

## ***Live Lesson Notes***

# **Changes**



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### **What you will learn:**

Warm up questions  
Essential vocabulary  
Do you like change?  
Idioms about Change  
IELTS Speaking Part 3 Tips  
Model Answers

## Some useful Links

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## Introduction

In this free IELTS Speaking lesson on the topic of CHANGE, you will learn how to talk about changes in life, the workplace and society

[Watch the complete video about this topic of change here.](#)

## Essential Vocabulary

*It is essential to build your vocabulary and also to start **activating** it.*

*That means you should try **making some phrases** with the vocabulary below.*

*Remember to always learn the **collocations** of new words.*

**Try to fill in the gaps in these sentences.**

1. This new government is going to \_\_\_\_\_ some big changes
2. Covid has \_\_\_\_\_ quite a few changes in our lives
3. Please don't change your \_\_\_\_\_ !
4. I am going to take the bus to work, \_\_\_\_\_ a change

## **Possible Answers:**

1. make / implement / consider / apply / conduct
2. brought about / lead to
3. opinion / mind / plan / ideas
4. for

## **Common Collocations**

**Make** a change

**Introduce** some new changes

This has **brought about/caused** a few changes

Change your **mind**

Change your **opinion**

Change your **tune** (=mind or attitude)

Change your **job**

Change a **plan**

I am going to take the bus to work, **for a change**

It's a change **for the worse / for the better**

## Do you like change?

Absolutely, if it's **for the better**

**Change is constant**, there is nothing we can do about it

It is **a constant** in our lives

Yes, I usually **embrace change**.

Yes, we can learn and grow **through change**.

I do, provided it is a **positive change**.

## Idioms

The wind of change is coming (*=things are going to change*)

I have had **a change of heart** (*=to change my mind*)

A person cannot **change their stripes** (*=can't change their ways*)

**A change is as good as a rest**

**To turn over a new leaf** (*=start something new*)

## Idioms from the 'Stan the Man' Video

**A change is as good as a rest**

It's a **change for the better / worse**

**I've had a change of heart**, I've decided not to marry you!

I've decided **to turn over a new leaf**, I will stop eating cakes and start eating more fruit

I've been stuck in this job for years. I need **to blow away the cobwebs**, so I am going to quit and look for a new job, and **make a fresh start**.

This new manager has lots of new ideas. She is like **a breath of fresh air**

We need **to breathe new life into** this company, let's recruit some younger managers.

## Part 3 Tips

On the topic of change, you will probably have to talk about change in the past and future. These are some of the common topics you may have to talk about, and the causes of change you may want to mention.

### Topics of change

Schools  
Workplace  
Family  
Film / food / music industry

### Causes of Change

Technology  
Covid 19  
Nature  
Age

### Common Question Types

#### How has \_\_\_\_\_ changed in recent years?

You can break your answers into three simple parts.

1. The past
2. The change
3. Now

Well, in the past, \_\_\_\_\_

But recently **there has been** a huge change

Now, we **can see** \_\_\_\_\_

## How has education changed in recent years?

Well, in the past, we **used to have** face-to-face classes

But recently **there has been** a huge change

Now, we **can see** more students are studying online.

I think this is due to technology....

## How will \_\_\_\_\_ change in the future?

You can break your answers into three simple parts.

1. Now
2. The change
3. The future

Well right **now**, \_\_\_\_\_

But I think **this is more than likely to change**

In the future, we **will / might / may / are going to** \_\_\_\_\_

## How will education change in the future?

Well right **now**, many pupils have to study online, as well as going to school

But I think **this is more than likely to change**

In the future, they will stop going to school altogether, and just study from home on mobile devices.



## IELTS Speaking Sample Answers

**Keith, why are old people resistant to change?**

Well, I am not sure that's **strictly true**.

I think, **by and large**, a lot of old people don't like change, and that's sometimes because they **are stuck in their ways**.

They have been doing the same thing for so many years that they **just** like the routine.

It gives some **a sense of security**, maybe **a sense of safety**.

For example, if they go shopping to the same shop, on the same street, at the same time every day, **there's a sense of routine security and safety**, may be even public safety, which is important for older people.

But, that said, I don't think all old people are resistant to change.

For example, my father has **embraced change**.

He has embraced technology. He now uses a tablet **to get online**, to surf the internet, and to have video conferences with me and other members of the family.

So, that's my answer!

**Keith, what kind of change did you make in the past that affects your current situation?**

**When it comes to talking about** changes I've made in the past, I think, there are lots of **changes I've made to my life.**

**One of the most impactful changes** that I have made, is going back to study, to do a master's degree in my 40s', which is quite old.

I mean, we've got **mature students**, but, I think, I was 44 or something when I was doing my master's degree.

It was **part-time** because I was working at that time.

But I decided to do a master's degree in digital education, in order to learn more about how people learn online and I think, this has **enormously impacted** my current situation

because with, well, I have chosen to start teaching more online and to design online courses to support students around the world

and I think for me, **having done** that masters was a **critical stage**,

in having the confidence and **the know-how to** set up learning environments, online courses and then to give classes online.

So, for me yeah, that's one of, er, the kind of change that I made, an educational change, **upping my skills**, I guess, that has affected my current situation.