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Questions and Answers (Q&A)

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What you will learn in this worksheet:

Q&A

Vocabulary Tips – Prefixes

Visualization



When preparing for IELTS Speaking, students have lots of questions about exam technique, how to learn English and how best to prepare.

In this article, you will see some of the recent questions that students have asked and some answers that might also be useful for you.

IELTS Speaking Questions and Answers

How can I know my ability or level?

Do a mock test - practice test

www.takeielts.net

Can I move from Band 3 to Band 8 in 2 years?

To move one Band you need about 150 hours of 'guided' learning

It depends how many hours a week you learn.

Can I ask the examiner to repeat different questions three times?

Sure, no problem.

10 is too many, but 3 is fine. Better to understand and be slower than to misunderstand a question.

Could you repeat that?

I didn't catch that, could you repeat it?

Would you mind repeating that?

Take things with a pinch of salt = *don't take things too seriously*

What are pronouns?

Pronouns replace nouns or noun phrases

Examples of Nouns

Keith, Manchester, sugar, cars

Examples of Pronouns (these are personal pronouns, but there are also other types of pronouns)

I, you, he, she, it, they

Me, you, him, her, them

How to recover if you go blank during speaking test?

Take a deep breath.

Forget everything you said, it doesn't matter what happened.

Ask the examiner to repeat the question.

Pause and take your time.

Take 2 or 3 seconds to think and relax then push forward.

Tomorrow is my IELTS listening, reading and writing test, please suggest specific strategy to get the desired score.

All you can do is the preparation at least 3 months before your exam. Find a teacher or somebody who can help you see your weaknesses, where you need to focus, and tell you the gap between where you are now and where your desired score is and help you get that.

Strategy is all about practice. Keep going every day because it's a long-term investment in your studies.

If your exam is tomorrow, then relax this evening. It's a marathon test, you need the energy and focus, so do not study tonight, instead do something enjoyable in English and get yourself mentally prepared.

Would you please mention about eye contact during speaking test?

Eye contact in the speaking test is the same as eye contact in real life.

Eye contact is important when you're speaking to anybody whether it's an interview, meeting, talking with friends or the IELTS Speaking test.

It's important because it's a key part of your communication. I suggest you look at the examiner and make some eye contact during the test. (Not staring all the time, because will make them feel uncomfortable.)

It's not a criteria in IELTS speaking but it is a criteria for good communication skills and you should develop those skills.

How can I predict all topics in IELTS speaking?

You can't.

The topics change every four months.
Some of the previous topics stay the same.

There will be some new topics and there will be some recycling of old topics.

When you prepare, just study a wide range of topics so you're familiar with all the different topics we talk about in daily life.

By looking at past topics, you can get an idea. But, I suggest that you focus on getting better at English and learning the exam techniques.

IELTS Speaking Language Tips

In this section I am going to give some tips for learning vocabulary, looking here at prefixes. These are a great way to expand your vocabulary very quickly.

Meaning of Prefixes

Several letters (or a phoneme) **before** a word that change its meaning

For example,

Understandmisunderstand

Suffixes

Several letters (or a phoneme) **after** a word that change its meaning

Note, we also have suffixes which are several letters (or a phoneme) after a word that change its meaning.

Examples of Common Prefixes

Pre = before

Preschool (adj. / n.)

A preschool child is around 3 - 5 years old.

Pre-meeting (adj.)

Let's go for a pre-meeting coffee

Precooked (adj.)

Pre-cook (v.)

I took a precooked chicken to the picnic.

Post = later, after

Post-meeting (adj.)

Let's have a post-meeting discussion.

Postpone (v.) = delay

Postgraduate (n.)

People taking a Master's degree or a PHD are postgraduates.

Post-mortem

After he died, the police needed to do a post-mortem to find the cause of death.

Mis = wrongly

Misunderstand

Misinformation

There is a lot of misinformation on some social media channels.

Dis = opposite / not

Disagree (v.)

Dishonest (adj.)

Over = too much

Overcook (v.)

Overweight (adj.)

Overreact (v.)

I am only 2 minutes late, why are you so angry? I think you are overreacting.

Under = too little

Undercook (v.)

Underestimate (v.)

I like to eat pasta that is a little undercooked; 'al dente' as they say in Italy.

Re = again

Rewrite

Reread

Redo

Reuse

To save the planet we need to reuse, reduce and recycle



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