

IELTS Speaking Exam Spot the Mistakes

IELTS Speaking Parts One and Two (8 minutes)

1. Read through the typical IELTS Speaking Parts One and Two script below and cross out the options in *italics* that are not good things to say in the exam-

Examiner- Hello. Come in. *Take a seat please/ Please sit down/ Sit.*

Candidate- *Thank you so much/ Thanks/ Thank you*

Examiner- *Can I see your ID please?/ Give me your ID card/ Can you show me your passport?*

Candidate- Of course, here you are.

Examiner- *What would you like me to call you?/ How do you pronounce your first name?/ I can't pronounce your name, so I'm going to call you "John"*

Candidate- Juan.

Examiner- *Okay, Juan. How much money do you have in your pockets now?/ So, Juan, where are you from?/ Are you from this city, Juan?*

Candidate- *Actually, I'm from Pueblo Pobre. It's a small village in the south of Argentina./ I don't want to answer that question/ My hometown is called Saitama, it's about 45 minutes from here by train*

Examiner- Would you say that is a good place to live?

Candidate- *To tell the truth, it's not such a good place. It's a bit polluted/ It's not bad. It's quite convenient but a little bit boring./ As you know, it is a very big city.*

Examiner- *Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your friends and family/ Now let's talk about your friends and family/Tell me everything about your friends and family...*

(Examiner asks 2 or 3 questions about Friends and family)

Examiner- *Next I'd like to ask you about your work and studies./ Is it better to work or study?/ Let's move on and talk about your work and studies...*

(after a few questions, change topic again and continue until 4 minutes for Part One is finished)

Examiner- Okay, thank you. *Now speak for 1 or 2 minutes/ Now I'd like you to give a short presentation/ Now I'd like you to speak on your own for 1 or 2 minutes.* First you have one minute to prepare what you are going to say. *You can write everything you are going to say if you have time/ You can make notes if you like/ You can make notes if it will help.* Here is your topic sheet.

Candidate- Thank you

(pause while the candidate reads the topic sheet)

Candidate- *Sorry, can I ask a question?/ Pardon, I have to ask a question/ Excuse me, can you explain a word for me please?*

Examiner- Of course. What is your question?

Candidate- *What does “benefited” mean?/ Can you spell “benefited”?/ Can you explain the word “benefited” please?*

Examiner- “Benefited” means “was good for”

Candidate- Thank you

(pause while the candidate prepares the topic for 1 minute)

Examiner- *Ready, steady, go!/ Please start speaking when you are ready/ Please start your presentation now*

Candidate- *I’m going to talk about my high school.../ I’d like to talk about a private language conversation school I attended.../ I have to talk about my kindergarten...*

(after 1 or 2 minutes speaking the Examiner asks one more question about what the Candidate said)

2. Check your answers as a class.

3. In groups of three or four, one person read out the script, choosing between the correct and the wrong options each time. The other people listen without looking at the sheet and stop the person speaking every time they say something you shouldn’t say in the test. Score one point for the first person to stop them each time, and minus one point if they stop them when they don’t say anything wrong.

4. Do a practice exam with the script above.

5. Do a practice exam one more time, but this time with only the Examiner looking at the script.

6. Do a practice test one more time, but this time without either person looking at the script.