

# IELTS Prep

## Speaking Session 2



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## Assessment Criteria

1. Fluency & coherence
2. Grammatical range and accuracy
3. Lexical resources
4. Pronunciation



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## 1. Fluency and coherence: Factors affecting fluency

### Filler Sounds:

- um
- uh
- ah
- er
- hmm
- mhm
- uh huh

### Filler Words and hedge words

- well
- okay
- so
- like
- basically
- actually
- literally
- seriously
- hopefully
- probably
- possibly
- quite
- relatively
- reasonably
- fairly

### Filler Phrases

- I think that
- you know
- what I'm trying to say is
- you see
- I mean
- you know what I mean?
- at the end of the day
- believe me
- I guess/I suppose
- or something
- stuff like that
- kind of



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**Activity 1:  
Rate the candidate  
on fluency**



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## 2. Lexical Resources

- A. Appropriacy of words
- B. Variety of words
- C. Adequacy of words
- D. Ability to avoid circumlocution



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## Activity 2: Improve your lexical resources

*Use a wide range of vocabulary; don't limit yourself to basic words and phrases.*

1. I was made to work very hard.
2. We're very similar.
3. Appearances can be deceiving.
4. I was very relaxed.
5. What we do matters more than what we say.
6. I found it difficult not to laugh.

- A. I felt as though I didn't have
- B. I couldn't keep
- C. Actions speak
- D. My boss was
- E. My sister and I are like
- F. You can't judge a book

- I. Louder than words.
- II. A bit of a slave driver.
- III. A care in the world.
- IV. By its cover.
- V. A straight face
- VI. Two peas in a pod.



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## 3. Grammar and Accuracy

- A. The length of a sentence
- B. The complexity of sentence
- C. Use of subordinate clause
- D. Range of sentence structure
- E. Number of grammatical errors
- F. Communicative effect of errors



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## 4. Pronunciation

- A. Ability to produce comprehensible speech
- B. Amount of strain caused to the listener
- C. Noticeability of L1 influence
- D. Amount of unintelligible speech
  - Syllable stress
  - Intonation





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**Activity 3: Read each sentence out loud. Underline the stressed words. Then read the sentences out loud again**

1. I live in one of the newer neighborhoods in my city.
2. I've been working at the same company for twelve years.
3. I generally don't like parties because I'm a quiet person.
4. There is an excellent view of the ships in the harbor.
5. A statue of the first president of our country stands in the center of the park



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**Activity 8:**  
Rate the candidate on  
fluency & coherence,  
pronunciations, grammar,  
& lexical resources



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- According to my point of view.....
- As far as I am concerned.....
- I agree with/ disagree with.....
- I am certain/ positive/ sure that.....
- I assume.....
- I believe.....
- I don't know if.....
- I don't know whether.....
- I think it is a good idea because.....
- I am against.....
- I am in favour of .....because.....
- It seems to me.....
- Personally I think.....
- The advantage of .....is that.....
- The disadvantage of .....is that.....

## Activity 9: Responding to follow-up questions



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## Components of voice quality

Consonant sounds  
Vowel sounds

Tone  
Rate of speech  
Intonation

Volume  
Pacing and pausing  
Syllable stress



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## Part 1: Practice Questions

### SPORTS

- Do you like sports?
- Do you enjoy watching sports?
- Do you enjoy participating in any sports?
- Which sports are the most popular in your country?
- What's your favorite sport?
- When did you first become interested in sports?
- How often do you participate in sports?
- What equipment do you need for your favorite sport?

### FOOD

- What are some of your favorite foods?
- What kinds of food are popular in your country?
- What are some of the famous dishes of your country?
- Do you enjoy cooking?



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### TOURISM

- Which places would you recommend to a visitor to your country?
- Do a lot of tourists visit your country?
- What do they usually do there?
- How has tourism changed your country?
- Is your country expensive for most tourists?
- What are some famous landmarks in your country?

### YOUR COUNTRY

- Which country are you from?
- Where is this country located?
- Which part of the country do most people live in?
- What are the main industries in your country?
- Is it easy to travel around your country?



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## Part 1: Practice Questions

### CLOTHES

- What type of clothes do you like to wear?
- What kind of clothes do people in your country usually wear?
- How important is fashion to you?
- What kind of clothes do you dislike?
- Do you think people behave differently in different kinds of clothes?
- What kind of clothes do people wear to work in your country?

### COLOURS

- Do you have a favorite colour?
- What are your country's colours?
- Do you think colours affect our moods?
- Can you learn anything about a person from the colours he / she likes?
- Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were a child?



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## Part 2: Cue Card

Describe an old person that you know.

You should say:

What your relationship is to this person

How often you see them

What people think about this person

Explain why you like them.





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## Part 2: Cue Card

Describe a happy childhood event.

You should say:

When it happened

Who was involved

How you felt at the time

Explain why you remember this particular occasion.



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## Part 2: Cue Card

Describe an environmental problem that has occurred in your country

You should say:

The cause of the problem

What effect it has had on your country

The steps, if any, that have been taken to solve it

Explain why you think this problem is so important to solve.



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## Part 2: Practice Questions

**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



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## Part 2: Practice Questions

**Describe someone who has had an important influence on your life.**

You should say:

- Who the person is
- How long you have known him/her
- What qualities this person has
- Explain why they have had such an influence on you.

**Describe a happy childhood event.**

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who was involved
- How you felt at the time
- Explain why you remember this particular occasion.



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## Part 2: Practice Questions

**Describe a sporting event you attended.**

You should say:

- What kind of sport it was?
- How it compared to other events you've been to
- How often it takes place
- Explain why you consider this event to be of interest.



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## Part 3: Practice Questions

### 1. Eating habits

- Tell me about the types of food that people eat in your country.
- How are the present-day eating habits in your country different from eating habits in the past?
- How healthy is your country's food?
- Why do you think different cultures have different table manners?
- How do you think eating habits may change in the coming decades?

### 2. Education

- How are educational priorities today different from those in the past?
- What is your opinion on the way languages are taught in schools?
- How can the type of school you go to affect your career success?
- What changes do you think will happen in the classroom in the near future?



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### 3. Environment

- Is water pollution a problem in your country?
- What are some of the causes of water pollution?
- What can individuals do to try and ensure water is kept clean?
- Do you think problems with cleanliness of water will improve in the future?

### 4. Influence of television

- How popular is watching television in your country?
- Tell me about the types of programme that are generally on television in your country.
- Why do people like watching television?
- Do you think state or private television is better?
- What effects can watching television have on children?



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## Part 3: Practice Questions

### 5. Influences on the young

- What type of people influence the young in your country?
- Why is it important to have role models?
- Do you think the education system in your country influences young people's behavior?
- What types of persons (parents, teachers, and friends) are best to influence young people's behavior?
- What do you think young people will be most influenced by in the future?

### 6. Leisure activities

- What types of leisure activities are popular in your country?
- Why is it important for people to have time for leisure activities?
- Why are some activities more popular than others?
- Are the types of leisure activities that are popular today the same as those that were popular when your parents were young?
- What types of leisure activities may become more popular in the future?





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### 7. Shopping

- Is shopping a popular activity in your country?
- How have shopping habits changed over recent years?
- To what extent do you think advertising affects the way people shop?
- Do you think shopping habits are likely to change in the future?

### 8. Sports

- What types of sports are popular in your country?
- What are the benefits of playing a sport?
- Do you think the types of sport that are popular will change in the future?
- How can sports bring people from different countries closer together?





*Thank you*