

LỜI MỞ ĐẦU

Các bạn thân mến,

Dù đang là người tự học hay tự luyện IELTS Speaking, chắc hẳn phần lớn các bạn sẽ thấy đây là kỹ năng khó nâng band điểm trong bài thi. Mặc dù hiện nay có rất nhiều tài liệu miễn phí, không ít bạn học vẫn gặp khó khăn trong việc lựa chọn cho mình phương pháp và nguồn tài liệu phù hợp.

Với mong muốn hỗ trợ cho hành trình chinh phục IELTS Speaking trở nên “dễ thở” hơn, IELTS Fighter đã biên soạn bộ sách **Crack IELTS Speaking** bằng cách tập trung khai thác những kiến thức và chủ đề trọng điểm nhất, giúp bạn luyện tập hiệu quả và có định hướng rõ ràng.

Thông qua 8 bài học trong **Crack IELTS Speaking Part 1**, bạn sẽ nắm vững những tiêu chí cần thiết và cách ứng dụng công thức EPACT vào bài nói, đảm bảo band điểm 5.0+ trong phần thi IELTS Speaking Part 1.

Nếu bạn gặp bất kỳ vấn đề về kiến thức tiếng Anh nói chung hay gặp khó khăn trong quá trình luyện thi IELTS nói riêng, đừng ngại chia sẻ tại Group **IELTS Fighter - Hỗ trợ học tập - Chia sẻ tài liệu IELTS**, đội ngũ học thuật và các thầy cô luôn sẵn sàng giải đáp thắc mắc và đồng hành cùng bạn trên chặng đường học tập.

“Thành công của chúng ta dựa trên sự kiên trì chứ không phải dựa trên sự may mắn.”

IELTS Fighter chúc bạn luôn thành công trên còn đường chinh phục ngôn ngữ của mình!

HƯỚNG DẪN SỬ DỤNG

Sử dụng cuốn sách này như thế nào cho hiệu quả?

1 - *Nắm được ký hiệu viết tắt*

Khi sử dụng cuốn sách này, các bạn đừng quên xem trước phần **List of Abbreviations** để nắm được ý nghĩa các ký hiệu/chữ viết tắt của các loại từ, cụm từ xuất hiện ở mỗi bài học trong sách nhé!

2 - *Học kết hợp sách và chuỗi video bài giảng*

Cuốn **Crack IELTS Speaking Part 1** được thiết kế để học song song với chuỗi bài giảng **IELTS Speaking Part 1 – Band 5.0+** hoàn toàn miễn phí trên Youtube. Các thầy cô sẽ cùng bạn luyện tập cách phát âm chuẩn và đưa ra những mẹo triển khai ý và sử dụng từ vựng trong câu trả lời sao cho hợp lý.

Do đó, các bạn hãy kết hợp xem video bài giảng và take note với sách để luyện tập hiệu quả nhất.

3 - *Luyện tập và ghi âm câu trả lời*

Ở mỗi bài học, các thầy cô cùng đội ngũ học thuật tại IELTS Fighter đã tổng hợp một số câu hỏi và câu trả lời mẫu cho phần thi IELTS Speaking Part 1. Sau khi tham khảo ý tưởng và cách sử dụng từ vựng, bạn hãy luyện tập tự trả lời những câu hỏi trong sách theo cách của riêng mình để có thể ghi nhớ từ tốt hơn.

Bạn cũng đừng quên ghi âm và nghe lại câu trả lời của mình để có thể tìm cách cải thiện phát âm, ngữ điệu hoặc lỗi ngữ pháp nếu mắc phải nhé!

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List of Abbreviations

STT	Từ viết tắt	Từ được viết tắt	Ý nghĩa
1	adj	adjective	tính từ
2	adv	adverb	trạng từ
3	col	collocation	sự kết hợp từ thường gặp
4	idm	idiom	thành ngữ
5	n	noun	danh từ
6	phr	phrase	cụm từ
7	phr. v	phrasal verb	cụm động từ
8	sb	somebody	
9	sth	something	
10	v	verb	động từ

01

Introduction to IELTS Speaking Part 1

OVERVIEW

Phần thi **IELTS Speaking Part 1** diễn ra dưới dạng **Introduction & Interview** (Giới thiệu & Phỏng vấn).

