

IELTS Speaking Topics, Sep to Dec 2020

Part 1 Change

Have you changed a lot since your childhood?

What do you plan to change next year?

Do you like the changes? Why?

Are there any changes in your hometown?

Part 1 Clothes

What's your favorite color of clothes?

What kind of clothes do you never wear?

What kind of clothes do you usually wear?

Do you wear the same style of clothes on weekdays and weekends?

Part1 Concentration

When do you need to be focused?

What may distract you when you're trying to stay focused?

What do you do to help you concentrate?

Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?

Part 1 Furniture

Do you have a lot of furniture in your home?

Are there anyone who bought furniture for you?

What kind of furniture would you like to buy?

Which furniture do you like best in your home?

Part 1 Handwriting

Do you often write with a pen?

Can we tell someone's personality from his or her handwriting?

What's the difference of writing with a pen and typing on a computer?

Is your handwriting easy to read for other people?

Part 1 List

Do you make a list when you shop?

Do you make a list for your work? (Does it work?)

Why don't some people like making lists?

Part 1 Picnic

Did you go on a picnic when you were a child?

How often do you go on a picnic now?

Where do you go on a picnic?

What is the difference between picnic and cooking at home?

Part 1 Sport

What sports did you do when you were a kid?

What's your favorite sport? Why?

Do you watch sport matches? Why?

Are you a fan of any sport teams? Why?

Part 1 Text Message

Do you like texting?

Do you prefer sending or receiving messages?

Have you ever received a confusing text message?

In what circumstances is making a phone call better than sending a text message?

Part 1 In a hurry

What do you always do in a hurry ? Why?

What kind of things would you never do in a hurry ?

Do you usually go out in a hurry?

Do you like to be in a hurry?

Part 1 Weekend

What do you usually do on weekends?

Did you do anything special last weekend?

What will you do next weekend?

What do other people in your hometown usually do on weekends?

Part 1 Recycle

Do you recycle now? Why?

Did you recycle when you were a kid?

Will you recycle in the future?

What kind of things do you recycle?

Part 1 Insect

How do you like insects?

Are there many different insects where you live?

Do you think insects are useful?

Part1 Stay up late

Do you often stay up late?

What do you do when you stay up late?

How do you feel when you have stayed up late the night before?

Is it important to have a good sleeping quality?

Part 1 Making a list

Do you like making a list when you go shopping?

Do you like making a list when you are working (studying)?

Why do some people hate making lists?

Part 1 Clothes

What kind of clothes do you often wear in daily life?

Is there any difference between the clothes you wear on weekends and weekdays?

Is there any color you dislike when buying clothes?

What's your favorite color of clothes?

Part 1 Fish

Do you like fishing?

Why do some people like fishing?

Do you like eating fish?

Where can you see fish?

Part 1 Animals

Have you ever seen any wild animals before?

Do you like to go to the zoo?

Have you ever kept pets?

Part 1 Friends

What kinds of people do you like to make friends with?

Do you think you are a good friend for others?

What do you think makes good friends?

Do you keep in contact with friends from your childhood?

Part 1 Famous people

Have you ever met famous people?

What kind of famous person are you interested in?

If you have chance, which famous person you would like to visit?

Do you want to become famous?

Part 1 Borrowing/Lending

Have you borrowed books from others?

Have you ever borrowed money from others?

Do you like to lend things to others?

How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?

Part 1 Gifts

What's the best present or gift you have ever received?

Do you give expensive gifts?

What do you give others as gifts?

What kinds of gifts are popular in your country?

Part 1 Jokes and comedies

Are you good at telling jokes?
Do your friends like to tell jokes?
Do you like to watch comedies?
Have you ever watched a live show?

Part1 Home/Accommodation

What do you usually do in your flat?
What room does your family spend most of the time in?
Can you describe the place where you live?
What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?
Do you plan to live there for a long time?
How long have you lived there?
What part of your home do you like the most?
Please describe the room you live in.
Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?
Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

Part 1 Work/Study

Do you miss being a student?
Do you like your job?
Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?
Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?
Are you looking forward to working?
Do you like your subject?
Why did you choose to study that subject?
What subjects are you studying?

