IELTS Speaking Part 2: 30 Practice Cue Cards

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Festivals and events

Cue Card 1: A traditional celebration

Describe a traditional celebration in your country.

You should say:

- what the celebration is and when it happens
- what people do and eat
- who you celebrate with

and explain why this celebration matters to you.

Cue Card 2: A festival you enjoyed

Describe a festival you enjoyed.

You should say:

- which festival it was and where you were
- what you did during the festival
- who was with you

and explain why you enjoyed it.

Cue Card 3: A time you helped someone

Describe a time you helped someone.

You should say:

- who you helped
- what problem the person had
- how you helped them

and explain how you felt afterwards.

People

Cue Card 4: A public figure you admire

Describe a public figure you admire.

You should say:

- who the person is
- what they do
- how you know about them

and explain why you admire this person.

Cue Card 5: An older person you admire

Describe an older person you admire.

You should say:

- who this person is
- how you know them
- what they are like

and explain why you admire them.

Cue Card 6: A person who inspires you to learn

Describe a person who inspires you to learn new things.

You should say:

- who this person is
- what they taught or showed you
- how they inspired you

and explain what you learned from them.

Cue Card 7: A friend you have known for a long time

Describe a friend you have known for a long time.

You should say:

- how you met this friend
- what you do together
- what this friend is like

and explain why your friendship has lasted so long.

Cue Card 8: A teacher who influenced you

Describe a teacher who influenced you.

You should say:

- who the teacher was
- what they taught you
- what made this teacher special

and explain how they influenced you.



Places

Cue Card 9: A natural place you visited

Describe a natural place you have visited.

You should say:

- where the place is
- when you went there and who you went with
- what you saw and did there

and explain why the visit was memorable.

Cue Card 10: A city you would like to visit again

Describe a city you visited and would like to visit again.

You should say:

- which city it is
- what you did there
- what you liked most about it

and explain why you would like to go back.

Cue Card 11: A place that has changed

Describe a place that has changed.

You should say:

- where the place is
- what it was like before
- how it has changed

and explain whether you like the change.

Cue Card 12: A quiet place

Describe a quiet place where you like to spend time.

You should say:

- where the place is
- how you found it
- what you do there

and explain why it feels peaceful to you.

Cue Card 13: An interesting building

Describe a building you find interesting.

You should say:

- where the building is
- what it looks like
- what it is used for

and explain why you find it interesting.



Life changes and decisions

Cue Card 14: An important change in your life

Describe an important change in your life.

You should say:

- what changed
- when it happened
- how you felt about the change

and explain how it affected your life.

Cue Card 15: Adapting to something new

Describe a time you had to adapt to something new.

You should say:

- what was new to you
- when and where this happened
- how you adapted

and explain what you learned from the experience.

Cue Card 16: A decision you changed

Describe an important decision you changed.

You should say:

- what the decision was
- why you first made it
- why you changed it

and explain what happened after you changed your decision.

Cue Card 17: A future goal

Describe a goal you would like to achieve in the future.

You should say:

- what the goal is
- why you chose this goal
- what you need to do to achieve it

and explain how you would feel if you achieved it.

Cue Card 18: A time you were proud of yourself

Describe a time you were proud of yourself.

You should say:

- what you did
- when it happened
- who knew about it

and explain why you felt proud of yourself.



Objects and technology

Cue Card 19: An object that matters to you

Describe an object that matters to you.

You should say:

- what the object is
- how you got it
- how you use it

and explain why it is important to you.

Cue Card 20: Technology you use every day

Describe a piece of technology you use every day.

You should say:

- what it is
- how long you have used it
- what you use it for

and explain why it is useful to you.

Cue Card 21: A gift for a friend

Describe a gift you would like to buy for a friend.

You should say:

- what the gift is
- who you would like to buy it for
- why you chose this gift

and explain how you think your friend would feel about receiving it.

Cue Card 22: An app or website you use often

Describe an app or website you use often.

You should say:

- what the app or website is
- how you found it
- what you use it for

and explain why you like using it.

Cue Card 23: A purchase you were happy with

Describe something you bought that you were happy with.

You should say:

- what you bought
- where you bought it
- why you needed it

and explain why you were happy with your purchase.



Media, learning and free time

Cue Card 24: A book or film that taught you something

Describe a book or film that taught you something.

You should say:

- what the book or film was
- when you read or watched it
- what it was about

and explain what you learned from it.

Cue Card 25: A skill you learned recently

Describe a skill you learned recently.

You should say:

- what the skill is
- how you learned it
- what was difficult about learning it

and explain how this skill helps you.

Cue Card 26: A hobby you enjoy

Describe a hobby you enjoy.

You should say:

- what the hobby is
- when you started it
- how often you do it

and explain why you enjoy it.

Cue Card 27: A piece of music you like

Describe a piece of music you like.

You should say:

- what the piece of music is
- when you first heard it
- when you listen to it

and explain why you like it.

Experiences and habits

Cue Card 28: A time you waited for something

Describe a time you waited for something.

You should say:

- what you waited for
- where you were
- how long you waited

and explain how you felt while waiting.

Cue Card 29: A healthy habit

Describe a healthy habit you have.

You should say:

- what the habit is
- when you started it
- how you keep it up

and explain how it helps you.

Cue Card 30: A time you were very busy

Describe a time you were very busy.

You should say:

- when it was
- what you had to do
- how you managed your time

and explain how you felt afterwards.