

# **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