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Part 2 Cue Cards

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What you will learn in this worksheet:

Part 2 Topics / CUE CARDS for IELTS Speaking

Part 2 Myths

New Cue Cards

Topics and Categories (People and Things)

Sample Answers

Useful Links

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Introduction

In this free IELTS Speaking lesson we will look at some **IELTS Speaking Part 2 topics** and **CUE CARDS** that you might be asked about in 2021.

[Watch the complete video here](#)

Myth-busting!!

A myth is something many people believe is true, but actually it is not. Here, we are going to break (or bust) some myths about IELTS Speaking

Are these True or False?

1. You have 2 minutes to prepare
2. You have to give the Cue Card back before you speak
3. You should speak for 1 to 2 minutes
4. I will be allowed to speak for 2 minutes
5. You always get a follow up question
6. Part 2 is worth more than part 1

(ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF PDF)

List of Cue Cards (from Students in 2021)

*Notice the **main topic** being asked, as it is important you prepare this topic well for part 3. Notice also the tense, whether they are asking about the past or future.*

Describe a **famous** person you are interested in
Describe a person who you think wears unusual **clothes**
Describe a person who often helps others

Describe a special **hotel** you have stayed in
Describe a **city** you have been to and would like to **visit** again

Describe a **toy** you liked in your **childhood**
Describe something you ate for the first time
Describe a **wild animal** you have seen

Describe a time when you told your **friend** an important **truth**
Describe the first time you **spoke a foreign language**
Describe a time you visited an **art exhibition**

Find out more about the categories of People, things, place, events and activities here

<https://keithspeakingacademy.com/ielts-speaking-part-2-topics/>

People

You may be asked about people who are

famous,
intelligent,
energetic,
helpful

...

FAMOUS PEOPLE - Check out a video here - [Celebrities video](#)

ENERGETIC Person

Here are some useful phrases you can use to describe an energetic person

To be full of beans
To have a lot of drive
Full of vigour (=energy)
Hyperactive = too much energy (negative)
He is very enthusiastic / zealous / dynamic

INTELLIGENT Person

Here are some useful phrases you can use to describe an intelligent person

To **be on the ball** (*clever / smart*)
He knows _____ **like the back of his hand**
She knows _____ **back to front**
She knows _____ **inside out**
To be **quick-witted** (*smart and funny*)
To **be the brains behind** something
She is **as sharp as a knife**
He is **as bright as a button**
He is a genius / gifted / resourceful when it comes to _____
(*learning languages, selling things*)

Generally talking about people:

Here are some useful phrases you can use to describe people in general.

The person I want to talk about is **none other than** _____ (*my mother, my wife, my neighbour...*)

This is used to mention a person that may surprise the listener)

I've known them (him/her) since _____ (*2010, January, last week*)

SINCE is used with a point in time

I've known them (him/her) for _____ (*2 years, 6 months, 1 week*)

FOR is used with a period in time

It must've been _____ years ago when we first met

This is often used when trying to remember some exact information.

Things

You may be asked about things such as

Objects,
Food,
Things you buy,
A book,
A film,
Photos,
Something you have lost
...

Lesson about FOOD - <https://keithspeakingacademy.com/how-to-talk-about-food-in-ielts-speaking>

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Lesson about PHOTOS - <https://keithspeakingacademy.com/how-to-talk-about-photography-in-ielts-speaking>

Describe a useful book you have read

USEFUL BOOK - Ideas!

Self-help book / personal development books
School books
Novel (*help you relax*)
Dictionary (*to look up words*)
Bible / Koran - Quran (*helps me build my faith*)

Useful Vocabulary

It's a good **read** (n.)

It's a real **page-turner**

I couldn't put it down = *(it was addictive)*

That book had me **on the edge of my seat** (=it was exciting)

I read it **from cover to cover** (= I read the whole book..it was good)

It's **well worth** reading

It was worth its weight in gold (=very valuable)

Each of the following phrase means it was useful.

