

# Speaking Sample Questions

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## Hobbies and Interests

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### Part One:

- Do you have a hobby?
- What equipment do you need for it?
- Do you think hobbies should be shared with other people?
- Did you have a hobby as a child?
- What hobbies are popular in your country?
- Why do you think people have hobbies?
- What is your favorite leisure activity?
- What did you enjoy doing in your free time as a child?
- Do you think hobbies are important?
- Do you think leisure time is important?
- When did you first develop this hobby?
- What are some of the advantages of having a hobby?
- What do you like most about your study?
- What kind of job do you prefer after graduation?
- What do you usually do in your spare time?
- Do you prefer to stay alone or with your friends?
- What do you usually do on weekends and weekdays?
- What do you usually do when you go out?
- What do you usually do with your friends?
- What kind of books do you like best?
- Do you like English? Why or why not?
- What do you think of the importance of English?
- What are good hobbies and bad hobbies? Why?
- Are there any other hobbies that you would like to have in the future?
- Do you think hobbies should be relaxing or should they be exciting?



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## Part Two:

Describe a sport that you enjoy playing or watching.

You should say:

- Why you started playing or watching this sport
- How often you play or watch it
- What benefits you get from playing or watching it

And explain why you prefer this sport to others.

Describe an interest or hobby that you particularly enjoy.

You should say:

- What is it
- How long have you been doing it
- Who you do it with

And explain why this is important to you.



### Model Answer for the SECOND CUE CARD.

Today I am going to talk about a hobby I particularly enjoy when I am at home in the UK. I will tell you what the hobby is; how long I have been doing it; who I do it with and why it is important to me.

My hobby is running! I know I do not really look like a runner, and it is true I am not very fast, but this is still the activity that I like to do in my spare time.

I have not been running for very long. I started running just 18 months ago, as I decided I needed to get fit, and I thought it would be a cheap way to exercise. I did not expect to enjoy myself. Near to where I live there is a park. It is very beautiful with trees and streams. Each Saturday a large group of about 500 people meet at 9.00 a.m. in the morning, and go for a 5 km run together. This event is called Parkrun, and it happens in over 300 different places in the UK each week. I was nervous when I first went, but found the group was friendly and encouraging. Now I go every week, and I even have trained for some longer races 10 km and my longest was 20 k.m.!

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I have made lots of friends through running. However, the best surprise was that when I went to my local Parkrun, I met someone I had not seen for over 30 years! We had been at school together, but did not keep in touch. We had both moved to the new city of Sheffield and did not realize we lived so close to each other. Now I run with this friend every week, and we go for breakfast each Saturday after our run.

Running is important to me because it keeps me fit, has helped me make new friends, and it has shown me that I am not too old to try new things! I hope you all find activities that you enjoy doing in your spare time!

## Part Three:

- What is the most popular form of exercise in your country?
- Do you think most people consider exercise a chore or do they find it fun?
- Do you think that surfing the internet, watching TV, keeping a pet or listening to music are interesting hobbies?
- Why do you think people like having a hobby?
- Do you think that you can learn something from having a hobby?
- Is it possible to have a hobby that involves more than one person?
- What do people in your country normally do with their free time?
- Do you think that more people had hobbies in the past than now?
- How important is it to have adventure in our lives?
- In what ways is life becoming safer, and in what ways is it becoming more dangerous?
- Should people always avoid danger, or is it a good idea sometimes to take risks?



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