Mục đích của phần thi này là kiểm tra khả năng truyền đạt ý kiến và giao tiếp hàng ngày của thí sinh.

Sau khi kiểm tra giấy tờ tùy thân, giám khảo sẽ đặt một số câu hỏi xoay quanh bản thân thí sinh và các chủ đề quen thuộc liên quan đến đời sống hàng ngày.

Thông thường, IELTS Speaking Part 1 sẽ kéo dài khoảng phút. Trong thời gian đó, giám khảo sẽ đưa ra câu hỏi về 2-3 chủ đề khác nhau.

Ở phần thi này, thí sinh không được cho thời gian chuẩn bị trước và không bị giới hạn thời lượng trả lời cho mỗi câu hỏi.

Exercise 1. What band scores are the following sample answers?

Question: Do you prefer to be a driver or passenger?

Answer 1: Band

I think I like to be a passenger. Driving is not easy for me, and it's stressful. As a passenger, I can sit and relax. That's better.

Answer 2: Band

Honestly, it depends. On short trips, I may drive myself, especially if I know the way well. But for longer journeys, I actually prefer being a passenger. I can relax, listen to music, or even do some reading.

SPEAKING STRATEGY

IELTS Speaking Band 5 Descriptors

Fluency and coherence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> usually maintains flow of speech but uses repetition, self-correction and/or slow speech to keep going may over-use certain connectives and discourse markers produces simple speech fluently, but more complex communication causes fluency problems
Lexical resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> manages to talk about familiar and unfamiliar topics but uses vocabulary with limited flexibility attempts to use paraphrase but with mixed success
Grammatical range and accuracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> produces basic sentence forms with reasonable accuracy uses a limited range of complex structures, but these usually contain errors and may cause some comprehension problems
Pronunciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shows all the positive features of Band 4 and some, but not all, of the positive features of Band 6

EPACT

Chúng ta có thể mở rộng câu trả lời bằng cách nói về:

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SPEAKING PRACTICE

Exercise 2. Complete the following sample answers.

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Q Are there any tourist attractions in your hometown?

A There are some tourist attractions that you have to visit when you are in Ho Chi Minh city., there's this place called Bitexco Tower, which is an /aɪ'kɑ:nɪk/ landmark of HCM city.

2

Q Do you like playing sports?

A I have a big passion for working out. Needless to say, it allows me to build up muscles and Hitting the gym with my buddies after school allows me to get away from stress as well.

Exercise 3. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 Do you work or are you a student?

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2 What is the most popular sport in your country?

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02 Giving Example

MATERIAL

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
team player (n)	/ti:m 'pleɪər/	Người làm việc nhóm tốt
Collaborate effectively	/kə'ləbərəɪt ɪ'fektɪvli/	hợp tác hiệu quả
take the initiative (v)	/teɪk ðə ɪ'nɪʃətɪv/	Chủ động bắt đầu việc gì
pull together (phr. v)	/pʊl tə'geðər/	Cùng làm việc để đạt mục tiêu
Divide tasks (v)	/dɪ'vaɪd tæskz/	phân chia công việc
Common goals (n)	/'kɒmən ɡəʊl/	mục tiêu chung
Supportive environment(n)	/sə'pɔ:rtɪv ɪn'vaɪrənmənt/	môi trường hỗ trợ lẫn nhau
Two heads are better than one (idiom)	/tu: hedz ɑ:r 'betər ðæn wʌn/	hai người cùng suy nghĩ thì tốt hơn 1 người
Many hands make light work (idiom)	/'meni hændz meɪk laɪt wɜ:rk/	nhiều người cùng làm thì công việc sẽ nhẹ hơn

SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Complete the following sample answer.

Q Do you prefer working alone or in a team?

A I prefer working in a team because it allows people to collaborate effectively and share ideas., last year, I worked on a group project at university where we had to design a marketing campaign. We tried to divide tasks based on our strengths, and we managed to finish the project ahead of schedule.

