

Khaki Language Academy
IELTS Department
Speaking Part 3 Question Bank



Family

- In a typical family, who plays the leading role?
- In your country, what kinds of family members usually live together?
- Do young and middle-age people live with old people?
- Is the nanny and/or the day-care center the third parent?
- Where is the best place to raise a family?

Education

- Should schools teach both arts and science?
- What kinds of courses are useful for university students?
- Why do some students dislike studying at school?
- What school activities are good for school children?
- Are there good colleges in your country?
- Are college tuition reasonable in your country?
- Do many people in your country study abroad?

Health

- Do women pay more attention to their health than men?
- Could governments do more to promote healthier lifestyle options?
- Do you think most people worry more about their health as they get older?
- What do old people in your country do to keep fit?
- What else can people do to keep fit besides sports?
- Should smoking in restaurants be banned?
- What are some things people can do to keep healthy?

Food and Eating

- Describe what you think is a healthy diet
- Are there many vegetarians in your country?
- Why do you think some people choose to be vegetarians?
- How do you think the way we eat will change in the future?
- Is American-style 'fast food' popular in your country? (Why? Popular with whom?)

Travel and Holidays

- Do you think modern life gives people enough time for leisure?
- What's the most important factor for a tourist attraction?
- Do you think we should have more public holidays?
- What do people need before traveling to another country?
- Is there any difference between young tourists and adult tourists?
- Do you think tourism will harm the earth?
- Which method of travel do you consider the safest?

Money

- Why do young people tend to waste money?
- What kinds of things do people like to buy in your country?
- How do people become rich?
- Why do people often want more money, no matter how much they have got?
- What are some reasons for people being poor? Can poverty be avoided?
- Why are poor people in many cases more generous than rich people?
- Do you think that riches can have a bad effect on a person? How?

Famous People/Celebrities

- Should actors be paid more?
- What influences do actors or actresses have on young people?
- Are there many people in your country who want to work as an actor?
- Who is more popular, TV stars or movie stars?
- Are famous people always happy?
- What makes a person famous?
- How do people invade the privacy of famous people?

Films/Movie

- Is drama series popular in your country? Why?
- What is the difference between young people and old people's favourite TV drama? Why?
- Do you think people will change their preference for TV drama when getting older?
- What is the influence of foreign shows on people in your country?
- Should films and television be censored or should we be free to choose what we see?
- Do you think the cinema has increased or decreased in popularity in recent years?
- What common courtesies apply when watching a movie at the theatre?

Advertising

- How do advertisements attract attention?
- Do young and old people show the same attitude towards advertisements?
- Are advertisements a good or bad influence on children?
- Do advertisements actually influence people to buy things? How?
- What are the harmful and beneficial effects of advertising?
- What are the different methods of advertising?

School Subjects

- Can computers help us with math?
- What methods can be applied to make math class more interesting?
- How do schools teach math in your country?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a calculator?
- Do you think students should be able to choose the subjects they like?
- What subject would be added to high school?
- Which is the most useful subject?

Work/Job

- Is salary important to you? What is the impact of salary on doing work?
- What kinds of jobs are easy to get in, in a foreign country?
- Should young adults work abroad?
- Is it hard to find an interesting job in your country?
- What kinds of preparation should people do for a job interview?
- Why do some people keep changing their jobs?
- What should a good employer do?

Friends

- Why do some people lose contact with their childhood friends?
- How do people in your country make friends these days?
- Why is it hard to maintain friendships?
- Why is it easier to make friends on the internet than in reality?
- What qualities do you think are important in a friend?
- Do you think it is a good idea to borrow money from a friend? Why or why not?
- What factors may result in the breakdown of a good friendship?

Photography

- How to become a professional photographer?
- Do you need a professional photographer for important events?
- What kinds of devices do people like to use for taking photos these days?
- Why do some people like to keep photos?
- Has the way people take photos changed?
- What are the pros and cons of digital photography?
- Can pictures be posted on the internet without permission?

Social Media

- Which social networking platform do people in your country usually use?
- What are some good aspects of social networking?
- What are some bad aspects of social networking?
- What type of information should you put on social networking sites?

News/Magazines

- What kind of magazines are popular?
- Is being a journalist an interesting job?
- Why do some people still read paper magazines?
- Do you think it's important to keep up with the news?
- What is the role of newspapers in society?
- Why do we buy newspapers?
- Do you think that news is censored in some countries?

