

## *Live Lesson Notes*

# Success with Part 2 Cue Cards

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**What you will learn in this worksheet:**

## **IELTS Speaking Part 2**

Review of Cue Cards about PEOPLE and THINGS  
New Cue Cards about EVENTS and PLACES  
Ideas / Idioms for many Cue Cards  
Sample Answers

## Useful Links

**Templates** and sample **Part 2 Cue Cards**

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

**Art Museum Virtual Tours**

<https://artsandculture.google.com/?hl=en>

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## Introduction

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

[Watch the complete video here](#)

## Cue Cards

*These are Cue Cards that have been shared by students doing the test recently.*

### PEOPLE:

Describe a famous person you are interested in  
Describe an energetic person you know  
Describe an intelligent person you know

**Describe a person who you think is very open.**

#### **Ideas:**

*You may talk about a person who is..*

- **honest** (=don't *tell* lies, don't *tell* fibs)
- **likes to listen to new ideas**
- **accepts feedback and criticism**

#### **Idioms/ Vocabulary:**

He never **pulls the wool over your eyes** (=to *lie* or *deceive*)

She is **open to** suggestions

He is **open-minded**

## **THINGS:**

Describe a book you found useful

**Describe a skill you think you can teach others.**

**Ideas:**

*You could talk about ...*

- A hobby - sport, games, language
- Work - coding, typing,
- Soft skills - communication, team work

**Idioms/ Vocabulary:**

I **have a knack for** doing this (= *I'm skilled at \_\_\_*)

I can **show you the ropes** (= *show you the skills you need*)

I can **show you the ins and outs** of this

I know how to **do this with my eyes closed** (= *this is easy for me*)

# EVENTS

*In part 2 you may be asked to describe a **time** you.....*

gave advice  
had a dinner  
worked in a group  
made a decision  
got a piece of news/advice

*Sometimes, you are asked about the **first time** you did one of these things.*

*Here are some videos to help with 2 of these topics*

**Describe a time you had to make a decision**

Decision-making - [video](#)

**Describe a time you worked in a team with others**

Team work - [video](#)

## Generally talking about events:

*Here are some expressions you can use to talk about any events:*

This was \_\_5\_\_ years ago  
This is going back \_\_5\_\_ years

I remember it vividly (=clearly)  
It seems like yesterday  
If my memory serves me right....  
If I'm not mistake, it was....

It was a **brand new** experience  
It was **my first encounter with**....  
I had never done this before then

# Cue Cards

Describe a time when you told your friend an important truth

Describe the first time you spoke a foreign language

## Ideas:

*You could talk about a time...*

- at school
- at work
- on holiday
- in a job interview

## Idioms/ Vocabulary:

*All of these 3 mean very scared:*

I was **scared stiff**

I was **scared to death**

I was **scared out of my wits**

*These 3 mean I was nervous and panicking:*

I was **panic-stricken**

I was **like a deer (caught) in the headlights**

I felt like a **nervous wreck**

If my memory serves me right (= *if I remember correctly*)

I was afraid people might **mock** me (= *make fun of me*)

I was a little bit **tongue tied** (= *I was too nervous too speak*)

I was waiting with **bated breath** (= *couldn't breathe due to nerves or excitement*)

Words were just **on the tip of my tongue** (= *I couldn't remember or speak out the words*)

## **Describe a time you visited an art exhibition**

### **Idioms/ Vocabulary:**

*These mean 'I couldn't understand it'*

**I couldn't make head or tail** of (the paintings)  
**I couldn't get / wrap my head around it**

There was so much **to take in** (= *to see and absorb*)

**I was blown away** by the paintings (= *I really liked them - they were very impressive*)

I was **captivated**

The picture was **jaw-dropping / breath-taking**

***If you have never been to an art exhibition, you can take a virtual tour in any of the greatest museums in the world - thanks to google!***

### **Art Museum Virtual Tours**

<https://artsandculture.google.com/?hl=en>

## PLACES:

*In IELTS Speaking Part 2 you may be asked to describe different kinds of places, such as a...*

- hotel
- home
- public building
- country
- city

*Here are some videos to help with 2 of these topics*

**Describe a home you have visited but would not like to live in**  
**Homes** - <https://keithspeakingacademy.com/ielts-speaking-lesson-topic-home-accommodation>

**Describe a city you have visited**  
**Cities** - <https://keithspeakingacademy.com/ielts-speaking-lesson-topic-cities/>

## Generally talking about places:

*Here are some expressions you can use to talk about any events:*

### Location:

It's located **in the north** of England  
It's located **to the north** of London

It can be found  
...in the city centre  
...in the suburbs / outskirts  
...near the coast

It's a **stone's throw** from my house (=it's very close)

## Opinion:

It's a place you wouldn't want to miss

It's a great place to...

It's a must-see place

It's well known for....

## Cue Cards

**Describe a place in a foreign country where you want to work for a short time.**

### Ideas:

*You could talk about a...*

- city
- company
- shop

### Idioms/ Vocabulary:

I **fancy** working in Paris (*I'd like to*)

I **would't mind** working in Paris (*I'd like to*)

I **have got my mind set on** working in Paris (*I have a plan to do it*)

It interests me to work in....

## Sample Answers

### Q. 1: Describe a place you never want to visit again?

A place that I would like to describe is a shop that I once visited many years ago.

**It must have been** about 15 years ago and **this is going back** when I was about nine years old

and **I was on holiday at that time** with my family in France

and none of us **had been to** France before, but I decided, well, we decided to visit this village.

This shop **was located in the centre** of the village and I had to go in and speak French and I didn't do it very well, and I **was scared stiff** and I got so embarrassed because nobody could understand me.

That feeling of embarrassment was so strong that I decided I never wanted to go back to that shop again.

Even though, the next day my dad said, please Keith, go back to the shop and get the bread,

it will help you practice your French, but I **was really reluctant** to go back because I felt a bit like a dope (= *an idiot*)

and I just knew that the words would be **on the tip of my tongue**, but I would **get tongue tied** and I just didn't want to go back.

So that was a place that I would rather not go and visit again; not because the people were unfriendly, but because my experience then there wasn't a very good one.

## Q2. Describe a movie that you saw recently?

I'd love to tell you about a movie that I saw a couple of weeks ago.

I watched it at home, because I enjoy watching movies at home and it was a real kind of **Hollywood blockbuster**.

Now, **I can't remember the name exactly**, but it was one of those **action movies** and it was to do with a kind of an attack on London

and it was Part 2, **it was the sequel to another film** which was about an attack on America, on Washington DC.

And this one was about some kind of terrorist attack on London and on the Government in England.

It was an interesting film. I mean, **as far as action movies go**, it was quite entertaining. The **special effects** were really **spectacular**.

They obviously used **computer graphics** and also some **fancy, elaborate techniques to captivate the audience**.

The music was good. It was very **fast-paced** and exciting music and it really **drew you into the action**. So, you were always **on the edge of your seat**, excited to see what would happen next in the movie.

The main actor was an actor who always plays the same role, he's always playing either the head of the police or the head of the government.

I think **he's typecast** (= *always given the same kind of role in a film*) quite a lot, so he's always in the same role and to be honest **the acting was not believable at all**.

It was just **over the top, ridiculous acting**, but which matches the kind of this film.

Of course, **the plot was totally unbelievable**, but again with this kind of action packed film, it is what you expect nowadays.

So, overall, I enjoyed it. **It was a bit of escapism for me** so it was .., it's a film that I enjoyed watching.