Giving Example

Examples make your answers clearer and more convincing, helping the examiner understand your ideas better. Additionally, including examples helps you avoid giving overly brief responses while also meeting the “Fluency and Coherence” criterion.

Tip: Use real-life experiences to make your examples more relatable and memorable. Even if the example is fictional, it should sound realistic.

Useful languages

for example/ for instance.....

Let me give..... you an example

One example..... that comes to mind..... is

to illustrate.....

take..... (something/someone) as an example.....

I.....

similar..... as

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Check-up. Complete the following sample answer using given suggestions.

Q Have you ever worked in a group in junior high school?

Suggested ideas (Keywords):

- Yes, group projects
- Collaboration with classmates
- Share ideas
- Divide tasks
- Learning teamwork skills
- Successful project (example: science project)

A Yes, I have worked in a group during junior high school, especially on For example, in a project, we divided the tasks and worked together to present our findings. This experience helped me improve my and learn how to collaborate effectively.

Exercise 1. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 What do you dislike about teamwork?

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2 Are you currently working in a team?

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03 Talking about Popularity

MATERIAL

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
popular sport (n)	/ˈpɒpjələ spɔ:t/	Môn thể thao phổ biến
Take up a sport (v)	/teɪk ʌp ə spɔ:t/	bắt đầu chơi một môn thể thao
Stay fit (v)	/steɪ fɪt/	giữ dáng khỏe mạnh
Outdoor activities (n)	/ˈaʊtɔːr ækˈtɪvətɪz/	các hoạt động ngoài trời
build stamina (v)	/bɪld ˈstæmɪnə/	Tăng sức bền
live performance (n)	/laɪv pərˈfɔ:məns/	Buổi biểu diễn trực tiếp
Catchy melody (n)	/ˈkætʃi ˈmelədi/	giai điệu bắt tai
Music genre (n)	/ˈmju:zɪk ˈzɒnrə/	thể loại nhạc
soothing music (n)	/ˈsu:ðɪŋ ˈmju:zɪk/	Nhạc nhẹ nhàng, thư giãn
be into (sth) (phr.v)	/bi ˈɪntu:/	Thích, đam mê điều gì

SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Complete the following sample answer.

Q What types of sport are popular in your country?

A In my country, football is (*vô cùng nổi tiếng*) because it's easy to play and brings people together. For example, many families gather to watch football matches on weekends, which makes it a fun and social activity for everyone.

Talking about Popularity

Tip: Kỹ thuật này thường phù hợp với các câu hỏi liên quan đến sở thích, thói quen, hoặc xu hướng xã hội, ví dụ:

- “
Do people in your country like [something]?”
- “

Useful languages

Words/Collocations

..... |
e extremely/pretty p...../ c...../ w...../famous/well-
known for: cực kỳ/khá phổ biến/ nổi tiếng

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ive a name for/ be i..... for: có tiếng xấu về cái gì

Idioms

..... |
..... the r.....: rất thịnh hành, phổ biến

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Check-up. Complete the following sample answer using given suggestions.

Q What types of music are popular among young people in your country?

Suggested ideas (Keywords):

- pop music: all the rage
- catchy melodies, famous artists

A I think pop music is among young people in my country because of its and famous artists. For instance, many teenagers enjoy songs by international stars like Taylor Swift or BTS, as their music is energetic and relatable.

Exercise 1. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 What sport do you think is most exciting to watch?

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2 What type of music do you like to listen to while you are alone?

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3 What types of music are popular among young people in your country?

