

IELTS

LESSON 4

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Questionnaire

- ▶ I know that participants need to talk a lot, but specifically, how long should I talk about each topic in part 1?
- ▶ I sometimes feel like my speech going nowhere. I try to keep talking as much as I can, but as I go further, I got this feeling that there is no coherence between every sentence I say.
- ▶ Can I ask the examiner question that topic I mentioned in order to confirm if he knows what I say? E.G. Have you ever seen that movie?

Review

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Warm-up – p52 & 74

PART 2

Describe something you liked very much which you bought for your home.

You should say:

what you bought

when and where you bought it

why you chose this particular thing

and explain why you liked it so much.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 2

Describe a very difficult task that you succeeded in doing as part of your work or studies.

You should say:

what task you did

why this task was very difficult

how you worked on this task

and explain how you felt when you had successfully completed this task.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

Part 3 – Discussion – 5 minutes

- ▶ **The examiner will ask you questions about 2 topics**
 - ▶ The topics will always be related to the topic you talked about in your speech
- ▶ **The examiner will usually ask you 1 follow-up question for each scripted question.**
 - ▶ These questions could be anything.
- ▶ **All of the questions will be about society in general**
 - ▶ Many of the questions might be about your home country
 - ▶ you should try not talk about yourself in this section.
- ▶ **This is a discussion so you should try to use more formal language than part 1**

Common question types

There are 4 main question types

1. **Identifying** – main trends / reasons
2. **Comparisons & Advantage /disadvantage**
3. **Opinion** – Agree or disagree / Comment on
4. **Speculating on the future**

Identifying questions

1. Which invention has transformed your country **most?**
2. Why do people like watching television?

Tip: Develop Flexibility of thought

- ▶ **When you practice try to think of many answers**
- ▶ How many answers can you think for these questions?



Identifying questions

Which invention has transformed your country most?

▶ **Cars / internet / smartphone / air conditioner**

Why do people like watching television?

▶ News

▶ Entertainment

▶ Large screen

Part 3 Structure - ORE

- ▶ **Give an opinion**

- ▶ Generally speaking, I think.. / In my opinion / To be honest, I'm not sure but I think...

- ▶ **Give a reason (Not always necessary)**

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

- ▶ **Give an example (Absolutely necessary)**

- ▶ For example / For instance / To give you an example / Many people would say that

ORE Example

- ▶ Which invention has transformed your country most?

Opinion

In my opinion the internet has transformed not just my country but the world.

Reason

It's mainly because now I can find out information anytime I want

Example

For example, I like Yahoo News so if I want to find out the latest news, I go to this website and I can read the latest information immediately

Is this a good answer?

ORE Example – Speak generally

- ▶ Which invention has transformed your country most?

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Example

For example, **many people in Japan** like to use Yahoo News so if **someone** wants to find out the latest news, **they** can read the latest information immediately on this website

Opinions

Good/bad & Agree/Disagree

Should people share their photographs online?

- ▶ **In my opinion**, it's ok for people to share their photos online
- ▶ **I strongly believe that** people should not share their photos online

What do think about the way languages are taught in schools in your country?

- ▶ **In general, I think** languages are taught well in schools in Japan.
- ▶ **Personally speaking, I believe** the way languages are taught in school is not so good
- ▶ **I'm not sure, but I think** language education in Japan has both good points and bad points

Think of as many ideas as you can on both sides

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Should people share their photographs online?

Should	Shouldn't
Share emotions Share information	Privacy Dangerous

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Good	Bad
Reading skills Listening skill	Teacher pronuciation

Opinions – Good/bad & Agree / Disagree

Should people share their photographs online?

- ▶ **In my opinion, it's ok** for **people** to share their photos online. **One reason is** this is a good way to communicate with your friends. **For example, many people in Japan** post pictures on Instagram. This is a fun and easy way to share what **you** are doing everyday.
- ▶ **I strongly believe that people** should not share their photos online. **This is because** it can be dangerous. **For instance, I have heard that some people** have become the victims of stalkers by posting their pictures on social media. **People** should be very careful about posting their private information online.

