

IELTS Speaking

Part 2 + 3

Topic from the IELTS Question Bank

Television and Games



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Part 2

Part 2 Cue Card

Describe a quiz program or game show on TV you like.

You should say:

- What it is**
- How you know it**
- How it is played**

And explain why you like it

Similar Part 2 questions

Describe a piece of information that you think is not correct.

Describe a person who has interesting ideas or opinions.

Describe a successful thing your friend has done

Describe an intelligent person you know



1. Ideas

1. You can talk about game shows that...

...Guess the answer about general knowledge

Who Wants to be a Millionaire / University Challenge / Mastermind / Jeopardy/

...Guess the price

The Price is Right

...Guess the news

Have I Got News For You

...Guess the word, idiom or catchphrase

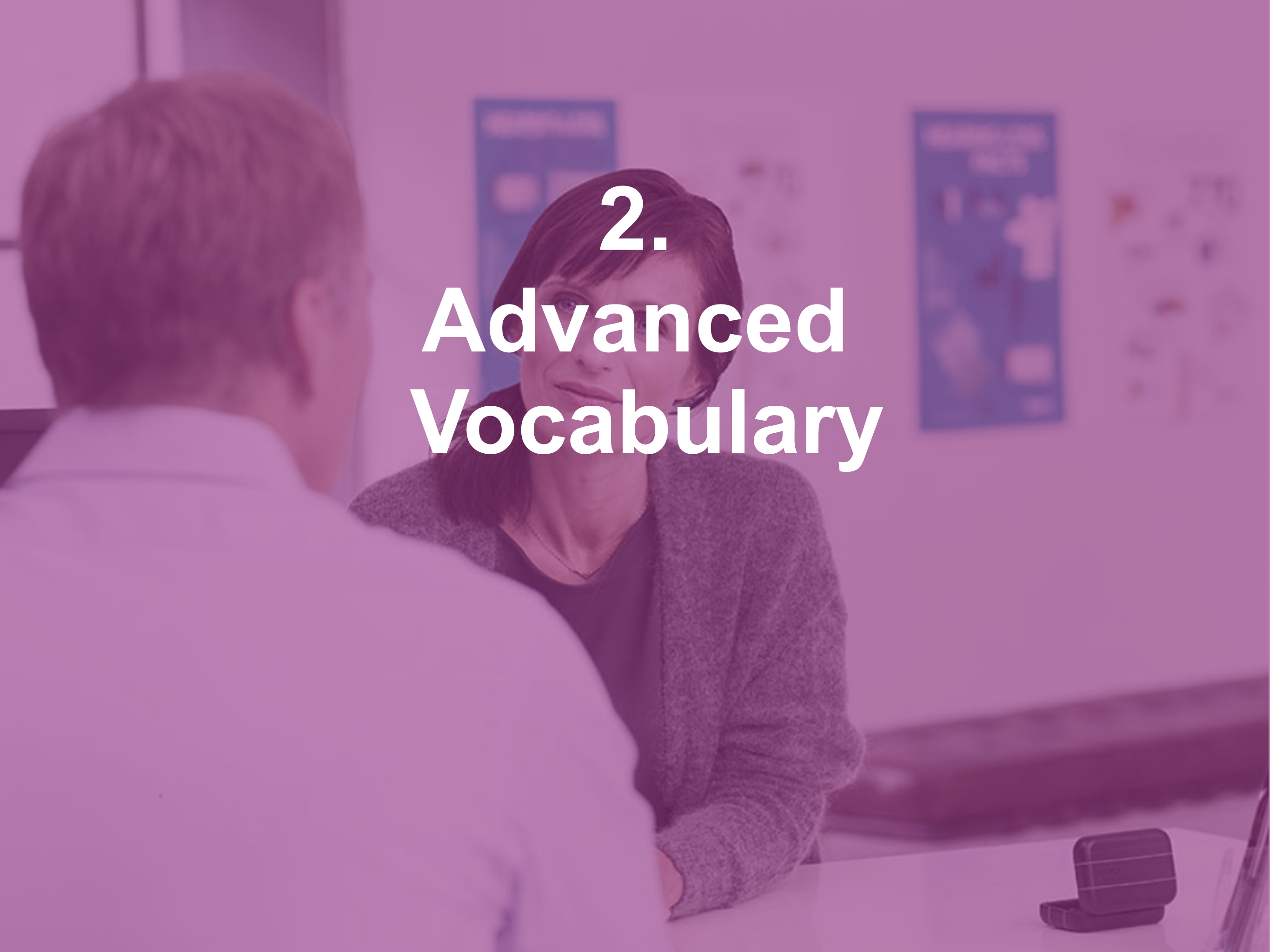
The Wheel of Fortune / Catchphrase

2. *Possibly* talk about **competitive** game show like

Masterchef

3. *I wouldn't talk* about talent show (no focus on games or playing)