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04 Talking about Advantage

MATERIAL

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
Broaden horizons	/ˈbrɔːdn həˈraɪz(ə)nz/	mở mang tầm mắt
cultural experience (n)	/ˈkʌltʃərəl ɪkˈspɪəriəns/	Trải nghiệm văn hóa
Try local cuisine	/traɪ ˈloʊkl kwiˈziːn/	thử ẩm thực địa phương
meet new people (phr)	/miːt njuː ˈpiːpl/	Gặp gỡ người mới
Travel on a budget	/ˈtrævəl ɒn ə ˈbʌdʒɪt/	du lịch tiết kiệm
Take a break from daily life	/teɪk ə breɪk frəm ˈdeɪli laɪf/	thoát khỏi cuộc sống thường ngày
Once-in-a-lifetime experience	/ˈwʌns ɪn ə ˈlaɪftaɪm ɪkˈspɪəriəns/	trải nghiệm có một không hai
scenic view (n)	/ˈsiːnɪk vjuː/	Cảnh đẹp ngoạn mục
pack light (col)	/pæk laɪt/	Đóng gói hành lý gọn nhẹ
get away from it all (idm)	/ɡet əˈweɪ frəm ɪt ɔːl/	Quên đi những lo toan muộn phiền

SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Complete the following sample answer.

Q Do you like travelling?

A Yes, I love travelling because it me broaden my horizons. For example, when I visited Japan last year, I learned a lot about their traditions and tried delicious local cuisine. It was an amazing experience.

Talking about Advantage

The most common technique for expanding answers in IELTS Speaking Part 1 is to discuss the benefits of the given topic. This approach can be applied to almost all question types that require in-depth analysis and subject knowledge.

Useful languages

Physical advantage

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tay a...../ stay in shape: giữ cơ thể năng động / giữ dáng

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..... fitness level: cải thiện thể chất

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..... immune system: tăng cường hệ miễn dịch

Mental advantage

•

..... stress: giảm căng thẳng

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..... creativity: tăng khả năng sáng tạo

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..... new p.....: có góc nhìn mới

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Check-up. Complete the following sample answer using given suggestions.

Q Do you prefer traveling alone or with others?

Suggested ideas (Keywords):

- strengthen social bonds: spend quality time with loved ones
- shared experiences: create memories together

A I prefer traveling with friends or family because it helps Sharing experiences, like watching a beautiful sunset or trying local cuisine together, can bring people closer and create unforgettable

Exercise 1. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 Do you think travelling is important for young people?

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2 What kinds of place do you like to visit?

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05 Talking about Cost

MATERIAL

Exercise 1. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I usually ride a to school because it's eco-friendly.
 - A train
 - B bicycle
 - C airplane
- 2 is considered the fastest way to travel long distances.
 - A Car
 - B Airplane
 - C Train
- 3 Many people prefer for short distances in the city because it's convenient and affordable.
 - A bus
 - B truck
 - C ferry
- 4 Which type of vehicle is usually powered by an engine and has two wheels?
 - A motorbike
 - B tram
 - C bicycle
- 5 Which type of transportation is most commonly used for delivering goods?
 - A train
 - B car
 - C truck

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
affordable (adj)	/ə'fɔ:rdəbl/	vừa túi tiền
eco-friendly (adj)	/,i:kəʊ 'frendli/	thân thiện với môi trường
ferry (n)	/'feri/	phà
goods (n)	/gʊdz/	hàng hóa
tram (n)	/træm/	tàu điện
vehicle (n)	/'vi:əkl/	phương tiện giao thông
wheel (n)	/wi:l/	bánh xe

● SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Complete the following sample answer.

Q What is the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?

A I would say motorbikes without a doubt. Almost everyone in my country travels by motorbikes. I believe that their convenience and /'ri:znəbl prais/ account for why they are so popular. Moreover, there is a wide variety of choices in terms of size, color and quality available for everyone.

Useful phrases

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Exercise 2. Complete the following sample answers.

1

Q Do you often go shopping?

A I'm a slave to fashion, just so you know. I have a thing for clothes and accessories sold on Vo Van Tan street which are reasonably-priced, so most people can to buy anything in this area.

2

Q Do you often use public transportation?

A Yes, I use public transportation sometimes. Even though it can be crowded, the is why I often choose it for short trips, like going to the market or school.

Exercise 3. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 Do you like traveling by bus?

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2 What do you think about using bicycles in cities?

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06 Talking about Time

MATERIAL

Exercise 1. Match the word/phrase in column A with its meaning in column B.

