

STUDY ENGLISH

IELTS PREPARATION

ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 7: THE SPEAKING TEST

Practise and consolidate your learning about the IELTS Speaking Test by completing our activities. The answers for all activities are on the last 2 pages.

ACTIVITY 1

Match the language function in the left-hand column with the appropriate question in the right-hand column.

	Language function		Question
1	identifying	A	Should schools be allowed to sell fast foods in their canteens?
2	describing	B	Is it important to conserve water in your country? Why/ Why not?
3	comparing	C	What measures should be taken to reduce traffic jams?
4	evaluating	D	What can we do to educate children about eating healthily?
5	describing changes	E	Why is it important to exercise?
6	giving an opinion	F	What are the benefits of studying abroad?
7	explaining	G	How has the environment changed in the last 20 years in your country?
8	making suggestions	H	What kind of developments will your country undergo in the future?
9	giving reasons	I	How has technology changed your life?
10	speculating	J	What is the difference between the family unit today compared to the past?

ACTIVITY 2

Tick (✓) the information that is most relevant to the questions

Question 1

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Question 2

What qualities would be desirable for a teacher?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• likes giving orders
<input type="checkbox"/>	• a good speaker
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Question 3

What is the importance of playing sports?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• earn a lot of money
<input type="checkbox"/>	• builds character
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Question 4

What can be done to reduce traffic jams?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	• restrict the number of cars entering the city
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Question 5

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**Question 6**

What might the negative effects of the Internet be?	
	• exposes children to inappropriate material
	• addictive
	• no censorship of hate literature
	• wealth of information

Question 7

Would you agree that dieting is a good thing?	
	• no, you may lose weight but then gain all the weight and more once you stop
	• yes, it helps keep your weight under control
	• yes, being overweight is unattractive
	• no, it can be very stressful monitoring your weight

Question 8

What effect has tourism had on your country?	
	• increase in pollution
	• provide jobs reducing unemployment
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Question 9

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