2. Practice giving answers in the past, present & future tenses
3. Upgrade simple common words like good & very to more sophisticated words
4. Remember, take every opportunity to show your best English on every question

Practice

PART 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Social media

- Which social media websites do you use?
- How much time do you spend on social media sites? [Why/Why not?]
- What kind of information about yourself have you put on social media? [Why/Why not?]
- Is there anything you don't like about social media? [Why?]

Pronunciation Advice

- ▶ When you practice repeat your answers many times
- ▶ Relax and be casual (to an extent!)
- ▶ Try to imagine you are talking with a friend
- ▶ Avoid a monotone
- ▶ Try to sound like you are enjoying the conversation

- ▶ These things will help you to speak more smoothly and naturally

Self Study advice



Check this video for an overview and extra information about the test

- ▶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aZqrJbHH8k&ab_channel=IELTSAdvantage

Check this page for an example test and practice questions

- ▶ <https://www.ieltsadvantage.com/2015/05/18/ielts-speaking-topics-part-1/>

- ▶ Check the part 2 question on p52 and prepare an answer

- ▶ Complete the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/WCjUkeQfWLyThkUS7>

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