Part 1 Hometown

Is that a big city or a small place?
Is there anything you dislike about it?
What do you like (most) about your hometown?
Do you like living there?
Do you like your hometown?
How long have you been living there?
Please describe your hometown a little.
Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

Part 1 The area you live in

Do you like the area that you live in?
What are some changes in the area recently?
Do you know any famous people in your area?
Where do you like to go there?

Part 1 Movies

What's your favorite movie?

Do your friends like this movie?

Do you want to be a movie star?

What kinds of movies do you think young people like?

Part 1 Newspaper & Magazine

Do you prefer to read newspaper or magazine?

Do you prefer to read news online or on newspaper?

What do you think of newspapers?

What are the differences between newspapers and magazines?

Part 1 Public transport

Do people usually use public transportation in your country ?

What kind of public transport do people in your country use the most? Why?

What do you want to change about the public transport?

Will you ride public transportation in the future? why?

Part 1 Shopping

Do you like shopping?

Do you compare prices when you shop? Why?

Is it difficult for you to make choices (when you shop)?

Do you think expensive products are always better than cheaper ones?

Part 1 Discussion

What do you like to talk about?

Have your discussion topics changed since you were a child?

Do you change your opinion frequently?

Do you prefer to talk or to listen?

Part1 Tidiness

Are you a tidy person?

How do you keep things tidy?

Do you think people should be tidy all the time?

Are you tidier at work(school) or at home?

Part 1 Stages of life

Do you enjoy your current stage of life?

In which stage of your life were you the happiest?

Which stage of your life do you think is the most important?

What's your plan for your next stage of life?

Part 2-Part3**Part 2 Describe an enjoyable dinner that you had with friends**

You should say:

Who organized it

What you ate

What you talked about

And explain why you enjoyed it

Part 3

Why do people like to have food on special occasions?

What's the difference between eating at home and eating out on special occasions?

What nation identity can be seen in a nation's culinary?

Why do global leaders like to gather around for dinner?

Part 2 Describe a time when you saw children behaved badly in public

You should say

Where it was

What the children were doing

How others reacted to it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What bad behavior do children usually have?

How should parents stop their children from behaving badly in public?

Are parents these days stricter than those in the past?

Whose influence on children is more important? Friends' or parents'?

Part 2 Describe an intelligent person you know

You should say

Who this person is

How you know this person

What this person does

And explain why you think this person is intelligent

Part 3

Why are some children more intelligent than others?

Who do you think plays a more important role in a child's development, teachers or parents?

Do you think smart people tend to be selfish?

Are smart people happier than others?

Part 2 Describe an expensive activity that you enjoy doing occasionally

You should say

What it is

Who you do it with

Why it is expensive

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What kind of expensive things do people like to buy?
What's the difference between women and men in buying things?
What are the advantages and disadvantages about being rich?
Why are some sports expensive? Are they for everyone?

Part 2 Describe a person who often helps others

You should say:
Who this person is
How he helps others
Why he helps others
And how you feel about this person

Part 3

Why are some people willing to help others?
In what kinds of professions do people help others more?
Who should teach children to help others? Parents or teachers?
Do people nowadays help others more than in the past?

Part 2 Describe a family(not your own) which you like and are happy to know

You should say
Who are they
Where they live
How you knew them
And explain why you like them

Part 3

Who is usually the leader in a Chinese family?
How do grandparents take care of grandchildren?
What's the most important quality of parents?
How can new parents learn about parenting?

Part 2 Describe the time when you first talked in a foreign language

You should say
Where you were
Who you were with
What you talked about
And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

At what age should children start learning a foreign language?
Which skill is more important, speaking or writing ?
Does a person still need to learn other languages, if he or she is good at English?
Do you think minority languages will disappear?

Part 2 Describe a prize that you received

You should say

What it was

When you received it

What you did for it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What kind of prizes do students get?

Should students get the same prize in sports and academics?

Why should people be awarded?

Are awards always good for the winners?

Part 2 Describe a conversation topic that you were not interested in

Who you talked with

When you had the conversation

What the topic was

And explain why you were not interested

Part 3

What topics do young people in China talk about?

