

IELTS Speaking Part 1

Questions and Example Answers — Study

Ten Part 1 questions on the topic of study, each with a model answer and useful vocabulary highlighted in bold. Read each answer, note down vocabulary you want to learn, then write short notes for your own answer.

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Speaking Practice — Instructions

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By the end of this pack, I will be able to: build a personal vocabulary list and practise speaking about study using your own notes, not memorised sentences.

Follow These Steps for Every Question

- ① **Read.** Read the question. Then read the model answer.
- ② **Look.** Look at the **bold words**. These are useful words and phrases for this topic.
- ③ **Choose.** Choose the words you want to learn. Write them in your Vocabulary Log at the back.
- ④ **Look up.** Look up any words or phrases you need. Use a dictionary or a translator.
- ⑤ **Take notes.** In the box next to each question, write short **notes** for your own answer. Do **not** write full sentences or copy the model answer.
- ⑥ **Practise.** Say your own answer out loud, using only your notes to help you.
- ⑦ **Move on.** Go to the next question. Do the same steps again.

TIP Notes are single words or short phrases — not sentences. For example, write “marketing coordinator, 2 years, social media” instead of a full sentence.



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QUESTION 1

Do you work or are you a student?

I'm actually a full-time **student** at the moment, in my second year of a Psychology **degree**. I did work part-time last summer, but right now my **coursework** takes up most of my time. Most days I'm either in lectures or working on an **assignment**. So studying is definitely my main focus right now.

QUESTION 2

What subject are you studying, or what job do you do?

I'm studying Psychology, with a focus on how children develop and how people think. My **coursework** is a mix of lectures, **seminars**, and some hands-on research. Last semester, for instance, I helped run a small experiment for one of my modules. So it's quite a varied course, which keeps things interesting.

QUESTION 3

Why did you choose that field or job?

I chose Psychology mainly because I've always been curious about why people behave the way they do. Although I originally considered studying Sociology, I realised I was more interested in individual behaviour than in wider social patterns. I remember reading a book on child psychology in school and finding it fascinating. So Psychology ended up being the more natural choice for me.

QUESTION 4

What do you enjoy most about your studies or work?

What I enjoy most is probably the **seminar** discussions, where we debate different theories. I also like the practical side of the **course**, since it makes the theory feel more relevant. Running a small experiment last term, for example, helped me understand a theory much better than just reading about it. So it's really that mix of discussion and hands-on work that keeps me engaged.

QUESTION 5

Is there anything you dislike about your current work or study environment?

If I'm honest, the thing I find most difficult is the **workload** during exam periods. When several **assignments** are due around the same time, it can get pretty overwhelming. Last term, for instance, I had to stay up late a few times just to keep up. That said, it eases off once exams are over, so it's manageable most of the time.



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QUESTION 6

What are your main daily responsibilities at work or in your studies?

My main **responsibilities** are attending lectures and keeping up with the reading. I usually start the day by reviewing my notes, and then work on whatever **assignment** is due next. Today, for example, I spent the morning preparing for a group presentation. So my day really depends on what's due, but those are the main things I focus on.

QUESTION 7

Do you prefer working or studying alone, or with other people?

I'd say I prefer studying alone. Group sessions tend to turn into socialising, which distracts me. For **group projects**, though, I obviously need to work with others. So it really depends on the task, alone for revision and with others for anything collaborative.

QUESTION 8

Do you prefer to study in the morning or in the afternoon?

Definitely the morning. My concentration is much sharper right after breakfast, so I study my hardest **subjects** then. For instance, I always do my reading and essay writing in the morning, and leave lighter tasks for later. So mornings are really when I get the most out of studying.

QUESTION 9

Is your study ever stressful? How do you handle it?

It can be, especially around exam season. When **deadlines** overlap, I usually break my revision into smaller daily targets rather than trying to cover everything at once. Going for a short run, for example, genuinely helps me clear my head. So I do feel the pressure sometimes, but I've found ways to manage it.

QUESTION 10

What are your plans for the future? Will you continue in this field or change direction?

I'm planning to continue with Psychology and maybe study further after this degree, mainly because it would give me better **career options** later on. I'm actually thinking about applying for an **internship** next summer to get some experience. So rather than changing direction, I'd say I'm more focused on going further in the field I've already chosen.



My Study Vocabulary

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Write the bold words and phrases you chose from the answers. Write what each one means in your own words, then write your own example sentence. Need more space? Print another copy of this page.

WORD / PHRASE**WHAT IT MEANS****MY EXAMPLE SENTENCE**

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