



IELTS speaking improvement lessons

Speaking part 2 guide for various topics.



Describe someone who speaks a foreign language really well.



You should say:

Who - the person is

What - language he/she speaks

Why - he/she learnt this language

Why - you think he/she speaks it well



How to prepare - here are some notes I made after I decided what I am going to talk about.

Write notes to give you the information you need for speaking.

Who – Old school friend, sister, colleague, friend

What – Japanese, Chinese, French, Spanish

Why – Job, travel, friends, marriage, migration

Why – Fluency, level, natural sound, confidence



Vocabulary related to languages

Fluency - The speed of delivery when talking. Lack of pauses.

Pronunciation - Sounds like a native speaker in tone and sound.

Dialect - Local language in different parts of a country.

immersion – living in a country and surrounded by the language.

practice - repeating the things you learn.

native – Someone from a country (local)

interaction – Speaking to another person/conversation with another person.

intonation - The rises and falls in pitch when speaking.

natural expressions - Things which native speakers say, which are often not taught.

Follow along with the topic and try to learn and memorize

I have a friend named Tracey from when I was at high school, who *I got on well with*. After we left school we *went our separate ways*, and I did not see her for many years.

I was out shopping recently when *I bumped into her* in a local mall. She was with another person who she introduced to me as *her work colleague*. We decided to go for a coffee *to catch up* on things. The 3 of us found a café, ordered, and sat down. Her colleague, whose name was Kenji was Japanese, which *I found odd* because I never knew her to have any Japanese friends.

She informed me that she had been to university to study business, and *had landed a job in a Japanese company based in England*, but she *had to take frequent trips to Tokyo to visit the main office*. Suddenly, after a few minutes *she burst into fluent Japanese* as the both of them talked for a minute or two. She told me that the Kenji did not speak English so she could only converse with him in his local *dialect*. I was amazed at her *pronunciation*, and If I closed my eyes *I could have sworn* she was a *native*, she was that good. I only know the language from listening to people or watching TV, but it seemed very *authentic*, and judging by Kenji's responses you could tell she was good. She had been studying it for the last 8 years, and at first she complained that it was extremely difficult, but gradually it became *second nature*. Because she spent a lot of time living in Japan, she was able to *immerse herself in the language and learnt many natural expressions*, which is important to get the trust of locals. I was actually quite jealous of her because I do not speak any other language, and it made me realize how lazy I am.



Practice the format, the vocabulary, and use them to fit the topic you are going to talk about, or use this topic.

You do not have to talk about a ‘real activity that you do’, just talk so you can answer the points and use the relevant vocabulary well, to enhance your score.

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Good luck, and keep practicing.

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