A	B
1 profession (n)	A lựa chọn nghề nghiệp
2 assignment (n)	B công việc giờ hành chính
3 master (v)	C sự thăng tiến trong công việc
4 labor market (n)	D nhiệm vụ được giao
5 a nine-to-five job (n)	E chuyên ngành
6 career choice (n)	F cực kỳ thành thạo
7 job promotion (n)	G thị trường lao động

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5 - 6 - 7 -

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
a nine-to-five job (n)	/ə naɪn tə faɪv dʒɑ:b/	công việc giờ hành chính
career choice (n)	/kə'ri:t tʃɔɪs/	lựa chọn nghề nghiệp
job promotion (n)	/dʒɑ:b prə'məʊʃn/	sự thăng tiến trong công việc
labor market (n)	/'leɪbər mɑ:rkɪt/	thị trường lao động
master (v)	/'mæstər/	cực kỳ thành thạo

profession (n)	/prə'feʃn/	chuyên ngành
assignment (n)	/ə'saɪnmənt/	nhiệm vụ được giao

● SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Complete the following sample answer.

Q Do you like your job?

A Yes, I enjoy my job because it gives me enough time to rest. It's a nine-to-five job, so I can relax in the evenings. Also, I get a long vacation (*một năm một lần*), which I use to spend time with my family or do fun activities. This balance between work and (*thời gian rảnh*) makes me like my job.

Useful phrases

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nce/twice a week/month/year
-b
edrowning..... in something

● SPEAKING PRACTICE

Exercise 2. Complete the following sample answers.

1

Q Are there any subjects you find difficult?

A I think history is quite hard for me. It takes a lot of time to read and remember all the events and dates. Sometimes, I study for days before an exam, but I still forget things. I wish I could learn it

2

Q Do you get on well with your co-workers?

A Yes, I have a good relationship with my co-workers. We work together, so we know each other well. Sometimes, we meet outside work, like once a month, to have coffee or dinner. It's nice to with them and get to know them better.

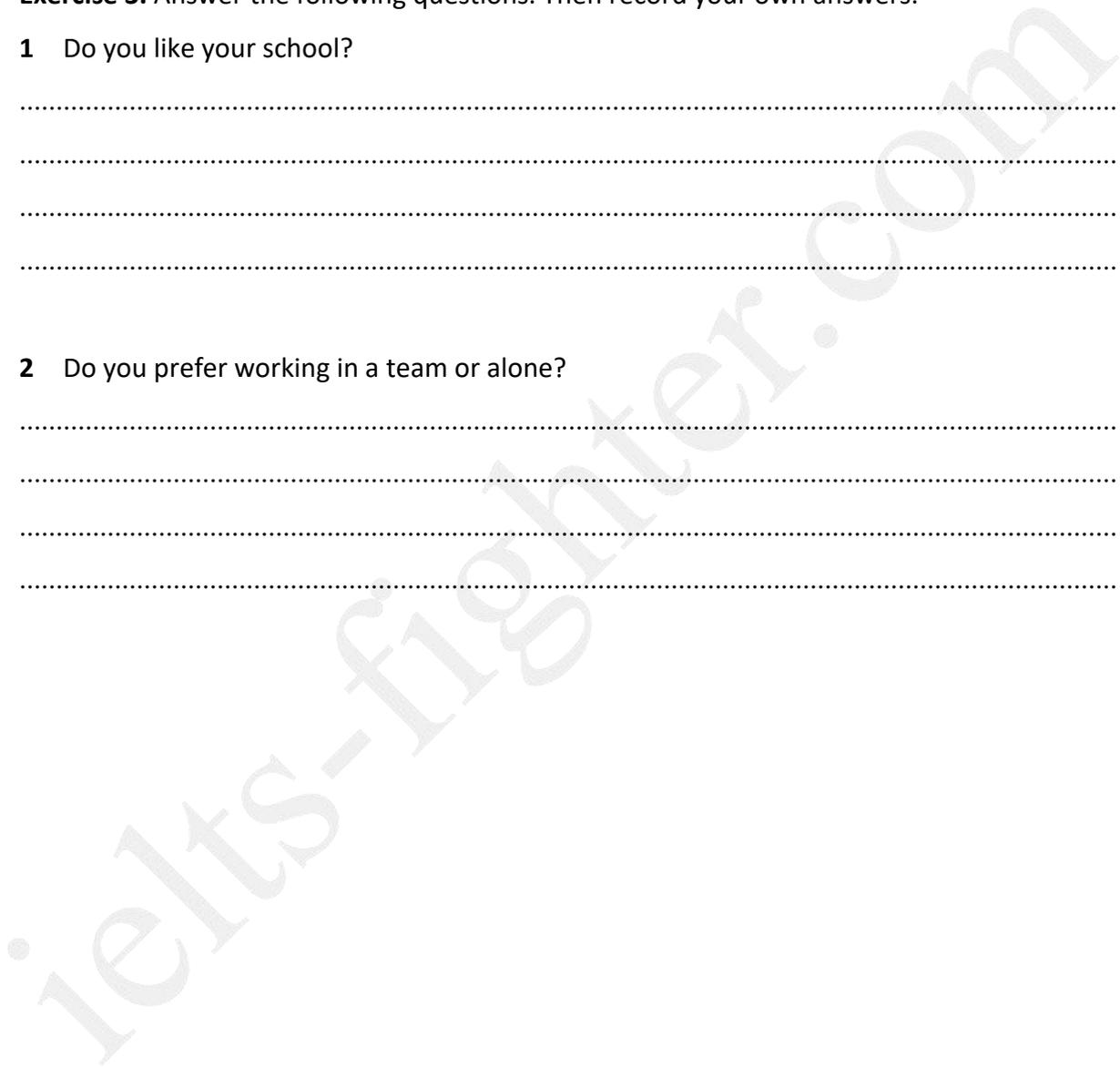
Exercise 3. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 Do you like your school?

