

E2 IELTS

20 Speaking topics + practice Qs



Animals

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about animals.

Do you like animals?

What animals can you see in your city/country?

Are animals used in farming in your country?

What animal would you like to see in the wild?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about zoos.

Why do most cities have a zoo?

How can zoos help people and animals?

Why are some people opposed to zoos?

Do you think zoos have more benefits or more problems?

In the future, how could zoos be improved?

Art

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about painting and drawing.

Did you enjoy painting and drawing when you were a child?

Do you think painting and drawing are important activities for children?

Do you ever paint or draw now?

Do you think adults should paint or draw more?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about creativity.

Do you think creativity can be learned, or is it a natural talent?

How can parents help develop their child's creativity?

How important is creativity in the workforce?

Are there any drawbacks to being very creative?

Communication



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about writing.

- Do you prefer to write letters or emails?
- How often do you send letters or emails?
- When did you last receive a handwritten letter?
- Do you think people will still send letters in the future?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about communicating online.

- What are some ways people communicate online?
- What are some of the benefits of using the internet to communicate?
- Are there any drawbacks of communicating online?
- Do you think older people and younger people feel differently about this kind of communication?

Crime

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about rules.

- What are some common rules in your country (e.g. driving rules, public transport rules)?
- Do you usually follow the rules?
- Do you think young people or older people follow the rules more?
- Is it important for people to follow rules?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about law and order.

- Do you think your city is a safe place to live?
- What crimes are most common where you come from?
- Do you think your country's system of punishment is effective?
- Is there more crime now than in the past?
- Do you think the internet will lead to more crime in the future?

Culture/Society



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about festivals.

- What are the important festivals where you come from?
- How do people celebrate these festivals?
- Do young people or older people enjoy these festivals more?
- Do you think people will still celebrate these festivals in the future?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about cultural traditions.

- Are there any traditions that people in your country follow (e.g. eating habits, greetings, holidays)?
- Do young people still learn about traditions and customs? Is this a good thing or a bad thing?
- How important is it for a culture to maintain its traditions, in your view?
- In the future, will it be possible for countries to preserve their cultural traditions?

Education

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about high school.

- What subjects did you like in high school?
- Was there anything you didn't like about high school?
- Do you still keep in touch with friends from high school?
- Have you ever been back to visit your old high school?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about education.

- Do you think education is only for young people?
- How important is education in the workforce?
- Do you think companies should pay for their staff to study?
- How has the internet changed education?
- In the future, will it be easier or harder to gain a qualification?

Entertainment



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about going to the cinema.

How often do you go to the cinema?

Do you think young people or older people prefer going to the cinema?

Would you like to go to the cinema more in future?

Why do some people prefer to watch movies at home?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about TV.

How has the kind of TV shows we watch changed in recent years?

Do you think the quality of TV is getting better or worse?

What rules (if any) do you think parents should have regarding their children and TV?

Now that we can watch TV shows online, will traditional TV still exist in the future?

Environment

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about spending time in nature.

How often do you spend time in nature?

Are there natural places where you live (e.g. gardens, forests)?

What do you enjoy doing when you spend time in nature?

Would you like to spend more time in nature?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about environmental problems.

What are some of the biggest environmental problems your country is facing?

Do you think governments are doing enough to reduce environmental damage?

What can individuals do to help the environment?

How important is international cooperation when it comes to dealing with environmental problems?

In the future, will it be possible to repair the environment?

Family



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about families.

- Do you have a big or small family?
- What do you enjoy doing with your family?
- Have you ever been on holiday with your family?
- Will you see your family more or less in the future?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about parenting.

- Do you think it has become easier to be a parent?
- How important is it for parents to be strict?
- What kinds of punishments are best for children, do you think?
- How has technology affected family life?
- Will our idea of 'the family' change in the future?

Food & Farming

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about food.

- What's your favourite food?
- Is there any food you don't like?
- Did you learn to cook as a child?
- Should children learn to cook at school?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about farming.

- Is farming an important industry where you come from?
- How has farming changed in the last 50 years?
- Are people in your country interested in knowing where their food comes from?
- Do you think the way we grow food will change much in the future?

