

## 11. Water Sports

- Do you like water sports?
- Have you done water sports?
- Would you like to do a water sport?
- Are water sports popular in your country?

**Sample Answer by IELTS High Scorer:**

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**What water sports do you like?**

I'm into all kinds of water sports, in terms of extreme ones, I'm keen on scuba diving and surfing because doing it makes me feel excited and I really get a good kick out of it. And in terms of something gentle, I prefer water yoga because it helps me keep fit.

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## Breaks

- How often do you take a break?
- What do you usually do during a break?
- Why do you need to take a break?
- Do you prefer a long break or several short breaks?

**Sample Answer by IELTS High Scorer:**

**How often do you take a break?**

Yes, I often take breaks when working or studying because it becomes difficult to

concentrate after a long-time study. If I were to focus on one task for a long time, I couldn't perform well. Short breaks can allow me to refresh my mind so that I can handle the task at a high level.

## What do you usually do during a break?

When I take a break, I usually choose to listen to music to help relax my mind. Furthermore, I always close my eyes and give them a short rest before continuing to work. If it is a relatively long break, I may choose to watch a short TV show or eat something in order to get more energy to return to my work

## Do you like to watch sports on TV?

Not at all! I **despise (hate)** it. I get extremely bored and disinterested. I usually try to avoid watching sports on TV at all costs unless it's an exciting event, like the World Cup or Super Bowl. In that case, I go for the social event rather than the game itself.

## Do you play any sports?

Not anymore. I was an **avid (enthusiastic)** swimmer as a child, but I gave that up after high school, as it was quite time-consuming. Nowadays, I enjoy going to the gym, running around the lake by my house, and going on mountain treks. I'm not sure if these are considered sports, but I'm really into physical activity.

## Which is the popular sports in your country?

Soccer of course! As soccer is the sport of the world, that would be number one. People go wild when our team wins a game- they even drive around waving flags, blocking off the streets! Apart from this, many people enjoy playing tennis and doing martial arts.

## 4. Who is your favorite sports star?

As I'm not a big sports fan, I don't really have one. However, I think I may like Cristiano Ronaldo. Although I don't know anything about him or his athletic abilities, I think I've always been **drawn to him (attracted to)** because of his looks

## What kinds of sports would you like to try in the future?

I'm really intrigued by soccer. I think it's something that can really connect people, as well as is good cardiovascular and coordination activity. Actually, I wish I had gotten into it as a child. I think it would be interesting to join a league in my city.

## Do you like to travel by air?

Certainly! It's the quickest and most efficient way. I would choose this over a 12+ hour bus or car ride any day! Furthermore, whenever I **set foot on (enter; step into)** a plane, I tend to feel sleepy and end up **drifting off (sleep)** for pretty much the entire flight.

## What do you think about travelling to the outer space?

I think it's quite intriguing, as I believe that other life forms may exist. Moreover, it's fascinating to find out more about the other complex galaxies surrounding us. I believe there is much more to the universe than only Earth.

### Do you want to travel to the space?

Yes, of course! I would be really interested to see what else it out there. I'm not sure if this would happen in my lifetime though. However, I've heard that one day we may be able to take trips to space. I think it's a possibility! The future never **ceases (fails)** to amaze me.

### Who would you like to go with?

At this point in time, I can just imagine going alone with a specialized person. **Down the road (in the future)** I could imagine going with my partner, and perhaps my children as well. I would love for all of us to share this experience together.

### What would you prepare on a trip to the outer space?

Definitely appropriate astronautical gear, as I've seen in pictures. Furthermore, I would like to bring some kind of camera or video to be able to show my friends on earth what I saw. Lastly, I would like to bring some kind of gift from earth just in case I **came across (encountered by accident)** another life form there.

### Where would you like to go to?

The moon or mars! I would say the moon because I'm interested to know what it feels lie to walk on it. I'm also curious if the myth that it's made out of cheese is accurate. On the other hand, I've heard there is water on Mars, suggesting that there could be life there, so I'd be fascinated to investigate that firsthand.

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### Do you think it's necessary to see other planets?

I would say it's a luxury more than a necessity for average people. However, I think it's necessary for scientists to investigate other planets so that we have better research and understanding of what is going on around us. Lastly, it's good for us humans to realize that Earth isn't the only planet.

**Plunge oneself into something (phrase)** to suddenly start doing something with energy and enthusiasm, but sometimes without thinking about it first

**Every now and then (idiom)** sometimes

**Get-together (noun)** a small informal meeting or social gathering

**Do you like to watch the sky?**

Yes, I do! Actually, my region in Spain, Andalucia, is known for having over 300 days of sun a year! With this said, there are few things more relaxing than lying out on the beach on summer afternoons, staring up at the cloudless sky. Furthermore, the sunsets here are just magnificent, often displaying colors like cotton candy. Since I live on the tenth floor of my building, I almost always watch the sunset.

