

The Natural World IELTS Speaking Parts One and Three questions

Speaking Part One

Do you have a pet? Why did you choose that one?
Have you ever had a pet? Why not?/ Can you describe it for me?
Would you like to have the same kind of pet again? Why/ why not?
What kind of pet would you like?
Did you have a pet when you were a child? Why not?

Do you prefer to spend your holidays in the city or country? Why?
Are there many green spaces near where you live?
How do you like to spend your time when you go to the countryside?
Do you think your city/ town is a good place to live in? Why/ why not?

Speaking Part Three

What could be the consequences of/ the effect of deforestation?

Do you think your government is doing enough to save endangered species? (Why do you think that?)

What can be done to stop global warming, do you think?

How important is recycling, in your opinion?

“Are people your age in your country interested in vegetarianism, do you think?”

Do you believe that people your age in your country live ecologically friendly lifestyles?

Do you think that banning plastic bags is a good idea?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of hybrid cars?

In what ways do alternative fuels benefit society?

Why do some people do resist nuclear energy?

Do you think there is a danger that the hole in the ozone layer will grow?

How has people's awareness of green issues changed over the last 50 years in your country?

What are your predictions for the state of the environment in your country in the next few years?

What do you think the ecological state of your country will be like in 50 years' time?

Do you think the air quality in the place where you live is getting better or worse? What makes you say that?

Do you think that people's energy consumption is changing?

Speaking Part Three- Make your own questions

Use the vocabulary below to make similar questions to those above on the natural world and ecology

climate change/ global warming	genetic engineering/ GM foods/ GM crops
pesticides	desertification
organic foods/ organic agriculture	the hole in the ozone layer/ ozone depletion
air/ water/ soil/ visual/ noise pollution/ pollutants	rising sea levels
demographics/ population control	carbon trading
fossil fuels	birth defects
deforestation	acid rain
habitat	extinction
recycling	green issues
Green Party	Greenpeace
whaling	sustainable development
vegetarianism	endangered species
rainforest	carbon sequestering/ carbon capture
biodiversity	degradation of...
ecosystem	energy consumption
energy efficiency	energy saving
greenhouse gases	solar energy
wind power	alternative fuels
biofuels	hydroelectric energy
hybrid cars	electric vehicles
nuclear energy	renewable resources
thermal energy	dams
slash and burn agriculture	soil erosion
greenhouse effect	

Useful language

“Well, I don’t know much about this, but I’d say (that)...”

“I’m by no means an expert on this but,...”

“From what I’ve heard/ seen on the news/ read, it seems that...”

“At a guess, I’d say...”

What kind of language can you use to talk about trends (things going up and down) like in the last few Speaking Part Three questions?

Recommended links to practice this vocabulary more:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/science/2009/03/000000_one_planet.shtml

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