It **came in** useful

It came in **handy**

It **proved** very **useful**

It **turned out to be** very useful (=in the end it was useful)

Each of the following phrase means I love reading

I'm a **bit of a** bookworm

I'm an **avid / voracious** reader

I'm **keen on** reading

Generally talking about things:

Here are some useful phrases you can use to describe things in general.

It's **one of the best** ____ I've ever ____

It's **by far the best** ____ I have ever _____

It's not expensive, but it has **sentimental value**

It's **the best thing since sliced bread**

Sample Answers

Describe an interesting house you have visited

The other day, I went to a friend's house because they were having a dinner party and they **invited a few of us round** to visit them.

There was only a small number of us, four of us, because during COVID we are not allowed to have a large group of people together.

So, I went to visit their house and it was a really interesting house. It's **out in the sticks** (= *an isolated place*), a long way away from the city.

So, it's a bit of a countryside house, a little bit **isolated**, and as you approach, actually, it looks very **palatial** (= *looks like a palace*)

It's really quite a big house. It's made of stone and it has, on the outside a kind of **pebble-dashed finish**, and then it has these kind of, **black tiles on the roof**.

And when we went into the house, I was really impressed, actually, by the **interior decoration**.

She had some lovely **décor** in the living room, I mean where we actually went to eat the dinner, was a **gorgeous room**.

They had this **open fireplace** that was on because it was cold and it's in the winter, and then they have these lovely sofas and a really nice, **mahogany wooden table**, dining table, where we ate the dinner.

Then, the kitchen was my favourite room. **It was by far the best kitchen I have ever seen** because it was huge and it had **all the mod cons** (= *all the modern conveniences*), the modern kind of oven, **working top, preparation top**, it was a **gorgeous kitchen**, one that **I would die for**.

And we had a really enjoyable meal and I was very impressed with the house so I thanked them for the meal and **paid my compliments to them** about the beautiful house they also had.

Describe a funny movie you have seen

I'd like to talk about a movie I saw several months ago and it's called 'The Yes Man' starring Jim Carrey.

Now this was a **film that my brother recommended me to watch**.

He said, it was one of these **laugh out loud** films. He thought it was **hilarious** and that it would **suit my sense of humour**.

So, I watched it on, I think...., I watched it on Apple, actually on the iTunes and so, I rented the film and it was great.

It was all about a man who decided to say yes to life. Basically, he was a very **pessimistic** person and he said 'no' to everybody and then he went to a conference where he was convinced that he should try saying 'yes' to everybody.

So, **he sets himself a challenge** to say yes to every question he is asked and he **gets into all sorts of funny situations**.

It was, you know, one of these films where you're literally **laughing in the aisles**, I **split my sides laughing**. Just all the unusual and comical difficulties he gets into and the creative ways that he uses **to get out of those problems**.

So, I love the actor. Jim Carrey is a kind of famous well-known celebrity.

He has done a lot of different films, from **slapstick comedy** to **irony**, **satirical films** he's been in. He has also played some serious roles as well.

I think the reason I really like this film was **I could identify with the main character** (= *I empathised with him*), right.

I just thought those are the kind of difficult situations I would get myself into and I thought it was really funny, relaxing.

It was a lovey way for me **to chill out**. So yes, I really enjoyed that.

Myth-busting!! - ANSWERS

1. You have 2 minutes to prepare FALSE

You have 1 minute to prepare

2. You have to give the Cue Card back before you speak FALSE

You should keep the card as you speak, and give it back after you finish speaking

3. You should speak for 1 to 2 minutes TRUE

4. I will be allowed to speak for 2 minutes TRUE

This is true, unless you give a memorised answer, in which case the examiner may stop you after one minute

5. You always get a follow up question FALSE

If you speak for a fun 2 minutes, you may not get a follow up question

6. Part 2 is worth more than part 1 FALSE

Your score is assessed over all three parts of the speaking test, so all three are equally important.