

The **Speaking Section** takes between **11 to 14 minutes**. It consists of an **oral interview** between the candidate and an examiner. Candidates are assessed on their use of **spoken English** to answer short questions, speak at length on a familiar topic, and also to ask questions and interact with the examiner.

In the Speaking Section there are three parts:

In **Part 1** the candidates answer **general questions** about themselves, their homes/families, their jobs/studies, their interests, and a range of similar familiar topic areas. This part lasts 4-5 minutes.

In **Part 2** the candidate is given a **verbal prompt** on a card and is asked to talk on a particular topic. The candidate has one minute to prepare before speaking at length, for between one and two minutes. The examiner then asks one or two **rounding-off questions**.

In **Part 3**, the examiner and candidate engage in a discussion of more **abstract issues** and concepts which are thematically linked to the topic prompt in Part 2. The discussion lasts 4-5 minutes.

PART 1

- Good morning/afternoon. My name is Can you tell me your full name please?
- Thank you.
- Can I see your identification, please?
- Thank you, that's fine.
- Now I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Let's talk about your **home town or village**.

- What kind of place is it?
- What's the most interesting part of your home area?
- What kind of jobs do the people in your town/village do?
- Would you say it is a good place to live? Why?

OR

Let's talk about **what you do**. Do you work or are you a student?

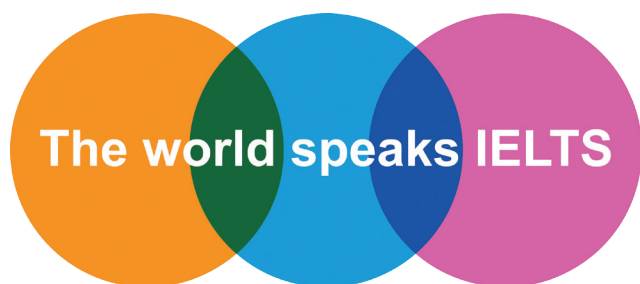
Work

- What's your job? Why did you choose that kind of work?
- How long have you been doing it?
- Are there things you don't like about it? What are they?

Study

- What subjects are you studying?
- Why did you choose those subjects? How long have you been studying them?
- Do you enjoy them? Why?

Please note these are possible questions.



The examiner will now choose **two** of the following boxes. These are examples.

<p>Family</p> <p>Can we talk about your family? Do you have a small or large family? How much time do you spend with them? What things do you do together?</p>	<p>Language Learning</p> <p>Let's talk about learning English. How long have you been learning English? Where did you learn it? What is easy/difficult? What opportunities do you have to speak? Is it important?</p>	<p>Leisure</p> <p>Let's move on to what you do in your spare time. Hobbies and interests? When/How did you become interested? How do you spend your holidays? Is there any place you would like to visit? Why?</p>	<p>Accommodation</p> <p>Let's move on to talk about accommodation. Where do you live? How long have you lived there? What kind of accommodation would you like?</p>
<p>Daily Routine</p> <p>I'd like to talk about your daily routine. Are all your days the same? Your typical day? Your typical weekend? What would you like to change? What's the balance of work/study?</p>	<p>Festivals</p> <p>Let's talk a little about the festivals in your country. What are some festivals in Italy? Any special activities? What do you enjoy most? Are festivals important?</p>	<p>Visitors</p> <p>Now I'd like to talk about visitors to your hometown. What should visitors to your hometown see and do? What kind of tourists visit your hometown? How has tourism changed your hometown?</p>	<p>Food</p> <p>Moving on to talk about food... What kind of food do you like? What are typical foods from your hometown? Is cooking a man's or woman's job? How do you like foreign food?</p>