Cellphones

- For children, at what age do you think it becomes suitable for them to use cell phones?
- Is it common for children to use cellphones in your country?
- What do teenagers in your country use cellphones for?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of using a cellphone?
- Why are so many people addicted to social apps?

Law

- Do you think that people obey the law all the time?
- Do people like being a policeman in your country?
- What qualities should a police officer have?
- Why do some people prefer to be a lawyer over being a policeman?

Music

- Why do you think that some local singers or musicians aren't as successful as some from other countries?
- Do you think the Internet has affected the music industry? In what ways?
- Do you think there will be further changes in the music industry in the future?
- Do you think the music young people listen to in your country is becoming more globalized? Why/Why not?

Fashion & Clothes

- What kinds of clothes do people wear after work?
- Where do people in your country buy clothes?
- When do people wear formal clothes?
- Will the way we dress influence the way we behave?
- Why do some people care about following fashion trends?
- When is it important to dress formally?

Environment & Pollution

- Are there litter laws in your country?
- What is the penalty for littering in your country?
- Are there any lessons to learn from nature?
- Do you think cars should be banned from city centres?
- What are some things that can be recycled?
- What are some types of pollution?

Internet

- What influences can (or, does) the Internet has on children/teenagers?
- What (kinds of) people don't use the internet?
- Do you think our lives have been improved by the Internet?
- Do men and women use the internet for different purposes?
- What is the best thing about the Internet?
- What problems does the Internet create? What problems does it solve?

Free Time & Hobbies

- How do people in your country spend their free time?
- How does finance affect the way people spend their free time?
- Is it important to have a hobby?
- Is it harmful to spend too much time on a hobby?
- Where do young people in this country usually spend their free time?

Foreign Culture

- Do you think it's important to know about other cultures?
- How can we benefit from learning about other cultures?
- What do you think is the best way to learn about another culture?
- Do you think that learning foreign languages can help us understand foreign cultures?
- What does it mean to be polite in your culture?
- What is considered rude in your culture?
- What are some things that define a culture? For example, music, language, ...

City & Countryside

- What are the advantages of living in the countryside?
- What are the disadvantages of living in the countryside?
- What kinds of people live in the countryside?
- What do people living in the countryside like to do?
- How has life changed over time in the countryside?
- Do you think it is better to live in the city or in the countryside?
- Do you think landmarks make a city more famous, why?

Weather/Climate

- Do you think the weather has an influence on people's mood?
- How do you feel about the climate in recent years?
- What can we do to stop the greenhouse effect?
- What are the possible results if the temperature continues going up?
- What do people usually do in winter?
- What are the new jobs that come up in extreme weather ?
- How do people find it to work in extremely cold or hot weather?

Shopping & Customer Service

- Do you think that discounted goods have good value?
- How often do people in your country go shopping?
- What kinds of places are popular for shopping in your country?
- Do you think online shopping will replace shopping in reality?
- Have you ever have had a bad shopping experience?
- What would you do if you bought something disappointing from the internet?
- How has online shopping become popular these days?

Time Management

- What is the main reason people don't have enough time?
- How can people balance their time between work and private life?
- Is it important for people to relax during the day?
- Can people control their time more wisely when they get older?
- Do modern technologies make people use time up or reduce the time?

Daily Routine

- Do you think people can still do their tasks if they don't plan them?
- Do you think it is possible to learn how to manage your time?
- What are some possible advantages of using a time management app for your phone to help you plan your time?
- Why do you think some people don't plan their day in advance?

Public Speaking

- Why do people get nervous when they have to give a speech?
- How can people improve their public speaking skills?
- Can you suggest any methods that would help reduce nervousness?
- Why do most people feel nervous when it comes to public speaking?
- Is it good for people to visit schools and give a talk to children?
- What kinds of people should be invited to give a speech?
- Is listening to speeches important for children?

Sports & Competition

- What kinds of sports are popular in your country?
- What else can people do to keep fit besides sports?
- Do you think young people should play dangerous sports?
- What do parents do to make their children like sports?
- Why are competition programs so popular?
- Who do you think will take part in the competition?
- Do people need competitive spirits at work?
- What are the benefits of playing a sport?
- Do you think the types of sport that are popular will change in the future?
- Is there any violence at sporting events in your country?
- Why are some sports fans so passionate?

Invention & Creativity

- What creative activities did you like to do when you were young?
- Why do people like to copy others' ideas these days?
- What's the best way to cultivate children's creativity?
- Do you think creativity can be learned?
- Why does art help to nurture creativity?
- Which invention has transformed your country most?

