

PREPARING FOR IELTS

Speaking Section 1: Introduction

In section 1 of the IELTS speaking interview, the interviewer will spend 1-2 minutes asking the candidate general questions relating to his/her background, e.g., place of origin, work, and study. To prepare for this section of the interview, fill in the boxes below and then practice speaking on these topics.



Don't give just a 'Yes' or 'No' answer!

Listen carefully BEFORE you answer!

Task 1: Your place of origin/Your living place

What do you think are some questions that the examiner might ask about your living place or place of origin?

Q: *Can you tell me more about the place where you grew up or live?*

<i>Name of the city/town/village</i>	
<i>Location and type of the area</i>	
<i>Special points of interest</i>	
<i>Local occupation & employment</i>	
<i>Advantages as a place to live</i>	
<i>Disadvantages as a place to live</i>	
<i>Any other information?</i>	

Task 2: Your work or study

Study

<i>What's your major?</i>	
<i>Why chose that major?</i>	
<i>Do you like your major?</i>	
<i>When did you start learning English?</i>	
<i>Why are you studying English?</i>	

Work

<i>What would you like to do after graduation?</i>	
<i>Why choose that job?</i>	
<i>What is the nature of that job?</i>	
<i>What's your career goal?</i>	

Task 3: Other topics

Accommodation

<i>Type</i>	
<i>Facilities</i>	
<i>How long have you been living there?</i>	
<i>Do you like it?</i>	
<i>Any changes you would like to make?</i>	

Food

<i>Food you like and dislike</i>	
<i>Other food that you've tried</i>	
<i>What do people usually eat in your country /town/city/village?</i>	
<i>Food that you cook</i>	

Hobbies

Reading books/watching movies/listening to music/playing sports/playing computer games...

<i>What do you do at your leisure time?</i>	
<i>What's your favorite e.g., book?</i>	
<i>How often do you e.g., read a book?</i>	
<i>Why that hobby?</i>	
<i>Tell us something about your favorite e.g., book</i>	

Travelling

<i>Where have you visited?</i>	
<i>Do you like traveling?</i>	
<i>Who did/will you go with?</i>	
<i>The place that has impressed you the most</i>	
<i>How often do you go traveling?</i>	
<i>How does that place differ from your home town/country</i>	

Languages

<i>How many languages do you speak?</i>	
<i>How important is it to speak other languages?</i>	

Daily Routine

<i>What do you usually do every day?</i>	
<i>Would you like a change?</i>	
<i>Why do you think most people are afraid of changes?</i>	

Family

<i>What's the size of your family?</i>	
<i>Do you prefer living with your family or on your own?</i>	
<i>Do you treasure family time?</i>	
<i>What do you usually do with your family members?</i>	
<i>If you were a single child, would you like to have a sibling?</i>	
<i>What's the family planning policy in your home town/country?</i>	

Festivals

<i>Describe one of the most important festivals in your home town/country</i>	
<i>Why is this festival important?</i>	