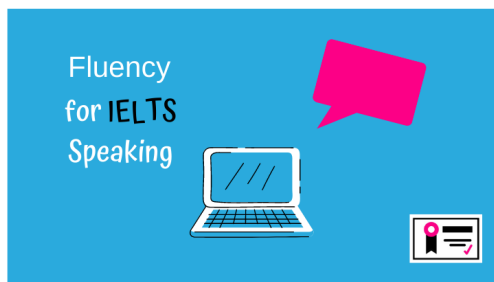


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Useful Links

Definition of **leadership** and many more business tools

https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newLDR_41.htm

Another **definition of leadership** from **Forbes** magazine

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kevinkruse/2013/04/09/what-is-leadership/?sh=75671e715b90>

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Introduction

In this free IELTS Speaking lesson on the topic of LEADERS, you will learn how to talk about qualities of a leader, different types of leaders and the future of leadership.

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

Warm Up Questions

These are the kind of questions on this topic of Leadership that you might find in IELTS Speaking.

Speak out your answer to the following questions!

What makes a good leader?

Can leaders be trained?

Do you think leaders will be different in the future?

Describe a friend who is a good leader!

Related topics

Decision-making

- Should a leader discuss decisions with team members?

Family

- Who is the head of the family in your country?

Team-work

Do teams need a leader?

Cooperation vesus Competition

- Which is better?

Skills

- Which skills will young people need in the future?

Education

- Should we and can we teach children to be leaders?

Games

- What can children learn from playing games?

Types of leader

- Religious
- Political
- Business
- Military
- Community
- Student
- Family

Useful vocabulary

Lead (v.)

Leader (n.)

Leadership (n.)

What is leadership? What is a leader?

Someone who guides others towards a common goal

Someone who **motivates** and **inspires** others

Someone who **builds an inspiring vision**

A leader needs to have a vision and be able to take others with them towards that vision.

A leader does the right thing, a manager does things right.

Leadership **has nothing to do with** titles or seniority, it is about directing people towards a common goal.

What is a good leader?

A good leader **paves the path** for the success of generations

They can **think critically**

An exceptional person who can lead others **without losing their temper**

The one who leads any group efficiently and effectively

A person who could listen and understand others

A person who can **distinguish right from wrong** and lead others the right way

Any person who works the most and ensures others work honestly

A person who is **goal-oriented**

A person who **sets a good example** for others

A person who **carries out what he preaches**

Anyone who has **strong decision-making power** and the ability to lead others

A person who can help others find their way.

Collocations with 'leader'

Experienced / smart / loyal / inspirational / vocal / open-minded

well-qualified / zealous / easy-going/ versatile/ a visionary

calm and collected / vigilant / magnetic / agile / passionate/ organised

composed / determined / accountable / inventive / goal-oriented

dedicated / pragmatic

Idioms to talk about leaders

She is a **natural born leader**

Their ability **sets them apart** (=makes them different / better)

They **stand out from** the crowd

They are **a cut above the rest** (=better than others)

She is **in a different league** (=better than others)

She is **second to none** (= the best)

His ideas are **ahead of the curve** (=brand new)

The leader **calls the shots** (=makes the decisions)

He is **as sharp as a knife** (=clever)

Tips for Part 2

Describe a friend who is a good leader.

Someone who leads....you can talk about,

A family (father, mother)

A small business (restaurant / shop owner...)

A team (project at work/school,

A club (reading, wine-tasting, chess...)

A coach (school football team)

An event (planning a wedding / conference / holiday)

What kinds of qualities does a leader need?

Active

Brave

Charismatic

Decisive

Empathetic

Fair

Gregarious

Honest

Influential

Jubilant

Kind

Loyal

Motivational

Optimistic

Persuasive

Responsible

Supportive

Trustworthy

Unprejudiced

Veracious

Wise

Zealous

Do you think in the future there will be more women leaders?

- Yes, absolutely, because women **have good judgement** in critical conditions.
- Yes, of course, there is no **gender difference** these days.
- Yup, because they know the art of **going shoulder to shoulder** with men.
- Yeah, as we go forward, women are **making breakthroughs** in all fields.
- Yes, women change the world.
- The Prime Minister of New Zealand is the true example.
- Oh yeah, Queen Elizabeth is in front of us.
- Yes, most probably, as the **gender equality concern** is growing day by day.

Tips for Part 3

Give your **Opinion**

Say **Why**

Use **examples**

Below you have examples of leaders provided by students. Remember you can talk not only about political leaders, but also influencers, business leaders, members of your family, educators and so forth.

M Sheikh Hasina
YS Jagan Mohan Redd
Kamala Harris
Prime Minister Imran Khan
Angela Merkel
Abbad Reda
Rodrigo Duterte
GusDur
President No Muhyeon
Kim Namjoon (RM)
Sudha Murthy
Daw Aung San Su Kyi

Model Answers

1. What are the qualities of a good leader for you?

For me I think, a leader, **first and foremost**, is somebody who has a vision and not only has the vision of what they want in the future , but has **the ability to lead others** and to take others with them, towards that future.

So, I think they must be **influential** and **persuasive**, but to do it in such a way that people want to go with them and follow them and realise that vision.

So, I think, these are the key factors that a good leader must have.

On top of that, I think, they also need to be **quite decisive** and to be able to make decisions even though there is not enough information, but to **choose a path**, in a quick time. So, I would say those are some of the key qualities of a good leader needs.

2. Can children be a leader to the elderly?

That's a very interesting question and I haven't thought about that before, but **to be honest** I would say, well it depends on both the child and the elderly. I think, children can **have a great influence on** elderly people. You know, for example, they can teach them new technology. I know lots of younger teenagers are helping their grandparents learn how to get online, to **become silver surfers** and to **browse the internet** and find things that they want, even shopping online.

So I think, if there is either **a skills gap** and there is also **an element of trust** between the child and the grandparent, then, absolutely, I think certain children **have a knack for** leading their grandparents and to lead the elderly so long as there is an existing relationship between them.

3. Do you have any leadership qualities?

That's a **tough question** and I am not sure I have thought about that but let me see! I think there are some **aspects of leadership** that I do possess.

You know, I do **have a knack for** influencing people and getting them to follow me. I think my **down to earth approach** can be **quite appealing** and so people sometimes come with me and will join me to try to **achieve a particular goal** that I want to achieve.

That said, the kind of leadership qualities of being **decisive**, I am not great at. I think **my achilles heel** is my decisiveness.

I tend to **dilly dally** (=waste time) and **dither** (hesitate and not decide) when it comes to making decisions. So, I am not very good at that.

So, I think that's **one aspect that** may be a, I am not very good at leading and er, that's my answer.