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2 Do you prefer working in a team or alone?

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07

Combining elements of EPACT

MATERIAL

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
home-cooked meal (n)	/ˈhʊm kʊkt mi:l/	
	/traɪ nju: ˈresɪpɪz/	thử công thức nấu ăn mới
	/ˈkʊkɪŋ skɪlz/	kỹ năng nấu ăn
fresh ingredients (n)	/ˈfrɛʃ ɪn ˈɡri:diənts/	
healthy diet (n)	/ˈhelθi ˈdaɪət/	
bestseller content (n)	/ˈbest ˌselər kən ˈtɛnt/	
	/ˈpɒpjələ ˈnɒvəl/	tiểu thuyết nổi tiếng
	/ˈri:diŋ ˈhæbɪt/	thói quen đọc sách
	/ɪn ˈkri:siŋ ˈnɒlɪdʒ/	tăng cường kiến thức
wide vocabulary (n)	/waɪd ˈvɪkæbjʊləri/	

SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Complete the following sample answers. Which elements of EPACT do the answers combine?

1 Elements:

Q Do you like reading?

A Yes, I do. Reading is a great way to relax and learn at the same time. /fɔːr ɪg'zæmpl/, I usually spend an hour before bed reading a p__l__ novel to unwind. Even though I have a heavy workload during the day, I always try to make time for reading because it helps /klɪr maɪ maɪnd/ and e__d my knowledge.

2 Elements:

Q Do you like cooking at home?

A Yes, I enjoy cooking because it is both economical and beneficial for my health. One advantage is that it allows me to prepare nutritious meals using fresh ingredients, which b_ _ _ s my immune system. Also, cooking at home is a g_ _ _ value compared to eating out, as fresh ingredients c_ _ _ much less than restaurant meals.

Tips for Combining elements of EPACT

.....C
Combine with to show how widely accepted something is

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Use when discussing benefits, linking them with **Example (E)** for support

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..... can be paired with **Advantage (A)** to show financial

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Check-up. Complete the following sample answer using given suggestions.

Q Are home-prepared meals popular in your country?

Suggested ideas (Keywords):

- Popularity: Home-cooked meals | extremely popular
- Example: many people share their homemade recipes online

A Cooking at home is because it allows people to control the ingredients and prepare healthier meals. For example, many people enjoy sharing their on social media, which has made home cooking even more widespread.