Comparisons / Advantage disadvantage

What are the pros and cons of doing a part time job for university students?

- ▶ **I think many would say a benefit of** doing a part time job is... {Example}.
However, a big drawback is... {Example}

In what ways is living in the city different from living in the countryside?

- ▶ **Speaking generally, I think** living in the city **tends to be**... {Example}
Whereas, living in countryside **is**... {Example}

Opinions

Good/bad & Agree/Disagree

University Part-time jobs

Good points	Negative points

Differences of living in the countryside and city

Countryside	City

Comparisons / Advantage disadvantage

What are the pros and cons of doing a part time job for university students?

- ▶ **I think many would say a benefit of** doing a part time job is **students** can learn many useful skills. **For instance, they** can learn how to cook if they work at a restaurant. **However, a big drawback is** it could have a bad effect on **their** studies if **they** work too much. **For example, Students** might be sleepy in class if **they** work late at night.

In what ways is living in the city be different from living in the countryside?

- ▶ **Speaking generally, I think** living in the city **tends to be more exciting. For example, people** can see many shows and events **in Tokyo. Whereas,** living in countryside **is quieter. For instance,** there are fewer people and cars, and there is a lot of beautiful nature so **we** can feel **more relaxed**

Pronunciation Tip: Stress & Intonation

Put a small stress on important words

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Future

Do you think people will be more or less healthy in the future?

- ▶ **It's hard to say but I think that** people will be (more/less) healthy in the future.
{Reason/Example}

What changes do you think will happen to the environment in the future?

- ▶ **I can't be sure but I think** the environment will (improve/deteriorate) in the future.
{Reason/Example}

Try to think of ideas for both sides

Use fillers for difficult questions

Using fillers can give you time to think

- ▶ Well, Let me think about that a moment.
- ▶ Hmm, that's an interesting question.
- ▶ That's a tough question, but...

Don't use them too much!

Phrases to avoid

Avoid any phrases that make it look like you don't know what to say

- ▶ I've never thought about that..
- ▶ I don't know how to say it well in English, but...
- ▶ What's the word in English?
- ▶ Oh, sorry, that was a mistake

Future

Do you think people will be more or less healthy in the future?

Hmmm, that's an interesting question. Let me think about that a moment. Well, It's hard to say **but I think that** people will be more healthy in the future, **because** recently there are more and more chances to exercise. For instance, there are now many 24 hour exercise gyms **all over Tokyo**, so **people** can go and work out anytime they like.

Hmmm, That's a tough question. Let me see. Well I can't be sure **but I think** that people will be less healthy in the future, **because** junk food is becoming more and more popular. **For example**, in the center of Tokyo, **you** can find McDonalds restaurants everywhere. I think that **people** do not care about their diet as much as they used to.

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Practice question

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Creating a nice home

Example questions:

- Why do some people buy lots of things for their home?
- Do you think it is very expensive to make a home look nice?
- Why don't some people care about how their home looks?

Different types of home

Example questions:

- In what ways is living in a flat/apartment better than living in a house?
- Do you think homes will look different in the future?
- Do you agree that the kinds of homes people prefer change as they get older?

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Difficult jobs

Example questions:

- What are the most difficult jobs that people do?
- Why do you think some people choose to do difficult jobs?
- Do you agree or disagree that all jobs are difficult sometimes?

Personal and career success

Example questions:

- How important is it for everyone to have a goal in their personal life?
- Is it always necessary to work hard in order to achieve career success?
- Do you think that successful people are always happy people?

Homework

- ▶ **Prepare answers for the part 3 warm-up**
 - ▶ Use the questions on the same page as your Part 2 speech (P52 or p74)
- ▶ **In the next class we will review the key points for each part of the test and do a practice test:**
 - ▶ Review the class slides
 - ▶ Prepare answers for the questions on p96
- ▶ **Complete the Questionnaire**
 - ▶ <https://forms.gle/uaTjdvDwgY6PC78c9>

Part 1 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**

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