

# IELTS Speaking

## Part 2 + 3



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Topic from the IELTS Question Bank

# Food



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## Part 2

## Part 2 Cue Card

**Describe a time that you invited family or friends to have dinner at home or in a restaurant**

**You should say:**

- when you invited them**
- where it happened**
- what you ate and drank**

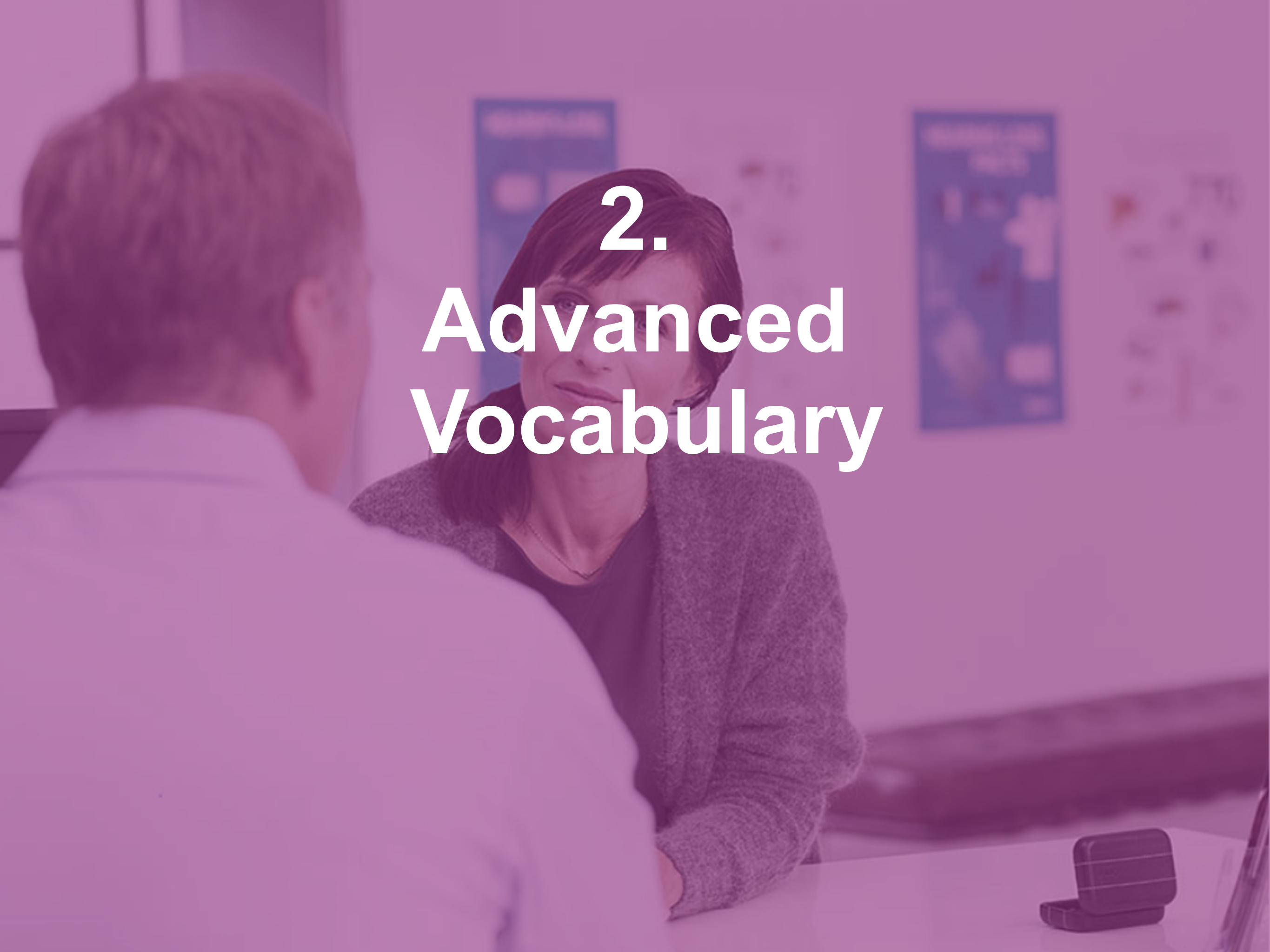
**and explain why you had this meal with your friends.**