Love, Dating & Marriage

- Who will pay for the wedding costs? Man, woman or both? Why?
- What do you think is the best age to get married?
- Do you think weddings in your country waste a lot of money?
- At what age do most people in your country get married?
- Does getting married mean giving up your freedom?

Handwriting

- Is handwriting still important?
- Is it possible to improve a student's handwriting after years?
- Is being left-handed the cause of the problem?
- Are handwriting problems more common in boys?
- What is the future of handwriting?
- Do you think that handwriting expresses personality?

Toys

- Do you think its better for a child to play with their toys alone or with other kids?
- Why do parents buy lots of toys for their children?
- What are the differences between today's toys and olden toys?
- What factors should you keep in mind while purchasing a toy?
- Would you allow children to buy toys of their choice?

Animals and Pets

- Do you think animals have feelings and rights? (Why?/Why not?)
- Some people breed animals such as dogs for money. How do you feel about that?
- Are there any wild animals in your country that are not found in any other country?
- Are there any animal reserves in your country where wild animals can live with protection?
- How do people feel about the protection of wild animals?

Politeness

- Are people today as polite as people were in the past?
- Why is it important to show respect to others?
- How do people show politeness in your country?
- How do you deal with impolite people?
- What kinds of behavior are considered impolite?

Books & Reading

- What kinds of books do old people like to read?
- How do you think people will read in the future?
- What kind of books are considered good reads in your opinion?
- Do you regard famous writers as good role models?
- Do you think that people read nowadays as they did in the past?

Language

- What kind of quality should a language teacher have?
- Why do people want to learn a foreign language?
- Which language is likely to become dominant in the future?
- What are the advantages & disadvantages of being monolingual?
- Should foreign language study be required?

Science & Technology

- Are there any other sectors that need technology?
- Is it possible to live without technology?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of technology?
- What is the impact of technology on people's lives?
- How do you think modern technology will change the way people work in the future?

Transportation

- What types of public transport can be found in your country?
- What types of public transport do you use most?
- Are there any public transport problems in your country?
- How to encourage more people to take public transportation?
- What are the causes and contributing factors to traffic congestion
- What measures should the government take to solve transportation problems?
- What types of public transport can be found in your country?

Parents & Children

- What are the parents' responsibilities towards their children?
- What's the influence of parents on their children?
- What would children do to make their parents proud?
- What do you think are some of the most difficult problems faced by parents?
- Should parents reward their children for the good things that they do?

Life Experience

- What can people learn from mistakes?
- Can mistake help people to be more successful?
- How to avoid making mistakes?
- What's the best way to gain experience in life?
- Do you agree that we learn best from our mistakes?

Decisions

- What's the most important factor in decision-making?
- Do you think adults always make better decisions than children?
- Do you like to make quick decisions?
- What can people learn from wrong decisions?
- Should parent make decisions for their children?

Small Business

- Why do some people decide to set up their own business?
- What challenges and difficulties do people face when they try to open a small business?
- How can small businesses benefit the people in their community?
- Compare small shops with big international department stores and supermarkets.
- What qualities does a small business owner need to have?
- Compare owning and running a small business to being an employee in a large company.

Outdoor Activities

- Would you say people spend more time outdoors today than they did, say, 20 years ago?
- Are there any outdoor activities that many people used to do but which most people don't do now?
- What are the most popular outdoor activities in your country ?
- Do old and young people like doing the same kinds of activities outdoors ?
- Why do some people prefer to work outdoors?
- How do you think climate and the environment affect what activities people do outdoors ?

Being Late

- What are some of the excuses that people make when they are late?
- Do you think it's important to be on time? Is punctuality important?
- For what situations is being on time important?
- For what situations is being on time not very important?
- Do you think modern technology gives us more time, or less?

Old People

- What can children learn from old people?
- What qualities does a person need to take care of old people?
- Do you think old people's lives are better now compared to the past?
- Do you think elderly people should be allowed to work?
- Do you think that elderly people should be taken care of at home?
- Why do old people today live longer than in the past?

Leadership

- Can leadership skills be taught?
- Are some people born to be leaders?
- What should a leader do to remain popular?
- Why are elected politicians often so unpopular?

Practical Skills

- How can people learn practical skills?
- Do you think children should learn some practical skills at school?
- Do you think it's useful for adults to attend classes to further their education?
- What practical skills do children learn at school in your country?
- How useful will these skills be to the children after they leave school?

Plan

- Which do you prefer? Having a plan or having no plan?
- In general, do you think planning is important?
- Why do people make plans?