What's the difference between the topics popular now and those in the past?

How do you know if others are not interested in your conversation?

What's the influence of modern technology, such as the internet and e-mails, on our communication?

Part 2 Describe an area of science (physics, biology, psychology, etc.) that interests you

You should say

What it is

When you knew it

How you learned it

And explain why you are interested

Part 3

What's the best invention in the past one hundred years?

What's the influence of science on human life?

What can individuals do for scientific research?

What influence can international cooperation in science bring about?

Part 2 Describe a time when you received good news

You should say:

What the news was

Who told you the news

When you knew it

And how you felt about it

Part3

Where do people get news?

What kind of news do people like to read? Why?

How can companies tell the public its news? On the internet or through press conference?

What do you think of the news on social media?

Part 2 Describe an energetic person that you know

You should say

Who this person is

How you knew this person

Why you think this person is energetic

And explain how you feel about this person

Part 3

What kinds of jobs need a lot of physical work?

What's the difference between the payment for physical work and that for mental work?

Can physical workers receive higher salaries in the future?

Do you think machines could replace human workers in the future?

Part 2 Describe a line(or a few words) that you remember from a poem or song

You should say

What it is

Which song or poem it is from

How you knew it

How you feel about it

Part 3

Are you good at memorizing things?

Do you think children would like the rhythm of songs or poems? Why?

Do you think it is easier for children to learn a song or poem than adults? Why?

What can people learn from songs or poems?

Part 2 Describe an occasion when you forgot something important

You should say

When it was

What you forgot

Why you forgot it

And how you felt about it

Part 3

What kinds of things do people forget easily?

What kinds of people are more forgetful?

How can people improve their memory?

What do you think of people using calendars to remind themselves of things?

Part 2 Describe a book you read that you found useful

You should say

what it is

when you read it

why you think it is useful

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What are the types of books that young people like to read?

What's the difference between the reading habits of old people and young people?

What's the difference between paper books and e-books?

Some people say that it is easier for children who start reading from a young age to succeed, do you agree?

Part2 Describe a person who you think is very open

You should say

Who this person is

How you knew this person

Why you think this person is very open

And explain how you feel about this person

Part 3

Is it difficult or Chinese people to express their feelings?

Who do you think talk more? children or grown-ups?

What's the difference between males and females in terms of expressing their feelings?

Why do you think people these days are not that open than those in the past?

Part 2

Describe an event you experienced in which you didn't like the music played

You should say

What the event was

Where you were

What the music was like

And explain why you did not enjoy the music

Part 3

Why do many young people spend a lot of money on music concerts?

Do you think older people like the same music as young people?

Do you think music concerts are suitable for old people to attend?

Why do shopping malls often have background music?

Part 2 Describe a film that made you laugh

You should say

What it is

When you watched it

Who you watched it with

And explain why it made you laugh

Part 3

Do people like comedy?

Why do people of all ages like cartoons?

Why do some people like to make others laugh?

Should teachers tell jokes in class?

Part 2

Describe a short term job you want to have in a foreign country

You should say

What the job is

Where you want to do it

How you knew it

And explain why you want to do it

Part 3

What kind of work can young people do in foreign countries ?

Is it good for young people to have the experience of living in other countries?

Why are some people unwilling to work in other countries?

What's the difference between working in an international company and working in a domestic one?

Part 2 Describe a good decision you made recently

You should say

What it was

When you made it

What the result was

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What decisions do people make everyday?

Why do people make decisions?

Can children make decisions on their own?

When do people change their decisions?

Part 2 Describe an old friend that you got in contact again

You should say

Who he or she is

What he or she is like

How you got in contact

and explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What's the influence of social media on friendship?

Why do people lose contact with their friends after graduation?

Do people in your country like to make new friends?

Do you think old friends are more important to the old generation or the young generation?

Part 2 Describe a photograph of you that you like

You should say

Where it was taken

When it was taken

Who took it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do people take photos?

What do people use to take photos these days, cameras or phones?

Is it difficult for people to learn how to take good photos?

How do people keep their photos?

