

■ IELTS Speaking & Writing Practice Pack

IELTS Speaking Practice Samples

■ Part 1 (Introduction & Interview)

- Where are you from?
- What do you like about your hometown?
- Has your hometown changed in recent years?

Useful Fillers: Well, to be honest... / Actually, I'd say... / That's an interesting question...

Vocabulary: urbanization, vibrant, cultural hub, infrastructure

■ Part 2 (Cue Card): Describe a book that influenced you

Band 8 Starter: "One book that really influenced me is *The Alchemist*... The central theme of following one's dreams resonated with me deeply..."

Band 9 Starter: "A book that profoundly shaped my outlook is *The Alchemist*. Beyond its simple narrative, it offers universal truths about resilience and self-discovery..."

Useful Phrases: What struck me the most was... / It broadened my perspective... / This book resonates with me because...

■ Part 3 (Discussion): Technology in Daily Life

- How has technology changed communication?
- Do older and younger people use technology differently?
- What are the disadvantages of relying too much on technology?

■ Other Cue Card Topics:

- Describe a place you would like to travel to.
- Describe a person who inspires you.

■ IELTS Writing Practice Samples

Task 1 (Academic)

Question: The chart below shows the percentage of students choosing different subjects at university in 2020. Write a report of at least 150 words.

Tips: Start with an overview, compare highest vs. lowest, use connectors (in contrast, whereas, overall).

Task 2 (Essay)

Question: Some people think international tourism creates tension between countries. Others believe it helps people understand different cultures. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Band 8 Starter: "International tourism has become a powerful industry. While some argue it fosters cultural clashes, I strongly believe it promotes mutual understanding..."

Band 9 Starter: "The exponential rise of global tourism has sparked debates. Although cultural friction is inevitable, tourism largely serves as a bridge between nations..."

Useful Vocabulary: debate, perspective, controversy, outweigh, foster, mitigate

Phrases: on the one hand, conversely, in addition, to a great extent

■■■■ IELTS LSWR Tips

- Listening: Predict answers, watch distractors (but, however), use note-taking symbols (↑ = increase, % = percentage).
- Speaking: Avoid one-word answers, use fillers (you know, actually, what I mean is...), vary intonation.

- Writing: Always write an overview in Task 1, use topic sentences in Task 2, avoid memorized essays.
- Reading: Skim for idea, scan for keywords, focus on meaning not words, 20 mins per passage.