# 1. Ideas

# Reasons for inviting people to your home

- **Festival**
- **House-warming**
- **Birthday**
- **Anniversary**
- **Someone passed an exam**
- **New born baby**


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## 2. Advanced Vocabulary




# Food and cooking

- The chef's specials
- A local delicacy,
- A slap-up meal
- Spicy, sweet, salty, sour
- Mouth-watering
- Nutritious food,
- home-cooked food

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# 3. Model Answer

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# 4. Language Analysis

I'll never forget when my Dad turned 80, we invited **a bunch of** close friends to a restaurant to celebrate. Turning 80 was a big deal, so we wanted to **mark the occasion** in a special way.

#### **Natural English**

***A bunch of friends***

= *a group of friends*

#### **Advanced Vocabulary**

***To mark the occasion***

= *to celebrate something*

**After some deliberation**, we **settled on** his favourite restaurant, which was an Indian in our neighbourhood. It's a **cozy**, little place, decorated like most Indian restaurants where we live with warm colours and some Hindu **tapestries** on the wall.

### Advanced Vocabulary

***After some deliberation***

= *After some careful thought*

***to settle on*** = *to choose*

***cozy (adj.)*** = *small and comfortable*

***Tapestry (n.)*** = *a picture woven from fabric*

**Mind you**, instead of the **par for the course**, traditional Indian music, they create a more modern atmosphere by playing contemporary Indian pop music. **It's not everybody's cup of tea**, but we like it.

#### **Natural English**

***Mind you,***

= Another word for 'just to let you know'...

#### ***Idiomatic expressions***

***Par for the course (adj.)***

= usual (adj.)

***It's not everyone's cup of tea***

= Not everyone likes it

To be honest, when you first walk in, you'd probably say **it's nothing to write home about**, but the reason we go there is for the amazing food and the **outstanding** service.

***Idiomatic expressions***

***It's nothing to write home about***  
= *it's nothing special*

***Advanced Vocabulary***

***Outstanding (adj.) service***  
= *Excellent, top notch,*

So that evening, the owner prepared a special **fixed menu** for us, based on some of our favourites, together with one of two **recommendations** by the chef. For **starters**, we had a **delicacy** from southern India which was quite spicy and served with a sweet mango sauce.

### **Food Vocabulary**

#### **A fixed menu**

= a limited menu with fixed prices

#### **Chef's recommendations**

= dishes the chef suggests

#### **A starter (n.)**

The first dish of a meal

#### **A delicacy**

= A rare (or expensive) food that is good to eat



For main course, we could **go for** chicken, fish or vegetable curry **served with** either rice or nan bread, which is a kind of heavy bread that you can **dip in** the curry sauce.

### **Advanced vocabulary**

***To go for***

= *to choose*

***To dip in*** (a sauce, soup or drink)

= *to put in (a liquid) quickly to get it moist*

We basically **stuffed ourselves** and I think my Dad **had a whale of a time** being with family and a few special friends.

**Idiomatic expression**

***To stuff yourself***

= *to eat a lot (usually too much)*

***To have a whale of a time***

= *to have a great time*

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# 1. Technique

# Question type


Do you think A is better than B?

How would you compare A and B?



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# 2. Model Answers

Do you think home-cooked food is healthier than restaurant food?

**Absolutely, hands down.** With home-cooked food we tend to use fresher ingredients, and we can control how much salt we put in the food. In many restaurants, they usually over-do it with all the bad stuff; too much salt, sugar and fat. You also have no idea how fresh things are. More often than not, they use frozen or even canned products. **That said,** I know some restaurants that focus on providing healthy options. **I'd say my local Italian is an example of that,** they offer salads, vegan pizzas, and steamed fish, all using fresh produce.

**Present a point of view**

*Absolutely, hands down*

**Present a concession**

*That said...*

**Give an example**

*I'd say my local Italian is an example of that...*



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### **Connectors**

***More often than not,***

= *Too often or too frequently*

### **Food vocabulary**

***ingredients*** (n.)

***frozen*** (adj.)

***canned*** (adj.)

***Fresh produce*** (n.)

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