Part 2 Describe a place you visited that has been affected by pollution

You should say:

Where it is

Why you visited this place

What kind of pollution you saw

And how you feel about it

Part 3

What kind of pollution do cities have?

Why don't some people care about the environment?

Do you think there is more or less pollution than in the past? How about the future?

What should we do about environmental pollution?

Part 2 Describe an application(program) you usually use on your phone/computer

You should say:

What it is

When you started to use it

Why you use it often

and how you feel about it

Part 3

Which phone app is the most popular in your country?

Do you think parents should limit the time that their children spend on the phone?

Do you think people depend on phone apps too much?

Do you think some apps will help people to study?

Part 2 Describe a risk you have taken which had a positive result

You should say:

What it was

Why you took it

What the result was

And how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do some people enjoy extreme sports?

Are action films popular in your country?

Do you think it is a good thing that a leader likes taking risks?

Do you think men and women would make a different choice about risk-taking?

What about the young and the old?

Part 2 Describe an occasion you wore the best clothes

You should say:

When it was

What you wore

What it looked like

And explain why you wore it

Part 3

Do you think people need to wear formally in workplaces?

Why do some people like to wear traditional clothes?

Will traditional clothes disappear in the future?

Do old people change their style of dressing?

Part 2 Describe a time when you learned from a mistake you have made

You should say:

What the mistake was

When you made the mistake

Why you made the mistake

And explain what you have learnt from the mistake

Part 3

What can we learn from our mistakes?

Do children make mistakes easily?

What should parents do if their children make mistakes?

How do children benefit from using dictionaries?

Part 2 Describe someone or something that made a lot of noise

You should say:

Who or what made the noise

What the noise was like

What you did when you heard the noise

And how you feel about it

Part 3

Where can people hear a lot of noise?

What may happen if one listens to very loud music using earphones when they are running or hiking?

What can be done to reduce traffic noise?

Do you think the world will be noisier in the future?

Part 2 Describe a large company that you are interested in

You should say:

What it is

What it is like(What kind of business it does)

How you knew it

And how you feel about it

Part 3

What are the differences between a big company and a small company?

Are there any big companies in your hometown?

What are the advantages of working in a big company?

Is it difficult to get a promotion in a large company?

Part 2 Describe a person who you are happy to know

You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

What he or she is like

And explain why you are happy to know him or her

Part 3

How can children feel happy?

What's the difference between adults' and children's happiness?

Do you think everyone shares a similar definition of happiness?

Some people say that living in a happy city is boring. What do you think?

Part 2 Describe a time when a family member asked you for help

You should say:

When it was

Who asked you for help

How you helped

And how you felt about it

Part 3

What can children help parents with?

What are the benefits of children helping their parents?

Should parents reward their children when they help others?

Do parents help children because they need their children to help them when they are old?

Part 2 Describe an occasion when you wasted your time

You should say

Where you were

When it was

What you did

And explain why you think it was a waste of time

Part 3

How can we avoid wasting time?

Is time management important?

Should parents help children manage time?

Do you think relaxing is a waste of time?

Part 2 Describe a friend who is a good leader

You should say
who this person is
How you know this person
How this person behaves
And why you think this person is a good leader

Part 3

Who is the head of the family in your culture?
Are men better at decision making in a family?
Do you think this (more men than women are leaders) will change in the future?
Should a leader discuss with team members when making decisions?

Part 2 Describe a time when you were surprised to meet a friend

You should say
When it was
Who you met
Where it was
And explain why you were surprised to meet him/her

Part 3

Why do friends meet up?
Are there any meetings that people need to plan in advance?
Are there any jobs related to unexpected things?
Do unexpected things lead to progress in our civilization?

Part 2 Describe an occasion when you lost your way

You should say
Where you were
What happened
How you felt
And explain how you found your way

Part 3

Why do some people get lost more easily than others?
Do you think it is important to be able to read a map?
Do you think it is important to do some preparation before you travel to new places?
How can people find their way when they are lost?

Part 2 Describe a (long) car journey you went on

You should say:
where you went
what you did at this place
who you went there with
and explain why you went on that journey by car

Part 3

What will cars be like in the future?

What's the difference between men and women's preference on cars?

