

Key facts about IELTS Speaking Part 1

1) Time – 4-5 minutes.

2) You'll be asked questions about you and your life.

Common topics:

Your home

Your family

Your work or study

Your home town

Your likes or dislikes

Your interests

3) You will only be assessed on your English language skills, not on the content of what you actually say.

Part 1 Mistakes to Avoid

- Don't give very short answers.
- Don't give very long answers.
- Don't memorise answers.
- Don't overthink answers.
- Don't freeze if you get 'unusual' questions.

IELTS Speaking Part 1 answers should be 2-3 sentences long.

Developing your answers

- **1) Explanation** ('because')
- **2) Combined Details** (and)
- **3) Examples**
- **4) Frequency** (adverbs)
- **5) Contrast** (but although however even though despite while)
- **6) Past Comparisons** (used to, would do)
- **7) Future**

Question 1: *Do you like music?*

Kasia: Yes, I do.

Roza: Most definitely. I go to lots of live gigs as I've got a friend who's in a band. At home, I like to relax to classical music. ★

Question 2: *Have you visited any foreign countries?*

Answer 1: Yes, I've visited two foreign countries, the UK and Egypt. My favourite foreign country was the UK because it's so different to my own country. Another country I want to visit is France.

Answer 2: Yes, I've been abroad a couple of times, first to the UK, then to Egypt. I particularly enjoyed the UK because it's so different to my own country. I'd also love to travel to France. ★

Question 3: *How long have you been learning English?*

Tarik: I began studying English at school when I was just six years old and I've been working on my language skills ever since. I'm 27 now so I've been an English student for 21 years. ★

Hassan: I've wanted to learn English since I was very young. Luckily I had a good teacher at school who made the lessons really interesting. I enjoyed English so much that I decided to keep learning when