Global Issues



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about languages.

What languages do you speak?

How did you first learn English?

Do you think all children should learn a second language?

Is reading the newspaper a good way to improve your language?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about globalisation.

Do you think your country is influenced by other countries (in terms of fashion, food, politics etc)?

What stores or products from other countries are popular in your country?

How has the internet changed the way countries see each other?

Do you think some cultural traditions will be lost in the future?

Health

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about keeping healthy.

Do you think you are a healthy person?

What do people your age do to stay healthy?

Would you like to change your lifestyle to be healthier?

Should schools teach children about health?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about health.

How do people in your country like to keep fit?

Do you think people today are healthier than they were in the past?

Has technology had an impact on people's health and fitness?

What role should governments play in individuals' health?

Media



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about newspapers.

- Do you ever read the newspaper?
- Do you prefer to read the newspaper online or on real paper?
- Why do some people not like reading the newspaper?
- Do you think we will still have newspapers in the future?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about celebrities and the media.

- What kinds of people are most famous in your country?
- Why do you think people are so interested in the private lives of celebrities?
- Do you think there should be stricter rules regarding how celebrities are treated in the media?
- Has it become easier to become famous? Will it be easier in the future?

Money

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about money.

- Are you good at saving money?
- When did you first start earning money?
- Are you saving for something special at the moment?
- Do you think children should learn about money in school?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about shopping.

- Do people where you live prefer to shop in large stores or small ones?
- Do you think people buy more now than they used to?
- Why do people buy things they don't need?
- How much do you think advertising influences what we buy?
- What other things affect how we spend our money?

Science / Technology



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about mobile phones.

How often do you use your mobile phone?

What do you usually use your phone for?

What was your first mobile phone like?

Do you think you will use your phone more or less in the future?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about technology and children.

What kinds of technological devices do children enjoy playing with?

Is this different from when you were a child?

What are some benefits of technology (e.g. ipads, video games) for children?

Are there any drawbacks?

How can parents ensure their children aren't being negatively affected by technology?

Space

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about stars and the night sky.

Do you ever look at the sky at night?

Is it easy to see the stars where you live?

Do many people enjoy star-gazing (looking at the stars) in your country?

Have you ever seen something interesting in the sky at night?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about space exploration.

Why do you think people want to explore space?

Do you think it's a good idea for governments to spend money on space exploration?

How important is space research in your country?

What qualities do you think a person needs to be an astronaut?

Do you think it will be possible for humans to live on another planet one day?

Sport



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about sport.

- What sports are popular in your country?
- Did you play any sport as a child?
- Why do some people dislike sport?
- When did you last watch a sporting competition?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about sports stars.

- What makes a sportsperson a 'star'?
- What qualities does a person need to become a sports star?
- Do you think sports stars earn too much money?
- How important is it for a sports person to be a good role model?
- Why do advertisers use sportspeople to sell their products?

Transport

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about getting to school or work.

- How do you usually get to school/work?
- Would you like to get to school/work faster?
- What do you do while you're travelling to school/work?
- Is it becoming harder or easier to get to school/work?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about cars.

- Do most people own a car where you live?
- Why do many people drive even if there is public transport available?
- What problems do cars cause?
- How can people be encouraged to drive less?
- Do you think people will use driverless cars in the future?

Travel



Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about travel.

Do you like travelling?

Have you travelled outside your country much?

Do you think older or younger people prefer to travel?

What problems can people face when they're travelling?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about tourism.

What are some popular tourist destinations in your country?

Why do you think people enjoy travelling outside their own country?

What can people learn from travelling to another country?

How important is it for tourists to respect local customs?

Will tourism change much in the future, do you think?

Work

Part 1 questions:

Let's talk about jobs.

What are some common jobs for young people in your country?

When did you get your first job?

What did you like about your first job?

What job would you like to have in the future?

Part 3 questions:

Let's talk about the work in the modern world.

Do you think people work more than they used to in the past?

How has work changed in recent years?

How important is it for workers to stay up to date with technology?

What problems has technology created for workers?

In the future, do you think all jobs will be done by robots?