IELTS Speaking Part 3: 50 Practice Questions

Ten sets divided by topic. Ready to be cut out and used for classroom practice.

Role models

Which type of people are respected most in your society? Do you agree with this situation? What happens when young people lack good role models? What standards of behaviour should teachers set? Do you agree that you should never meet your heroes?

Travel and transport

How easy is it to travel around your country? Which method of travel do you consider safest? Has travel become safer in recent years? What are the pros and cons of low-cost air travel? How do you think people will travel in the future?

Universities

Is higher education too expensive in your country? Should all students pay for their university education? What advantages do universities bring to society? Which is more important, research or teaching? How should students spend their summer vacations?

Sports and competition

Why are some sports fans so passionate? Is there any violence at sporting events in your country? Should athletes be better role models? What benefits do international sporting events bring? Is it important for a country to win lots of medals?

Leadership and politics

Do you think people are born to be leaders? Can leadership skills be taught? Why are elected politicians often so unpopular? What should a leader do to remain popular? Do you think unelected heads of state are a good idea?

Life experience

Do you agree that we learn best from our mistakes? What's the best way to gain experience in life? Can we gain life experience from books and movies? Which is more important, experience or potential? What experience do you wish you'd gained?

Retirement and old age

At what age should people retire from work? What problems can people face after retirement? How important are retirees to your country's economy? When should you start saving for retirement? Why do some companies encourage early retirement?

Photography and the image

Is it easy to take good photographs? What are the pros and cons of digital photography? Should people share their photographs online? When can an image be worth a thousand words? Is a photograph a reliable form of identification?

Inventions and copyright

Which invention has transformed your country most? Would you like to be an inventor? How long should someone be able to profit from an idea? Do you think intellectual property laws are too strict? Should all medicines be free to manufacture?

The internet and social media

Which websites are popular among your generation? Is using the internet a social or solitary activity? How has the internet changed social behaviour? Should companies check job applicants' online profiles? What will be the next big development online?