



Lesson 2: Personal Information

IELTS Speaking Part 1



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What is IELTS Speaking Part 1?

IELTS Speaking Part 1 is a **4–5 minute** section at the start of your speaking test. It includes **questions about personal topics**.

Purpose:

- To help you relax and introduce yourself
- To test your **fluency with everyday English**
- To see how you talk about **your life, routines, preferences and background**

Common Part 1 Topics:

- Hometown
- Family
- Daily life and routines
- Work / studies
- Free time

Example IELTS Part 1 Questions: Personal Info

- Where are you from?
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- What is your hometown like?
- Who do you live with?
- Tell me about your family.
- Have you lived in the same place for a long time?

Goal: Speak naturally using short but full responses (2–3 sentences each).

Grammar Focus: Present Simple for Daily Life

Use **Present Simple** to describe facts, routines and general truth.

Structure:

- **Subject + base verb (add -s for he/she/it)**

Examples:

- “I live in a small town.”
- “My mother works in a hospital.”
- “We usually eat dinner together.”

Task: Write three sentences about your current family life using Present Simple.

Activity: Spot the Mistake (Present Simple)

Correct the grammar:

- I live in London since 2010.
- My brother don't like football.
- We eats together every evening.

Corrected:

- I **have lived** in London since 2010.
- My brother **doesn't** like football.
- We **eat** together every evening.

Task: Fix each sentence and say them aloud for pronunciation.

Grammar Focus: Present Perfect for Life Experience

Use **Present Perfect** to show experiences or situations **from the past that continue now**.

Structure:

- **have/has + past participle**

Examples:

- “I’ve lived here all my life.”
- “My parents have worked in this city for 20 years.”
- “I’ve always been close to my family.”

Task: Write 2–3 sentences about where you’ve lived or worked using Present Perfect.

Vocabulary Builder: Hometown & Family

- **Hometown Words:**

countryside, capital city, small town, suburb, local, peaceful, crowded, historic

- **Family Words:**

siblings, extended family, close-knit, eldest, only child, nuclear family

Mini Activity: Choose 2 family words and 2 hometown words and describe yourself.



Speaking Practice: Talking About Your Hometown

Question:

Can you describe your hometown?

Include:

- Present Simple (what it's like)
- One adjective (e.g. peaceful, busy)
- One opinion (I like / I don't like...)

Example:

“My hometown is a small village in the countryside. It's very quiet and peaceful. I like it because the air is clean and everyone knows each other.”



Grammar Focus: “Used to” for Past Habits

Use “used to” to talk about the past that is **not true now**.

Structure:

- **subject + used to + base verb**

Examples:

- “I used to live with my grandparents.”
- “We used to have family dinners every weekend.”
- “My hometown used to be much smaller.”

Task: Say two things you or your family used to do when you were younger.



Pronunciation Practice: Personal Words

Practise stress and rhythm on these:

- “hometown”
- “neighbourhood”
- “siblings”
- “routine”
- “weekends”
- “relatives”

Activity: Pick 3 and use them in full sentences, saying them clearly and naturally.



Common Mistakes in Personal Topics

Mistakes:

- “I’m living here since 2010.” → ✗
- “I didn’t went to school nearby.” → ✗
- “My family are big.” → ✗
- Fixed:
- “I **have lived** here since 2010.”
- “I **didn’t go** to school nearby.”
- “My family **is** big.” (collective noun)

Tip: Use correct verb forms and be careful with present perfect vs past.

Speaking Drill: Talking About Family

Question:

Tell me about your family.

Include:

- Who you live with
- What your family members do
- One opinion or feeling

Example:

“I live with my parents and younger sister. My dad works in construction, and my mum is a teacher. We’re very close and spend weekends together.”



Activity: “Me Now vs Me Before”

Think about your life now and in the past. Describe this to your tutor and talk about:

- Where you live
- Who you live with
- Your hometown
- Your daily routine

Use:

- Present Simple
- Used to
- Present Perfect

Example:

“I live in a flat now, but I **used to live** in a house with my family. I **have lived** in this city for three years.”



IELTS Speaking Practice: Daily Routines

Question:

What do you usually do at weekends?

Try to:

- Use time phrases: always, often, usually
- Say how you feel about your routine
- Give a reason

Example:

“I usually go to the park with my friends on Saturdays. It helps me relax after a busy week. On Sundays, I stay home and watch films.”

Useful Phrases for Speaking Naturally

- “To be honest...”
- “I’ve always...”
- “I grew up in...”
- “Most of the time...”
- “When I was younger...”
- “Nowadays...”

Mini Task: Use 2 of these in one answer about your family or hometown.



Listen and Respond (Speaking Fluency)

Prompt:

“I live in a big city, but I’m thinking of moving back to my hometown.”

Respond:

- Ask a question
- Give advice
- Say your opinion

Example:

“That sounds like a big decision. Do you miss your hometown? I think it’s nice to live somewhere peaceful.”



Practice Quiz: Choose the Correct Answer

- “I’ve lived / I live here since I was born.”
- “My brother works / work in a hotel.”
- “We used to going / go to my grandparents’ house every week.”

Task: Say the correct version aloud, then explain why it’s correct.



Speaking Challenge

Speak for 1 minute about:

- **“Describe the place where you grew up.”**

Include:

- 2 adjectives
- Present Simple and Past Simple
- A memory or activity from childhood

Example:

“I grew up in a small coastal town. It was quiet and beautiful. I remember walking along the beach every evening with my family. Now, it’s more developed.”



Final Speaking Round

Answer 3 questions quickly:

- Do you enjoy spending time with your family?
- What do you like most about your hometown?
- Do you prefer quiet places or busy places?

Speak for 2–3 sentences each. Aim for natural speed and clear structure.