**What is the sky like at night in your hometown?**

Marvelous! Since there isn't much light pollution here, you can see the stars very clearly at night. I sometimes like to go out on the beach at night with a blanket and **gaze (watch)** at the brilliance of the shining stars. It makes me feel in awe of just how amazing the universe is. There are few things more romantic than that!

**Have you ever taken a course about stars?**

No, I have never formally studied Astronomy since it wasn't available at my school. However, I think it would be interesting. Fortunately, my grandfather was really into astronomy so he shared his knowledge with me, as well as gifted me an encyclopedia loaded with useful information

**What's your favorite star?**

I'd have to say the star constellation Orion, which is easily spotted on winter nights. I find this constellation interesting because it has everything, including a giant red star which could explode at any moment, a young blue star, and even a **nebula (a cloud of gas)** where new stars are being born. It's complex and magnificent!

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## IELTS Speaking Part 1 Topic & Questions: Weather

**Q1: What's the weather like where you live?**

Well, I was born and grew up in a tropical country, so it's pretty much hot and humid year round. However, in Northern cities, we actually enjoy four distinct seasons. In summery months, it can get really **sweltering**, and by contrast, temperatures can really **dip** in winter.

**Q2: What type of weather do you like best?**

I'd consider myself a **cold weather person**. I love the **crisp** mornings at the end of fall and the chill of winter. Maybe it's because we have to **bundle up** as the weather turns cold, and I love wearing sweaters and overcoats.

**Crisp** (adj) crisp weather is pleasant because it is cold and dry

**Bundle up** (verb) to put warm clothes on yourself or someone else, or to wrap someone in something warm

## Does the weather ever affect what you do?

You know, I gotta say yes, especially when it rains. I mean, I cannot go out and **run my errands** if it's pouring outside. The roads get really **slippery**, so it's quite dangerous to drive. Besides, you will definitely be **soaked** if you do decide to go out.

**Run an errand** (phrase) to take a short trip to do a specific thing

**Slippery** (adj) tending to cause slipping or sliding, as ice, oil, or a wet surface

**Soaked** (adj) To make thoroughly wet or saturated

## Does it rain a lot in your hometown?

Well, it depends on the season. In winter and spring, there is a **dearth of rain** associated with the **arid weather**. In contrast, it is usually **raining cats and dogs** in summer and august, causing **loads of troubles** for people travelling on the road.

**Dearth** (noun) a scarcity or lack of something.

**Arid** (adj) (of land or a climate) having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation

**Rain cats and dogs** (idiom) rain heavily

## Does rain ever affect transportation in your hometown?

Yeah, of course. **Traffic is often held up** when it rains. All the **roads are clogged**, and people find it difficult to **escape from traffic congestion**. I would stay at home and watch TV rather than going out and being **caught up** in traffic.

## 1. Have you shared anything with others recently?

Yes! Actually, I got a box of 6 bottles of red wine as a gift recently. Since I cannot consume all of that, I've shared 3 bottles with my friends, as red wine is a luxury here in Asia. I enjoy sharing alcohol with people, as it's something that puts you in a good mood!

## 2. What do you like to share?

That's an interesting question. I'm a pretty generous person, so I'm happy to share most of my things. However, I particularly enjoy sharing my food with others. I feel that food is one basic thing that undoubtedly makes everyone happy. It's a **win-win (always a benefit)** situation.

### 3. What kinds of things are not suitable for sharing?

Well, for me, I'm extremely **petite (small)**, so it's difficult for me to share clothes with my friends. It's quite a task for me to find clothes my size, so I don't like to risk others **stretching them out (to make bigger)**. Furthermore, I think it's unsanitary to share certain items, like a toothbrush or a toothpick.

### 4. Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?

Of course! Actually, since I'm one of 7 children, sharing was unavoidable. After one child grew bigger, we always shared their **hand-me-downs (secondhand clothing)**. Furthermore, during a meal, we each started with a small portion to make sure everyone got enough, then would go back for **seconds (second portion of food)**

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## IELTS Speaking Part 1 Topic: Drinking Water

### 1. How often do you drink water?

Well, everyday of course! Staying hydrated is a priority for me since I easily get a headache if I don't, not to mention my weight loss goals. Drinking enough water is critical for our health.

### 9.2. What kinds of water do you like to drink?

All different kinds; I'm not too **picky (selective)**! I either drink tap water that I put in a Brita filter or bottled water from time to time. I usually put water in my refillable water bottle and carry it around me with me all day.

### 9.3. Do you drink bottled water or water from water machines?

Bottled water. Since the water in my country is **potable (drinkable)**, I usually opt for that with a filter to improve the flavor. If this isn't available to me, I buy a bottle of water, although I prefer not to because of my environmental concerns