

Exam Prep Speaking Prompt Cards

Printable IELTS/TOEFL-style speaking prompts, organised by topic and part. Cut into individual cards for practice.

How to Use These Cards

Print, cut along the lines, and use for timed speaking practice. Part 1/2 style prompts suit short, direct answers; Part 3/discussion style prompts suit extended, opinion-based answers.

Education

Describe a teacher who influenced you. (Part 2 style — 2 min)

Do you think online learning is as effective as classroom learning? Why?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?

Technology

Describe a piece of technology you use every day. (Part 2 style — 2 min)

How has technology changed the way people communicate?

Do you think social media does more good than harm?

Work & Career

Describe a job you would like to have in the future. (Part 2 style — 2 min)

What makes someone a good leader in the workplace?

Should companies allow employees to work from home permanently?

Environment

Describe something you do to help the environment. (Part 2 style — 2 min)

What can individuals do to help reduce climate change?

Should governments do more to protect the environment, even at economic cost?

Health & Wellbeing

Describe a healthy habit you have. (Part 2 style — 2 min)

How has attitude toward mental health changed in recent years?

Is a good work-life balance more important than career success?

Teacher Tip

Time Part 2-style prompts strictly at 1 minute prep + 2 minutes speaking, even in practice — the specific time constraint is part of what candidates need to get used to.