Exercise 1. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 What kinds of book are popular in your country?

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2 Do you often cook at home?

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IELTS Speaking Part 1 Practice

MATERIAL

Topic-based vocabulary	Phonetics	Meaning
public transport (n)	/ˈpʌblɪk ˌtrænsˌpɔːrt/	Giao thông công cộng
Rush hour (n)	/rʌʃ ˈaʊər/	giờ cao điểm
Computer pass (n)	/kəˈmjuːtər pæs/	vé tháng cho người đi làm
Traffic congestion (n)	/ˈtræfɪk kənˈdʒestʃən/	ùn tắc giao thông
environmentally friendly (adj)	/ɪnˌvaɪrənˈmentəli ˈfrendli/	Thân thiện với môi trường
budget wisely (phr)	/ˈbʌdʒɪt ˈwaɪzli/	Chi tiêu hợp lý
Cut down on expenses (v)	/kʌt daʊn ɒn ɪkˈspensɪz/	cắt giảm chi phí
Live on a tight budget (v)	/lɪv ɒn ə taɪt ˈbʌdʒɪt/	sống với ngân sách hạn chế
put money aside (phr)	/pʊt ˈmʌni əˈsaɪd/	Để dành tiền
financial security (n)	/faɪˈnænjəl sɪˈkjʊrɪti/	Sự ổn định về tài chính

SPEAKING STRATEGY

Example. Classify the following useful language items into the correct EPACT technique.

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| 1 for example | 3 the in thing |
| 2 such as | 4 have a moment |

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| 5 stay active | 13 gain new perspectives |
| 6 boost creativity | 14 strengthen friendships |
| 7 be good value | 15 clear my mind |
| 8 cost a fortune | 16 take (something) as an example |
| 9 stay in shape | 17 be extremely popular |
| 10 have a heavy workload | 18 reasonable price |
| 11 give a bad name for | 19 be drowned in work |
| 12 all the rage | 20 meet like-minded people |

Example	
Popularity	
Advantage	
Cost	
Time	

Technique EPACK

-E
-: Providing concrete examples to support answers
-P
-: Discussing how common or well-known something is
-A

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Exercise 1. Answer the following questions. Then record your own answers.

1 How do most people travel in your city?

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2 How do you often save money?

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3 Do you think public transport is expensive in your country?

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4 Is it important for you to manage your personal finances?

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Answer Key

Unit 1. Introduction to IELTS Speaking Part 1

Speaking Practice

Exercise 2.

1	For example; iconic
2	stay healthy

Exercise 3. (*Sample answer*)

1	I've just finished secondary school. I got the best results in my year so I'm hoping to get a scholarship to study English Literature.
2	I'd say the most popular sport is football, as in most countries. Most people have a favourite team who they support through thick and thin. The teams are often English ones, and Manchester United is the most well-known.

Unit 2. Giving Example

Speaking Practice

Check-up.

	group projects; science; teamwork skills
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Exercise 1. (*Sample answer*)

1	I dislike it when team members are not responsible or don't contribute equally. For example, in one project during high school, a member in my team didn't complete his part on time, which delayed our submission. This was very frustrating.
2	Yes, I'm currently part of a study group at school. We meet twice a week to do tasks such as reviewing lessons and preparing for exams together. It's helpful because we can learn from each other and share different perspectives.

Unit 3. Talking about Popularity

Speaking Practice

Check-up.

	all the rage; catchy melodies
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Exercise 1. (Sample answer)

1	I think table tennis is the most exciting sport to watch because it's widespread in my country. For instance, major tournaments like the World Table Tennis Championships attract a lot of viewers because of the fast-paced rallies and impressive techniques.
2	When I'm alone, I enjoy listening to lo-fi music. It has become the in thing recently because of its relaxing and soothing vibe. For example, many young people play lo-fi playlists while studying or unwinding.
3	Pop music is pretty common among young people in my country because it has catchy melodies and relatable lyrics. For example, many teenagers listen to K-pop or Western pop songs because they enjoy the upbeat tunes and inspiring messages.

