

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

In the IELTS Speaking test, the examiner might ask you a question that you do not have an opinion about. Look at the potentially 'difficult' questions below. Practise answering any difficult questions using the strategies presented in **Lecture 24 - If you don't have an opinion.**

- Is there some other work you would prefer to do? (Part 1)
- If you could change your job or profession, what would you do? (Part 1)
- What is your ideal job? (Part 1)
- Has your work changed in recent years? (Part 1)
- In the future, what changes do you think will take place in your industry? (Part 1)
- Why did you choose the subject you are studying? (Part 1)
- How do you feel about your studies? (Part 1)
- What do you dislike about the subject you are studying? (Part 1)
- What was your first day at university like? (Part 1)
- What is your secondary school like? (Part 1)
- What is the best thing about your school? (Part 1)
- What do you dislike about your school? (Part 1)
- Do you know much about the history of your hometown? (Part 1 or 3)
- How could your hometown attract more visitors? (Part 3)
- How do you think your hometown could be improved in the future? (Part 3)
- Has the transport situation in your hometown changed in recent years? (Part 1 or 3)
- Do you think transport will change in your hometown in the future? (Part 1 or 3)
- How do you think it could be improved? (Part 1 or 3)
- What do you think are the benefits of travel? (Part 3)
- How important are holidays to you? (Part 3)
- Do you think it's important to have free time? (Part 3)
- Do you think it's easy for people to relax nowadays? (Part 3)
- What can people do to find more time to relax? (Part 3)
- Do you think sport/exercise is a good way to relax? (Part 3)
- How has the way people spend their free time changed in recent years? (Part 3)
- Do you think it's important for people to eat with their families? (Part 3)
- What do you think are the benefits of eating at home? (Part 3)
- In what situations are friends more important than family? (Part 3)
- What do your friends think of you? (Part 1)
- Are clothes important to you? (Part 1)
- Do you think the clothes a person wears leaves an impression on others? (Part 3)
- Do you think people can improve their English by watching English language TV programmes? (Part 3)
- How much TV would you like your children to watch? (Part 3)
- What are the most popular television shows in your country? (Part 1 or 3)
- Why do you think they are popular? (Part 3)

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- How do you think TV broadcasts in your country could be improved? (Part 3)
- Do you like extreme climate? (Part 1)
- How does bad weather affect people's moods? (Part 3)
- Do you think children should be encouraged to do more exercise? (Part 3)
- Do you think physical activity is important? (Part 1 or 3)
- What are the benefits of doing sports? (Part 3)
- What are the advantages of shopping online? (Part 3)
- What are the disadvantages of shopping online? (Part 3)
- How can you judge the quality of a product that is sold online? (Part 3)
- Do you think the internet is a good thing? (Part 3)
- What are the bad points about the internet? (Part 3)
- How did you learn to use the internet? (Part 1 or 3)
- How has the internet had an impact on people's lives? (Part 3)
- How can people learn things on the internet? (Part 3)
- What are the drawbacks of using computers? (Part 3)
- Have computers improved our lives? (Part 3)
- How important are computers in every day life? (Part 3)
- Is music important to you? (Part 1)
- Do you think parents should encourage their children to learn a musical instrument? (Part 3)
- How do you feel when you listen to music? (Part 1 or 3)
- Why do older people dislike pop music? (Part 3)
- How important is the news for you? (Part 1)
- Do you think it's important to keep up with the latest news? (Part 3)
- Do you think it's necessary to learn how to drive? (Part 3)
- What do you think is the most difficult aspect of learning English? (Part 1 or 3)
- What do you think is the most difficult part about learning foreign languages? (Part 1 or 3)
- What do you think is the most effective way to learn a foreign language? (Part 3)
- How would you compare learning English to learning other languages? (Part 3)
- What is the value of knowing a foreign language? (Part 3)
- Do you think it's important to be on time? (Part 1 or 3)
- How do you feel when other people are late? (Part 1 or 3)
- Do you feel that time moves fast or slowly? (Part 1 or 3)
- If you were a parent, would you let your children raise a pet? (Part 3)
- Are there any parties that you dislike? (Part 1)
- Do you think it's important to celebrate your birthday? (Part 3)
- What have you learned from visiting museums? (Part 1 or 3)
- What can people learn from visiting museums? (Part 3)
- When do people give each other flowers in your country? (Part 1 or 3)
- Is it easy to keep fit where you live? (Part 1)
- What is more important, eating healthily or doing exercise? (Part 1 or 3)
- Do you have a good public health system in your country? (Part 1 or 3)
- What is your favourite kind of art? (Part 1)

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- What are the benefits of art? (Part 3)
- Why do people sometimes dislike reading? (Part 3)
- Do you think reading is important? (Part 1 or 3)
- Do you think children should lend a hand around the home? (Part 3)
- Do advertisements influence your choice about what to buy? (Part 1 or 3)
- How do you feel about advertisements? (Part 1 or 3)
- How important are emails in your life? (Part 1 or 3)
- How do you feel about spam emails? (Part 1 or 3)
- How did you feel when you got your first mobile/cellphone? (Part 1 or 3)
- How do you think mobiles/cellphones will develop in the future? (Part 3)
- How important is your mobile/cellphone in your daily life? (Part 1 or 3)
- What are the disadvantages of mobiles/cellphones? (Part 3)
- Do you think it's important for people to play games? (Part 3)
- Are there any colours that have a special meaning in your country? (Part 1 or 3)
- What are some things that people in your country like collecting? (Part 1 or 3)
- Why do you think people like collecting things? (Part 3)