

## IELTS Speaking Guide: Lesson 1

### Giving Answers with a Reason About your Home

In the first section of the IELTS speaking test the examiner will ask 3-4 questions about 1 topic. You will normally be asked about 3 different topics.

**Tip:** *Never give one-word answers. Always give a reason for your answer; do not make the examiner ask you, "Why?"*

**Example:** Do you spend a lot of time outdoors?

**Answer:** Yes, I do go outside a lot because I enjoy taking walks and breathing fresh air.

### Vocabulary Building-Warm-Up

Look at the following categories. Choose a letter and try to think of as many words as possible that are related to each category.

**Example:** Letter: T  
Category: Items in a kitchen  
Possible Answers: teapot, tea, table, tap, towels, Tupperware

Use the following categories for each letter that you choose.

Items in a kitchen	Furniture	Things you hang on a wall
Items in a bathroom	Rooms in a house	Thing in a living room
Colors you paint a house	Dishes you cook	Activities in a living room

In order to prepare properly for the exam, you need to think about how you would answer a question and give the reason for your answer.

1. How would you describe your home?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you see yourself living in your home for a long time?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your ideal home?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you like your home?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is your favorite room in your home?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

6. If you could redecorate your home, what would you do?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

7. What don't you like about your home?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_because

\_\_\_\_\_

**Speaking Activity:** Practice asking and answering the above questions with a partner. Try not to use your notes.

**Listening Activity:** Practice asking the questions above again, but this time, write down your partner's answers and think of a follow-up question to ask.

Partner's Answers and Follow-up questions.

1. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Question: \_\_\_\_\_

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