Unit 4. Talking about Advantage

Speaking Practice

Check-up.

	strengthen social bonds; memories
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Exercise 1. (Sample answer)

1	Yes, travelling is important for young people because it allows them to gain new perspectives. For example, visiting different countries helps them understand diverse cultures and lifestyles.
2	I love visiting nature spots because they help me stay active. Hiking in the mountain, for example, is a great way to exercise while enjoying beautiful scenery.

Unit 5. Talking about Cost

Material

Exercise 1.

1	B
2	B
3	A
4	A
5	C

Speaking Practice

Exercise 2.

1	afford
2	low cost

Exercise 3. (*Sample answer*)

1	Yes, I like traveling by bus because it's much cheaper than other means of transportation. It's a good way to save money, especially for people who travel daily.
2	I think using bicycles in cities is a very cost-effective way to travel. Unlike cars, you don't have to pay for fuel or parking, which saves a lot of money. In my city, renting a bike is also cheaper than taking public transport or taxis. So, it's a great option for people on a budget.

Unit 6. Talking about Time

Material

Exercise 1.

1	E	5	B
2	D	6	A
3	F	7	C
4	G		

Speaking Practice

Exercise 2.

1	faster
2	every day; spend time

Exercise 3. (Sample answer)

1	Of course. Even though I'm often drowning in all the assignments and exams, I enjoy studying there. The teachers are very nice, and I have great friends. After class, we often study together, and that helps cement our friendship.
2	I prefer working alone because it saves me time and helps me focus on my career choice. For example, when I work by myself, I can finish tasks quickly without waiting for others. This way, I can concentrate on improving my skills and achieving my goals faster.

Unit 7. Combining elements of EPACK

Speaking Practice

Check-up.

	extremely popular; homemade recipes
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Exercise 1. (Sample answer)

1	<p><i>(Example & Popularity)</i></p> <p>In my country, self-help books are extremely popular. For instance, many young people enjoy reading about personal development because these books provide valuable advice on career and relationships.</p> <p><i>(Example & Advantage)</i></p> <p>Self-help books are quite beneficial. For example, they help readers develop useful life skills like time management and effective communication, which are essential in daily life.</p>
2	<p><i>(Advantage & Cost)</i></p> <p>Yes, I prefer cooking at home because it's healthier and cost-effective. One advantage is that I can use fresh ingredients to maintain a balanced diet. Also, home-cooked meals are a lot cheaper than eating out.</p> <p><i>(Example & Time)</i></p> <p>I cook about three times a week despite my busy schedule. For instance, on weekends, I try new recipes, which is a fun way to unwind after a long week. Cooking doesn't take too much time if you plan well. Sometimes, I feel drowned in work, but I still manage to prepare quick home-cooked meals to maintain a healthy diet.</p>

Unit 8. IELTS Speaking Part 1 Practice

Speaking Strategy

Example.

Example	1, 2, 16
Popularity	3, 4, 11, 12, 17
Advantage	5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 20
Cost	7, 8, 18
Time	10, 19

Speaking Practice

Exercise 1. (*Sample answer*)

1	<p><i>(Example & Popularity)</i></p> <p>Most people rely on public transportation to commute daily. For example, in my city, buses and subway systems are all the rage because they are convenient and affordable. Public transport is extremely popular among office workers who want to avoid traffic congestion.</p>
2	<p><i>(Example & Advantage)</i></p> <p>I try to cut down on expenses by budgeting wisely. For instance, I often cook at home instead of eating out, which helps me stay healthy and save money at the same time. Saving money also gives me financial security for the future.</p>
3	<p><i>(Advantage & Cost)</i></p> <p>Not really. Public transport is actually a good value because it is much cheaper than owning a private vehicle. Also, it reduces traffic congestion and helps protect the environment. Compared to the cost of fuel and maintenance for a car, bus and train tickets are quite affordable.</p>
4	<p><i>(Example & Popularity):</i></p> <p>Absolutely! Managing personal finances is crucial for me. For example, I always set aside a portion of my income for an emergency fund, which is a common practice among people who want financial security.</p>