

Teaching IELTS Speaking: Interactive Classroom Activities

Brainstorming useful vocabulary for IELTS Speaking Part One

Working in small groups, brainstorm at least three words or expressions into each of the categories below, avoiding basic language. If you are scoring, you'll get one point for each word or expression that no one else has thought of (with even small differences being okay) and five points for anything that is not in the list of suggested answers.

Share ten you are sure no one else thought of, copying useful language from the others.

Compare your words and expressions with those in the suggested answers list, sharing any extra vocabulary that you wrote with the class.

Underline the most useful vocabulary for you from your list and the suggested answers list, then use that vocabulary to find things in common with your partner(s).

Try to use that vocabulary to answer Speaking Part One questions, the first time looking at your list to help.

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Vocabulary for talking about names

Vocabulary for talking about studies/ education

Vocabulary for talking about places (accommodation, hometown, local area, etc)

Vocabulary for talking about relationships with people

Vocabulary for talking about festivals and celebrations

Vocabulary for talking about transport and travel

Vocabulary for talking about TV and movies

Vocabulary for talking about music

Vocabulary for talking about work

Vocabulary for talking about free time/ leisure/ hobbies