

# IELTS

## LESSON 4

# Plan for the next 5 days

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1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to the IELTS speaking
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# Questionnaire

- ▶ Thanks to many advices, I could talk more continuously than before.
- ▶ I try to make some stories for the topic.
- ▶ Is the most useful way to be able to pronounce with intonation just practice?
- ▶ Making a story to speak 2 minutes is a good way! I try to think about a consistent story.
- ▶ I want to know what to say when I am thinking. For example "well..."
- ▶ Thank you for teaching! When I looked at the notes, I made less frequent eye contact with the listener. How important is eye contact in the speaking part 2?
- ▶ I can't understand to answer and difficult for me.
- ▶ How to change the topic? When I want to change the topic from the movie story to the place where I watch that.
- ▶ Writing key words and details is the significant to talk for 2 minutes

# Review

- 1. Read the question carefully**
  - ▶ Think about an answer that you have lots of stories to share
- 2. Use a grid and make short notes of each story**
  - ▶ Write only 1 or 2 words for each point
- 3. Use conjunctions and relative pronouns to make complex sentences**
  - ▶ 1 or 2 is enough
- 4. Use descriptive adjectives to improve your vocabulary**
  - ▶ Again 1 or 2 is enough
- 5. Use chunking for smooth pronunciation**
  - ▶ Conjunctions and relative pronouns are a good place to chunk

# 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

# 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?

▶ **Air conditioner**

Why do people like watching television?

▶ **See Movies**

# IELTS Pro Tip – Test attitude

- ▶ Have a good test attitude
- ▶ The test is **NOT** testing your ideas and opinions
- ▶ The test is testing your ability to communicate in English
- ▶ Think of the test like a performance
- ▶ Make every question into a good question
  - ▶ ALWAYS speak in full sentences
  - ▶ Try to give extended answers
  - ▶ Show confidence



# 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?**

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# ORE Example – Speak generally

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## Opinion

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

## Reason

**It's mainly because** now **people** can find out information anytime **they** want

## 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
- ▶ **I think** it is ok to share photos in some situations

### 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**

# Opinions

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Should	Shouldn't

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Good	Bad

# 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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# 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!**

# Comparisons / Advantage disadvantage

- ▶ **Hmm, that's an interesting question. Let me think about that for a moment...** I think many would say a benefit of doing a part time job is students can learn many useful skills.
- ▶ **That's a tough question... I'm not sure but** speaking generally, I think living in the city tends to be more exciting.

# 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

# Part 3 Tips Review

- 1. Develop a flexible mind**
  - ▶ When you practice try to think of many answers for each question
- 2. Practice answering the main Question types**
  - ▶ Identifying / Comparisons / Opinions
- 3. Use ORE to give logical answers**
  - ▶ Start with you knowledge about the topic
  - ▶ Speak generally and formally **(try not to talk about personal experiences)**
- 4. Try to put a small stress on important words**
  - ▶ This will improve your pronunciation score

# Practice question P52 & 74

## 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?

**Look at the questions for test 4 on p96**

# Self Study



# Building vocabulary

# Quizlet

## ▶ Make word lists of common IELTS topics

- ▶ Education / Sports / Media / Environment / Society / Leisure / Health
- ▶ Quizlet - <https://quizlet.com/>

The image shows a screenshot of a Quizlet word card for the word "representative". The card is annotated with several callouts:

- representative**: The word itself, highlighted in a red box.
- Japanese translation**: A purple callout pointing to the Japanese text "代表者、代理人" (Daihyōsha, Dairinin), which is also in a red box.
- Definition in English**: A purple callout pointing to the definition: "someone who has been chosen to speak, vote, or make decisions for someone else", which is in a red box.
- Appropriate image**: A purple callout pointing to a photograph of a legislative chamber (like the US House of Representatives) with an American flag, which is in a red box.
- Synonyms**: A purple callout pointing to the synonym "SYN delegate", which is in a red box.

Additional features on the card include a star icon for favoriting and a speaker icon for audio playback.

# Homework

- ▶ **Prepare answers for the part 3 warm-up on P52 and p74**
  - ▶ Review the class slides
- ▶ **Prepare answers for the questions on p96**
- ▶ **Open a free Quizlet account and make a set of vocabulary from the textbook**
  - ▶ <https://quizlet.com/>
- ▶ **Complete the Questionnaire**
  - ▶ <https://forms.gle/aUSH1rH9D7VB9wM89>

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