What are the differences between bicycles and private cars?

Why do people like to have private cars?

Part 2 Describe an indoor game you played as a child

You should say

What you played

Who you played it with

Why you played it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What indoor games do children like to play nowadays?

What's the difference between the games children play now and those in the past?

Can children benefit from playing computer games?

What's the difference between boys' and girls' games?

Part 2 Describe something you enjoyed doing with a group of people

You should say:

What it was

Where you did it

Who you did it with

and why you think it was enjoyable

Part3

What kinds of jobs need people to work in a team?

What can parents do with their children to make them happy?

How can children improve their social skills?

What are the benefits of boys and girls playing together?

Part 2 Describe a time when you worked in a group

You should say

When it was

What you did

Who you worked with

And explain why you worked in the group

Part 3

Do you think it is important for kids to join a team?

Is the role of a leader important in a group?

What personalities should a good leader have?

Can everyone become a leader?

Part 2 Describe a time when you changed your opinion

You should say

When it was

What the original opinion was

Why you changed it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Do children like to change opinions ?

When do people change opinions?

Who do young people turn to for advice?

Do people like giving opinions about politics?

Part 2 Describe a film that made you think a lot

You should say

What it was

When you saw it

What it was about

And explain why it made you think a lot

Part 3

What do you think makes a good film?

Is film industry important for a country?

What kinds of films are popular in China?

Why are special effects used in some movies?

Part 2 Describe a sport you want to try for the first time

You should say:

What it is

How you would learn it

What equipment is needed

And explain why you would like to try it

Part 3

Do teens like doing sports in your country?

Is doing sports beneficial?

Can you keep fit by doing sports?

What are the advantages of children joining sports groups?

Describe a foreign country(culture)you want to know more about

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

How you know it

And why you want to know more about it

Part 3

What do you think is the best way to learn foreign culture?

What do you think is the biggest problem to work in a foreign country?

Some people say that reading is the best way to know about a culture, do you agree?

From a humanitarian perspective, do you think the internet and globalization widen or narrow the cultural gap?

Describe a city that you have been to and would like to visit again

You should say
When you visited it
What you did there
What it was like
And explain why you would like to visit it again

Part 3

What's the difference between the city and the countryside?
Some people say large cities are suitable for old people. What do you think?
Do you think it is possible that all of the population move to cities?
Do you think people in the countryside are friendlier than people in the city?

Part 2 Describe place where you are able to relax

You should say
Where it is
What it is like
How often you go there
And how you feel about this place

Part 3

Is it important for people to relax?
What are the benefits of relaxing?
Compare how young people relax with how older people relax.
Are there any differences to the ways people relax compared to, say, 20 or 50 years ago?
In the future, do you think people will have more time than now to relax, or less time?

Part 2 Describe an ambition that you have had for a long time

You should say
What it is
What you did for it
When you can achieve it
And explain why you have this ambition

Part 3

What kinds of ambitions do people have?
Why should parents encourage children to have ambitions?
Should parents interfere with children's ambitions?
Is there any difference between children's ambitions and those of grown-ups?

Part 2 Describe a person who taught you a skill when you were a child

You should say
Who this person was
What the skill was
How you learned it
And explain how you felt about this person

Part3

What skills should children learn before school?

What's the difference between the roles of teachers and parents in education?

How do adults learn a new skill?

Is internet good for learning new skills?

Part 2 Describe a tradition of a festival in your country.

You should say:

What it is

Who take part in this tradition

What people do with this tradition

And explain how you feel about this tradition

Part3

What's the most important tradition in your country?

Why should children learn about traditions?

Are there any traditions that have already disappeared in your country?

People in China are enthusiastic about Western festivals like Halloween and Christmas.

Do you think Western festivals have already replaced traditional festivals or people just celebrate them together?

Part 2 Describe a public building you enjoyed visiting.

You should say:

Where this building was

When you went there

What you did there

And explain why you liked going there

Part3

Do you think that the architecture and designs of public buildings are important for cities?

What kind of facilities might a public building have, and which are the most important?

To what extent should it be a priority for the government to spend money on preserving old buildings, compared to investing in new ones?