

Speaking Sample Questions

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Family & Friends

(Describing a person)

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Part One:

- Tell me a bit about your family.
- Could you describe some of them for me?
- What do your brothers and sisters do?
- Would you like to live in a big family?
- Who would you most like to go on holiday with?
- Do you usually have a family get together?
- Is the generation gap between you and your parents a big problem for you?
- Who are you closest to in your family?
- Is yours a typical family?
- Do you have any (or, many) close friends?
- What qualities make them good friends?
- Do your family and friends still live in your hometown?
- Do you think family members should live together? (Why? /Why not?)
- Do you prefer to spend time with your family or your friends?
- What do you do in your free time with your friends?
- How often do you like to hang out with friends?
- Who do you usually like to hang out with?



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- Where do you like to go when you hang out with your friends?
- Do you like to go out with a big group or just few friends?
- How would you describe a “good relationship”?
- Do you know the people who live next door to you?
- How often do you see each other?
- What kind of relationship do you have?
- How can neighbors be helpful?
- What kind of problems can people have with their neighbors in a big city?

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Part Two:

Describe a friend of your family you remember from your childhood.

You should say:

- Who the person was
- How your family knew this person
- How often this person visited your family

And explain why you remember this person.

Describe a time that you and your friend had a disagreement.

You should say:

- When this happened
- Who you disagreed with
- What you and your friend argued about

And if you two solved the disagreement in the end.

Describe a time that a child did something that made you laugh.

You should say:

- When this happened
- Who the child was
- What the child did

And explain why it was funny.



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Describe a person who can use/speak a second language.

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What language this person can use
- How often this person uses this language

And explain why this person can master this language.

Describe someone who has had an important influence on your life.

You should say:

- Who the person is
- how long you have known him/her
- what qualities this person has

Explain why they have had such an influence on you.

Describe an old person that you know.

- You should say:
- What your relationship is to this person
- How often you see them
- What people think about this person

Explain why you like them.

Describe a child that you know.

You should say:

- Who the child is
- how you know the child
- when you see the child

Explain why you like/dislike this child.



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Part Three:

- What are the difference between real life friends and pen friends?
- What are the important things among good friends?
- Are friends more important than family?
- Is friendship important in your culture? How many close friends can you have?
- What characteristics do elder siblings often have?
- Is it better to grow up in a small family or a large extended family?
- What role do grandparents play in a family?
- Which are more important: family or friends?
- What do you think about single parent families?
- Should people be more accepting of alternative family types?
- What do you think makes someone a good friend to a whole family?
- Do you think we meet different kinds of friends at different stages of our lives? In what ways are these types of friend different?
- How easy is it to make friends with people from a different age group?
- What kind of influence can friends have on our lives?
- How important would you say it is to have friends from different cultures?



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Some ideas for IELTS speaking part 3

Question: What do you think makes someone a good friend to a whole family?

Answer: Friendship is the bonding between people who are not related with blood. But friendship is an eternal bond and has been being practiced from time immemorial. To be a good friend, one needs to possess some specific and special qualities and if someone tries to be a family friend, they need to demonstrate the qualities like honesty, sincerity, generosity, respect to others' feelings etc. The most important thing is that the person should be well behaved and mannered and have to adjust with the people of all classes in the society. To be the friend of a whole family, one has to observe the attitudes and behaviors of the family members and has to reflect the behaviors and attitudes accordingly.

Question: Do you think we meet different kinds of friends at different stages of our lives? In what ways are these types of friends different?

Answer: Life has different stages and we have to meet different people in the stages we experience. But all the people we meet are not the same always. It is quite natural to be different. All the people do not belong to the same class or category and their backgrounds are different. So, it is wise not to expect the same behavior from all the people. For instance, when we are at school in a particular locality, we meet with kids having almost the similar background of us. When we are at college or university, we meet different sorts of people who came from a diversified background. Moreover, when we are at work, the scenario is different. The people are different in terms of nature, behavior and attitudes. The senses for common use are not the same for all of them.

Question: How easy is it to make friends with people from a different age group?

Answer: Usually friendship is built on the early days of life and the range of making friends is almost closed when the academic learning is finished. But friendship could also be built in workplaces too if there are suitable minds. But most of the times friendship could not be made after the teenage but it may happen that you have a nice and friendly relation with the other people but friendly relations never refers that they are your friends. It is very easy for the young people to make friendship in their early days but it is difficult for the adults to make friendship with the people of their similar age.

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Question: Do you think it is possible to be friends with someone if you never meet them in person?

Answer: This is advanced age and many of our real life tasks are done virtually and using few mouse clicks. To be a friend, one does not need to be physically present with the other part to make a friendship. Using different social communication platforms, we could easily make friendship with the other people living at different parts of the world. They do not need to meet every day in person to share their feelings and emotions. Rather they are communicating easily using the social communication platform features like chatting or messaging, sharing their pictures etc. As a result the necessity of meeting physically everyday or after a specific period appears to be less important.

Question: Is this real friendship?

Answer: Real friendship is the thing that is not available everywhere. A real friend is the friend who is always with friends regardless the situations being good or bad. Now a day the number of real friends has been limited. The friend who will be with you in your sufferings is your real friend. It may happen that a friend of your social networking site has appeared during your stressful moments to support you then the friend should be considered as a real one. It also happens that the people with whom you have grown up leaves you in your danger, they are not real. So, the issue of real friendship is similar to the theory of relativity.

Question: What kind of influence can friends have on our lives?

Answer: Friends are the part and parcel of our lives. We cannot actually do without them in different situations of our life. We need their support and sometimes we support them in their needs. Sometimes people are highly influenced by the friends. They adopt different attitudes and behaviors regardless of the quality from their friends and exercise in their everyday life. Moreover, a friend owns the ability to show the way to prosperity to the other friends. Both the positive and negative impacts could be imposed by the friends and it is the duty of us to pick the right one to march ahead in our life.



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Question: How important would you say it is to have friends from different cultures?

Answer: Friends from different cultures are invaluable wealth for us. It is impossible for an outsider to learn about any specific ethnic group or about their culture unless the group or community allows (in fact achieving such permission is one of the daunting and toughest tasks). So, if someone has a friend from different cultures, it becomes easier to know about the rules and regulations of the culture. People usually trust their friends much. If you ask your friend about the norms and trends of their societies based on your usual curiosity, s/ he will describe the issues without any hesitation as you are a friend of him or her. But it is almost impossible for a stranger to gather the information so easily.



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