

IELTS Speaking Part 1

Questions and Example Answers — Work

Ten Part 1 questions on the topic of work, 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 work 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 currently working full-time as a **marketing coordinator** for a mid-sized retail company. I've been in this **role** for about two years now, so it makes up most of my day. Most days I'm either running social media campaigns or checking how they're performing. So yes, I'm definitely working rather than studying at the moment.

QUESTION 2

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

My **job** mainly involves planning and running social media campaigns for the company's online store. That means writing content, checking numbers, and working with the design team to get everything ready on time. This week, for instance, I've been putting together a campaign for a seasonal sale. So it's quite a varied job, which is one of the things I like about it.

QUESTION 3

Why did you choose that field or job?

I chose marketing mainly because I've always been interested in how businesses talk to people. Although I originally thought about going into finance, I realised I preferred work that involved a bit more creativity. I actually did a marketing project at university and really enjoyed it, which pushed me in this direction. So marketing ended up being a much better fit for me than finance would have been.

QUESTION 4

What do you enjoy most about your studies or work?

What I enjoy most is probably the **job satisfaction** that comes from seeing a campaign actually work. When you put in a lot of effort and the results show up in the numbers, it feels genuinely rewarding. Last month, for example, one of my campaigns did much better than expected, and that felt great. So it's really that sense of achievement that keeps me motivated at work.

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 busy periods. When several campaigns launch around the same time, things can get quite hectic. Last month, for instance, I had to stay late a few times just to keep on top of everything. That said, it doesn't happen all year round, 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 managing the content calendar and checking how campaigns are performing. I usually start by looking at the numbers from the day before, and then focus on whatever needs the most attention. Today, for example, I spent the morning fixing a campaign that hadn't gone to plan. So my day really depends on what comes up, but those are the main things I'm responsible for.

QUESTION 7

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

I'd say I prefer working with other people. Marketing is quite a **team effort**, since you need input from designers and writers before a campaign comes together. For example, I couldn't finish a campaign without the design team creating the visuals. So working with others is really part of how the job gets done.

QUESTION 8

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

Definitely the morning. My concentration is much sharper before lunch, so I try to do anything that needs focus early on. For instance, I always check the numbers and write content in the morning, and leave emails for later in the day. So mornings are really when I get my best work done.

QUESTION 9

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

It can be, especially around product launches. When **deadlines** start piling up, I usually break tasks into smaller steps rather than trying to do everything at once. For example, I always take a short walk at lunch, which genuinely helps me reset. 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 stay in marketing for now, mainly because I can see good **career prospects** if I keep building on what I've already learned. I'm actually thinking about doing a short course in **digital analytics** next year. So rather than changing direction, I'd say I'm more focused on growing in the field I'm already in.



My Work 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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