

## Personality vocabulary IELTS Speaking Parts 1 to 3

### IELTS Speaking Part One

- Do you do much during your free time?
- Do you have any plans for the weekend?
- Do you like sports?
- Do like adventure sports? / Are there any adventure sports that you would like to try?
- Do you play any musical instruments?
- What do you do to relax?
- Do you prefer to go out in your free time or stay at home? Why? / Do you enjoy parties? Why/ why not?
- Do you often going shopping?
- Do you have a regular routine on your days off?
- Do you enjoy your job?
- How many hours a week do you usually work/ study (English)?
- What time do you usually arrive at work/ university?
- Do you have many friends?
- How long have you known your best friend/ oldest friend?
- What do you think you will be doing in ten years' time? / Why are you taking the IELTS? / What do you want to do after the IELTS?
- Did you use to argue much with your brothers and sisters/ parents when you were a child?

*What personality words could you use for people who gave different answers to the questions above?*

*Match these character adjectives below to the questions above:*

Argumentative/ short tempered

Loyal/ faithful

Adventurous/ unadventurous/ brave/ courageous/ thrill seeking

Positive/ negative/ gloomy/ a complainer/ a whinger

Hard working/ lazy/ a slacker

Punctual/ unpunctual

Adaptable/ Predictable

Outgoing/ Sociable/ a party animal

Creative

Ambitious/ unambitious/ optimistic/ pessimistic/ confident/ self-assured/ arrogant

Stressed/ relaxed

Dynamic/ energetic

Indecisive/ impulsive/ spontaneous

Competitive/ uncompetitive

Sociable/ fun loving/ unsociable/ a loner

Materialistic

*What personality words could you match to your partner's answers to the questions at the top? What are the differences between the different words?*

*Do the same for the questions and example answers below:*

What did you do last weekend?

Not too much, I just put my life in order and sorted out my flat

What kind of movies do you like?

I usually watch comedies, but there are some horror films I really like as well

Do you have any hobbies?

Just the one. I absolutely love my local football team and I go to all their matches

Focussed/ obsessive

Good sense of humour

Organised/ tidy/ boring/ dull

*Ask them the questions above and see if their answers tell you about their personality.*

## IELTS Speaking Part One Answer Key

- Do you do much during your free time? – Dynamic/ energetic
- Do you have any plans for the weekend? – Indecisive/ impulsive/ spontaneous
- Do you like sports? – Competitive/ uncompetitive
- Do you like adventure sports? / Are there any adventure sports that you would like to try? – Adventurous/ unadventurous/ brave/ courageous/ thrill seeking
- Do you play any musical instruments? - Creative
- What do you do to relax? – Stressed/ relaxed
- Do you prefer to go out in your free time or stay at home? Why? / Do you enjoy parties? Why/ why not? – Sociable/ fun loving/ a party animal
- Do you often go shopping? – Materialistic
- Do you have a regular routine on your days off?- Adaptable/ Predictable
- Do you enjoy your job? – Positive/ negative/ gloomy/ a complainer/ a whinger
- How many hours a week do you usually work/ study (English)? – Hard working/ lazy/ a slacker
- What time do you usually arrive at work/ university? – Punctual/ unpunctual
- Do you have many friends? – Outgoing/ Sociable
- How long have you known your best friend/ oldest friend? – Loyal/ faithful
- What do you think you will be doing in ten years' time? / Why are you taking the IELTS? / What do you want to do after the IELTS? – Ambitious/ unambitious/ optimistic/ pessimistic/ confident/ self-assured/ arrogant
- Did you use to argue much with your brothers and sisters/ parents when you were a child?- Argumentative/ short tempered

Make questions to test your partner for the personality words below. Tell them what their answer means and see if they agree, e.g. "How much money have you found and turned into the police?" (Honest/ dishonest)

Adaptable	Aggressive/ loud	Analytic
Arrogant	Assertive	Calm
Carefree	Changeable	Cheerful
Critical	Dependable	Despondent
Determined/ stubborn	Diligent/ conscientious	Direct/ honest
Discerning	Discreet/ secretive	Eccentric
Efficient/ productive	Ego-centric	Emotionless
Exuberant	Funny/ amusing/ witty	Fussy
Generous/ stingy/ mean	Helpful/ unhelpful	Intuitive
Keen/ enthusiastic	Logical	Lucky
Meticulous	Passive	Patient/ impatient
Perceptive	Petty	Proactive
Polite/ well-mannered	Protective	Rational
Reliable/ trustworthy	Reserved	Restless
Self conscious	Self-centred	Sensitive
Sincere	Straightforward	Strong-willed
Subtle/ indirect	Systematic/ unsystematic	Tactful
Tenacious	Timid	Versatile
Wise	Nervous	Slack
Weak-willed	Restless	Shy
Expressive	Passionate	A perfectionist
Old-fashioned/ conservative	Persuasive	Forceful
Easily annoyed	Careless/ clumsy	Independent
Cynical/ sarcastic	Domineering	Boastful
Single-minded	Thick skinned	Snobbish
Mature/ immature	Friendly/ unfriendly	Organised
Vain	Bitchy/ critical	Caring.
Good communication skills/ a good listener		Thorough
Assertive/ bossy/ a natural leader	A sexist	Rude/ impolite
Pushy	Absent minded	A procrastinator
A fashion victim.	Opinionated	
Changeable/ moody/ unstable	Dependant/ insecure	A gossip
A backstabber/ two faced	Insincere/ a flatterer	A show-off

## IELTS Speaking Part Two

Describe someone you know. You should describe:

- Their appearance
- Their personality
- Their lifestyle

And say what you like best about them and why

Describe an acquaintance. You should mention:

- What they do
- What they are like
- Where you usually see them

And say why you would say that person is an acquaintance and not a friend.

Describe an artist you like or know about.

You should say:

- What kind of art they make or made
- How they are different from other artists
- What you can guess about their personality from their art

And say whether most people like this person's work or not, and why

Describe a celebrity you have met or know about

You should say:

- How famous that person is
- Why that person is famous
- What kind of person they are

And say if you think they will become more or less famous in the future, and why

Describe the character of someone you know. You should mention:

- What their good points are
- What their weaknesses are
- Which of the things they do most give their personality away

And say how you are similar to and different from that person

Describe a young child you know or know about.

You should say:

- What he or she looks like
- What he or she likes doing
- What he or she is like

And say how that child has changed over the time you have known them

Describe someone you used to play with when you were a child

You should say:

- What that person looked like
- How that person acted
- How well you got on with that person

And say if you are still in touch with that person or not, and why

Describe someone who looked after you when you were a child

You should mention:

- What that person's character was
- How old you were when they looked after you
- What things they used to do with you

And say if you would look after a child the same way or not, and why

Describe a classmate, colleague or acquaintance

You should say:

- What your first impression of them was
- How well you know them now
- How long you have been working or studying together

And say whether you think you will get to know that person better in the future or not, and why

Describe someone you like. You should say:

- What you like about them
- How you think they could improve
- Other aspects of that person that you have no particular feelings about

And say whether you think they have the same feelings about you or not, and why

### **IELTS Speaking Part Three**

How is your generation different from your parents' and grandparents' generations?

How do you think the personalities of men and women vary?

How would foreign people describe people from your country, do you think?

What kind of personality do you need to be a successful politician?

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