The Voice / Britain' Got Talent / X Factor

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2. Advanced Vocabulary

Game Shows


- Contestant
- Quiz master / host
- Take part in the first / second round
- Make it to the final
- Get eliminated
- Go for the Jackpot
- Win hands down

Choices

- Have a guess
- Double or quits
- Risk everything or play safe
- Play fair or play dirty
- Be off your game or be on your game
- Play your cards right

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3. Model Answer

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4. Language Analysis

Gosh, this is difficult because I don't watch so much tv these days, but I'll tell you about a show that has been around **for donkey's years** and it's called 'Who wants to be a millionaire'

Natural English

Gosh (*show surprise, show you are thinking*) = *wow, boy, blimey (U.K.)*

Idiomatic expression

for donkey's years
= *for a long time*

As far as I remember, I think there are some **preliminary rounds** where several contestants compete **to get a place in the final** where just one person gets a chance **to go for** a million pounds.

Connectors

As far as I remember...

Gameshow vocabulary

***Preliminary** round = first round*

*To **get a place in** the final = to qualify for the final*

*To **go for** (a prize) = to try to win*

When they **take the hot seat**, they are asked a question with 4 possible answers and they have **to opt for** the right one. For each correct answer they give, the prize money doubles.

Gameshow Vocabulary

To take the hot seat =

= to have to answer difficult questions

Advanced vocabulary (synonyms)

To opt for

= to choose, elect, pick, settle on

There are some kind of **crutches** to help the contestant, so if they don't know the answer, they can call a friend, ask the audience or do something called 50 - 50, where 2 of the answers are **eliminated**.

Advanced Vocabulary

Crutches (n.)

= something to support or help you.

Gameshow Vocabulary

To be eliminated (thing or person)

= *to be taken out or removed*

I think this gameshow **goes down so well**, because the audience at home can play too. You listen to the questions and **have a pop at** the answers, even competing with your family or whoever you **happen to be watching** with.

Idiomatic expressions

It goes down well

= *to be popular*

To have a pop at something (question, task)

= *to try to do something*

Natural English

To happen to be

= *to be (by chance - i.e. not planned)*

I think the music as well creates a real feeling of suspense, and the host really **draws it out**, waiting for ages before he gives the right answer - so keeping you **on the edge of your seat**.

Idiomatic expression

To draw it out

= to make it last a long time

To be on the edge of your seat

= to be excited, want to know what happens next

An interesting **titbit** about this show is that it was featured in a film called 'Slumdog Millionaire'. That was about a scandal where the contestant cheated because he knew the answers beforehand and so he could win the **jackpot**. **If I am not mistaken**, I think a similar scandal happened in real life too.

Advanced Vocabulary

A titbit (n.)

= *an interesting bit of information*

Gameshow Vocabulary

To win the jackpot

= *to win the big (main) prize*

Connectors

If I am not mistaken

= *If I remember correctly*

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1. Technique

Question type

Comparing past and present

Has X changed in recent years?

How has the way people 'verb' changed in recent years?


Is the way people 'verb' now, different from in the past?

Do people 'verb' more now than in the past?



1. Has the way children play games changed in recent years?
2. Do people watch more TV now than in the past?



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2. Model Answers

Has the way children play games, changed in recent years?

The way I see it, definitely. I mean in the past, kids used to play outdoors way more. When I was growing up we would often while away an afternoon down at the park playing our own, made-up games. That has all changed now, **mainly due to** the Internet and the proliferation of screens. **It seems** children, and so-called ‘screenagers’ can spend hours playing games on a tablet or play station. They no longer need any imagination, and **the fact that they** don’t need to move, **means** we are creating a generation of couch potatoes

Give an opinion (agreeing)

The way I see it, definitely.

It seems...

Give a reason

Mainly due to...

Give consequences

The fact that..., means...

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Tenses - past habit

used to + verb

would + verb

Tenses - past state

when I lived

when I was living

Tenses - connecting to present

(Present perfect)

Subj + has /have + participle (e.g. changed)

Do people watch more TV now than in the past?

Quite the opposite, I'd say we watch less television nowadays compared to say, twenty years ago. And I think **it's mainly down to the fact that** twenty years ago we couldn't access films, TV programmes and that, on the Internet. Today, I get the feeling that loads of people watch films on their computers or phones via these Internet streaming services, **you know like** Amazon, HBO or Netflix. There is just such a huge choice of titles, and I actually quite like to go and chill out in a coffee bar and watch a film there.

Give an opinion (disagreeing)

Quite the opposite...

Give a reason

It's (mainly) down to the fact that...

Give an example

You know, like...

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Pronunciation

Word stress (compare)

*I'd say we watch **less** television*

Word stress (emphasise)

*I think it's **mainly** down to the fact*

*There is just such a **huge** choice*

Intonation (for lists)

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