

IELTS Masterclass Unit 11 Discussion questions

Worksheet 1- Speaking

Take turns asking and answering interesting questions from the list below.

Speaking Part One style questions

Are you interested in *visual illusions*? Which ones have you seen? Which one was the most *striking*? Would you describe any of them as *uncanny*?

Do you treat anyone's house as *if it were your own*?

Does your workplace or university have a *vertical* management structure or a flat one?

Which is more annoying- a *random sequence* of noises from a neighbour or a regular repetitive noise? Why do you think that is so?

Do you like to have grammar explained to you, or do you prefer *to find out for yourself*?

Can you usually tell when a *further twist* is coming in the plot of a film, or are you usually caught by surprise?

Who in your family do you most *resemble*? (= Who are you most *similar in appearance* to?)

Do you have a good memory for *complicated procedures*? Can you give an example?

What *sensations* do you particularly love or hate?

Have you ever been *mistaken for* anyone else? Who was it? How were they similar or different to you?

What is the difference between a friend and an *acquaintance* for you?

Speaking Part Three style questions

Do offices in your countries tend to be open plan, have separate offices, have cubicles or have *partitions*? What are the advantages and disadvantages of that set up?

In some American states it is legal to carry a *concealed* weapon. What are the possible pros and cons of this law?

Is there a *discrepancy between* what politicians ask the public to do and their own behaviour? Do you think that this is a substantial problem? Why/ why not?

Have you ever been to *the site of* a major war, disaster or massacre? Do you think the incident was commemorated well? Why do you feel that way?

What trends are *emerging* in your country now?

What is the best way to *overcome* setbacks in your life, do you think?

What is the biggest *threat to* the environment/ economy in your country?

Do you think research in universities should be about things that have more *practical applications*?

Do you think films can ever be as good as the books that they are *based on*?

How can you stop yourself *making judgements about* people too quickly?

Do you think most political policies are *anchored in* hard data or not? What makes you say that?

IELTS Masterclass Unit 11 Discussion questions Worksheet 2- Language

Without looking back at Worksheet 1, fill in the gaps below (Sometimes nothing is needed)

Speaking Part One style questions

Are you interested _____ *visual illusions*? Which ones have you seen? Which one was the most *striking*? Would you describe any of them as *uncanny*?

Do you treat anyone's house _____ *if it were your own*?

Does your workplace or university have _____ *vertical* management structure or _____ flat one?

Which is more annoying- _____ *random sequence* of noises from _____ neighbour or a regular repetitive noise? Why do you think that is so?

Do you like to have grammar explained to you, or do you prefer *to find out* _____ *yourself*?

Can you usually tell when _____ *further twist* is coming in the plot of a film, or are you usually caught _____ surprise?

Who in your family do you most *resemble*? (= Who are you most *similar* _____ *appearance* to?)

Do you have _____ good memory for *complicated procedures*? Can you give _____ example?

Have you ever been *mistaken* _____ anyone else? Who was it? How were they similar or different to you?

What is the difference _____ friend and _____ *acquaintance* for you?

Speaking Part Three style questions

Do offices in your countries tend to be open plan, have separate offices, have cubicles or have *partitions*? What are _____ advantages and disadvantages of that set up?

In some American states it is legal _____ carry _____ *concealed* weapon. What are _____ possible pros and cons _____ this law?

Is there a *discrepancy* _____ what politicians ask _____ public to do and their own behaviour? Do you think that this is _____ substantial problem? Why/ why not?

Have you ever been to *the site of* _____ major war, disaster or massacre? Do you think the incident was commemorated well? Why do you feel that way?

What trends are *emerging* _____ your country now?

What is _____ best way to *overcome* setbacks in your life, do you think?

What is _____ biggest *threat to* the environment/ economy in your country?

Do you think research _____ universities should be about things that have more *practical applications*?

Do you think films can ever be as good as _____ books that they are *based* _____?

How can you stop yourself *making judgements* _____ people too quickly?

Do you think most political policies are *anchored* _____ hard data or not? What makes you say that?

Take turns thinking of and asking discussion questions with the vocabulary in italics above.