

# IELTS Speaking: Work & Hometown

Each topic should take about half an hour to explain in a classroom.

It is important to pre-teach useful vocabulary and adjectives before asking each student a question.

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# Expressing Opinions

## Expressing Your Opinion

You can use phrases like this to give your opinion in the essay.....

in my opinion.....

I strongly believe that....

in my view.....

I am opposed to.....

as far as I'm concerned....

to my way of thinking.....

**IELTS**  
ACHIEVE

## Disagreeing / Not so sure

- I completely disagree with .....
- I'm not so sure about .....
- If I had to decide, I would say.....
- I don't think .....
- I'm not in favour of .....
- I partially agree

# IELTS LINKING WORDS

Here are some examples of linking words that can make your IELTS answers more cohesive.

<b>Also, as well as</b>	To add ideas
<b>Similarly, as, in the same way</b>	To compare
<b>Even though, despite, yet</b>	To contrast
<b>So that, so, for this reason</b>	To express a result/purpose
<b>For example, for instance, to illustrate this</b>	To give examples
<b>Because, since, thus, that is why</b>	To give an explanation or reason
<b>Actually, I have to say</b>	To preface what you really think
<b>I must admit</b>	To confess that smth is true
<b>On the other hand</b>	To introduce another point of view
<b>Well</b>	To give yourself time to think

# Useful words: Work

## Phrasal verbs

- Set up (start a business)
- Get on well with (have a good friendship)
- Work on (to do or solve something)
- Take on (employ someone)
- Take over (to manage someones work or company)

## Idioms

- Out of work (unemployed)
- On the same page (same understanding)
- Up in the air (not yet decided)
- Get the sack (to be fired)
- Move in the world (to become successful)
- Call the shots (you make all the decisions)

# Visual : Work

- What types of jobs can you see in these pictures?



- How difficult would it be to do these jobs and why?
- How rewarding would it be to do these jobs?
- Which job do you consider to be the most important and why?

# Adjectives and Vocabulary

What qualities would you need to do these jobs?

- Primary School Teacher
- Graphic Designer
- Police Officer
- Doctor
- Chef

A Chef needs to be able to work hard under pressure, especially in a busy restaurant. He needs to be alert and work well as part of a team.

## Personal Qualities

- A good eye for detail
- Creative
- Work well as part of a team
- To be brave
- An outgoing personality
- Good management skills
- Patience
- A vision
- Physically fit
- Good customer skills
- Empathetic

# Why is it important you do these jobs carefully?

- Surgeon
- Shop Assistant
- Soldier
- Teacher
- Builder/Construction

It's Important that a Teacher does his/her job properly because ....

## Useful vocabulary

- risk loosing your job
- harming others / putting them in danger
- giving the wrong information
- customer complaints
- the company could shut down



# What important factors would you look for when choosing a job?

- The salary
- The hours
- Flexibility
- Friendly colleagues
- Varied work
- Holiday entitlement
- Modern equipment
- Distance
- A good boss





# Main IELTS Job Questions

1. What would be your ideal job and why?
  2. What would you change about your job?
  3. What would be your dream job?
  4. What types of jobs do young people do in your country?
  5. What job would you hate to do and why?
1. Is there a particular career that runs in your family?
  2. Why did you choose your job?
  3. What responsibilities do you have at work?
  4. Do you get on well with your colleagues?
  5. Would you like to change your job in the future?

# Hometown

## Words to describe the city:

**Cosmopolitan:** including people from many different countries.

**Urban:** in, relating to, or characteristic of a city.

**Bustling:** (of a place) full of activity.

**Lively:** full of life and energy; active and outgoing.

**Hectic:** very busy and fast.

**Vibrant:** full of energy, color, and life.

**Contemporary:** existing and happening now.

## Words to describe the town/countryside:

**Rural:** in, relating to, or characteristic of a countryside.

**Run-down:** weak or in a bad condition.

**Quaint:** attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

**Close-knit:** bound together by strong relationships and common interests.

**Outskirts:** the outer parts of a town or city.

**Suburb:** an area on the edge of a large town or city, where people who work in the town or city often live:

**Picturesque:** visually attractive, especially in a quaint or charming way.

# Extracting adjectives and vocab

What type of place is this?



Describe these areas





# Part 2 - Hometown

## Describe your hometown (1-2 minutes)

You must mention:

- Where it is
- What you can see and do in your hometown
- What it looks like
- What problems it faces



# Part 3 - Places to live

What are the positive and negative points about living in these places?  
Which would you choose to live in and why?

