

Speaking Sample Questions

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Movies & TV

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Part One:

- Do you prefer watching movies at home or at the cinema? Why?
- Do you like watching movies alone or do you prefer to watch them with someone else?
- Do you like watching films/movies?
- What kinds of films do you enjoy?
- Do you prefer watching films at home or at the cinema?
- Is it easy to get to a cinema where you live?
- How often do you watch films / go the cinema?
- Have you seen any good films recently?
- What kind of movies did you like to watch when you were a child?
- Has your taste in films changed as you've got older?
- How much television do you watch per day/week?
- What time of time do you usually watch TV?
- Who do you normally watch TV with?
- What kind of TV shows do you like the most?
- Do you have a favorite TV programme at the moment?
- What TV shows do you remember from your childhood?
- How often do you watch the news on TV?



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Part Two:

Talk about a movie that you have seen recently. Please say

- What movie was it?
- What was the significance of the movie?
- What was the main hero like?

Describe a TV documentary you watched that was particularly interesting

You should say:

- What the documentary was about
- Why you decided to watch it
- What you learnt during the documentary

And explain why the TV documentary was particularly interesting.

Describe different ways of getting the news.

You should say:

- whether you get the news every day
- if the news is national or international
- how you get your news (TV, radio, newspaper, internet)
- how important you think it is to be up to date with news



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Model Answer for the THIRD CUE CARD.

Nowadays, we probably have more sources of news than ever before. It's always good to have choice and variety. TV news is still the most popular for a lot of people; although maybe my generation gets their news more on the internet than through the traditional TV channels. My father still reads the newspaper every day, that's another source of news, and my grandfather listened to the daily news on the radio. TV, radio, internet, and newspapers are the main ways of getting news.

Of course, it depends on the type of news, but national and international news appears mainly in the press and on TV. Other news would be more personal, for example, a phone call, and email or a letter, in some cases. But that's only personal news.

I tend to see most of the news on the internet. I visit various sites and my friends sometimes send me links to news pages or articles that they think I would be interested in. I watch news videos and read as well, but I don't do it every day, I'm not like my father - he sits down every evening at the same time to watch the news on TV - I usually scan headlines maybe every two or three days, if someone mentions something interesting to me then I'll look it up and find out what's happening.

Being up to date with what's happening in the world, your country or even your city I suppose is important, more important for some people than others, because you could still live without too many problems if you didn't watch or listen to the news. I mean, a lot of news is international which might never actually affect your life, even some of the national news might not have an impact in your life. But if you are, for example, a CEO in a large multinational company then knowing what's happening might be essential so that you can make good decisions about foreign investments and things like that.

Part Three:



- What are the most popular kinds Of TV programmes in your country? Why is this?
- Do you think there are too many game shows on TV nowadays? Why?
- Do you think TV is the main way for people to get the news in your country? What other ways are there?

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- What types of products are advertised most often on TV?
- Do you think that people pay attention to adverts on TV? Why do you think that?
- How important are regulations on TV advertising?
- Why are quiz programs popular these days on TV?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of it?
- What is the most effective way of getting the news?
- How do you think reporters gather information?
- What do you think of the importance of privacy?
- How do journalists entertain their readers?
- Do you think news coverage should be controlled?
- Is there any kind of news coverage that should be controlled?



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