

IELTS SPEAKING PRACTICE - PERFECT BAND 9

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Let's start off by talking about art do you like art growing up um a way to express myself and uh just generally showing my emotions through whatever medium that i cho I choose um I actually prefer art more than music in some uh different ways I like to paint and I like to I like to see people how they Express themselves as well uh through their art um so yeah I do love art do you think that art classes are important in school I actually feel like art is very subjective um teaching Basic theories about art and

stuff like that I feel like yes it is sometimes necessary so people can understand let's say basic concepts such as color theory and whatnot however I don't feel like um following a certain um concept or how to draw this or how to draw that um is quite necessary like I feel like your own creative mind can go in whatever Direction you want it to go to who are your favorite artists so my favorite artist in terms of uh the music industry I would say Rihanna I love her music I love like every time time I put it on um

um my car and I'm driving I
just love listening to her
music because it it literally
changes my mood um and I
love listening I love sharing
that experience with my
friends as well so it's she's
tops my favorite artists now
let's talk about animals do you
have a pet at home I actually
have two pets um they're both
cats I love animals but
specifically cats I love um
everything about them so I
have two cats one her name is
NI the other is tuti um and ni
kind of describes me as a
person like we kind of share

the same um behaviors so
she's very uh lazy sometimes
she's also um introverted I
would say I really love cats I
love how fluffy and
sometimes friend L they are I
also enjoy their company just
them being there would you
like a different pet in the
future so I used to have Ducks
um two ducks and I
unfortunately I had to give
them up to um shelter because
I felt like I couldn't um
Properly take care of them in
my house so in the future I
really hope that I could um
revisit that memory of them

of taking care care of my
ducks so hopefully in the near
future maybe if I'm fully
settled in my own house I
would love to have two more
ducks and do you prefer cats
or dogs definitely cats like I
think it's because I'm uh I
come from like a Muslim
family so we kind of have like
a taboo or like an idea of dogs
like not it's not clean it's not
you know know um so cats
Are just the way to go like I
love cats their personality the
way they look the way they
act everything about them
now let's talk about reading

how often do you read books
back in middle school I used
to be so into books it was
basically my personality trait
I really really enjoyed like I
had my alone time is just
spending um my time reading
books and at one point my
family just told me like get
out of the house like what are
you doing and even if I did go
out of the house like I would
Just carry my book
everywhere I go as of recently
I kind of fell off of that habit
of reading constantly because
just with everything
happening in my life I can't

keep up but um I would say
once every two months I
would I would read books
what book would you
recommend to a friend so I
would recommend all the
bright places I forgot the
name of the author but I think
that book really depicts what
a teenager would go through
like I said I used to read back
In middle school and also in
high school so I felt like that
book really spoke to me I
really related to that book and
I would recommend it to a
friend because I generally feel
like it kind of relates to you

know the adolescents or teenagers in general do you prefer to read ebooks or paper books I generally prefer uh physical or hard copies because I like the feel of the book being in my hand um especially because I use my phone daily for a lot of things I would like to change up my Routine every once in a while so a hard copy would feel like it's a different vibe um to my daily routine now let's talk about photography who do you normally take photos of whenever I go out or step out of outside the house I love

taking pictures of whether it's
of my friends my family
members or cats I actually
enjoy looking at things from a
different perspective
perspective so let's say just
like the book on the table or
the light or even just a bird
from afar I like taking
Pictures to show people like
through my eyes what I see or
how I view the world do you
ever put any of your photos in
frames i've actually never
thought about that i've never
done that before it's actually
interesting because i've seen a
lot of people do that online

where they print out their
polaroid pictures or like a
physical copy of pictures that
they've taken before and they
framed it and actually I think
i've seen my friends do that
before so I mean why not
maybe once I move out when

You are on holiday do you
prefer to send postcards or do
you prefer to take photos and
send them to people i've never
done the postcards thing
before I feel like it's kind of
outdated but I wouldn't mind
doing that or start doing that
in my vacations but I usually
just take photos and send it on

whatsapp let's say my family group I send it just to show them like what i've been up to in my vacation so yeah just photos I would like to talk about uh the author or the writer that I would like to Meet uh in the future um unfortunately she passed away but um the writer is Jane Austin she is the writer of Pride and Prejudice uh which is the current read that I'm uh reading right now the reason why I would like to meet her is because of how um during her time which is around 1700s um or 1800s I

was always interested in like the Victorian or like um how they were in the past um the way they dress the way they talk uh especially because um people in the past spoke Differently like the language or the um words that they used were very different right now I'm reading one of her books Pride and Prejudice and sometimes I have to um Google what she's saying like I don't understand what she wrote it's very interesting the way she writes or like the language that she uses describing her like the setting

the story setting I really enjoy it and um I would like to find out about her lifestyle specifically because again I'm just very interested or Intrigued about the idea of like living in uh that era of where um the time that she was still alive why I would like to meet her is because I'm again very interested in how she speaks or how she uh spoke um and the language or uh language that she uses okay well done that's the end of the two minutes so we've been talking about a writer that you would like to meet

and we're going to continue to talk about reading in section three what kind of books are most popular with children in Your country in my country to be honest I'm unaware of I don't know that much but when I was a kid I used to like Dr Seuss even now sometimes if I see Dr Seuss online I would I would just skim through it because I like how um it Rhymes it was just fun to read to be honest why do you think that some children don't read very often so I I'm a firm believer in in terms of how parents um

reinforce their children so
when it comes to like i've
seen seen i've personally seen
How parents act uh with their
children um giving them
ipads or like just letting them
watch TV so I believe that if
parents uh enforce their
children to read more books
or encourage them to start
reading together that would
be a fun exercise to do at
home other than that I feel
like the parents are usually the
biggest reinforcers now let's
talk about reading for for
different purposes do you
think that speed reading is a

useful skill to have I do think that it is a useful skill so for Me I I read really slow like sometimes I have to reread um a paragraph because it I couldn't just decipher what it was saying so I feel like in terms of um like high demand jobs where they need to get a lot of things done on time so speed reading could be a useful skill some people believe that reading novels is more interesting or more enjoyable than reading non-fiction why do you think that is so I feel like reading just generally could give you a

timeout from everything I
Would understand why
people would prefer fiction
over non-fiction because just
in your daily life you're
experiencing a lot of you
know draining um energies
around you so when it comes
to your alone reading time
you get to experience or I
guess be creative in your
imagination so yeah that's
why I think um fiction books
are more popular recently
many booksh shops have had
to close because of
competition from online
bookstores do you think that's

a good thing or a bad thing I
Think that it's a bad thing
because I personally love um
when I physically go to the
store and look through the
books and just read or
because I feel like buying a
book should feel like an
experience rather than like a
chore um so buying it online
di diminishes that experience
uh overall so yeah I feel like it
is a bad thing um that the
physical stores are closing
and online stores are
overtaking let me give you
some feedback on your
performance so you're hoping

To get uh a b nine and i'll go through the four marking criteria so pronunciation fluency and coherence grammar and vocabulary so let's start off with your pronunciation The Examiner will be thinking about two things one will be Clarity can he or she understand everything that you're saying and I can understand 100% of what you're saying every word every syllable is extremely clear the examiner is not really thinking about accents or anything like that What they're thinking about is

do I understand you I can
understand you 100% % so
that's excellent The Examiner
will also think about higher
level pronunciation features
such as intonation intonation
is when our voice goes up and
our voice goes down we use
that to convey meaning and
you do that very very
naturally you also use
connected speech and
sentence stress and word
stress very very well so good
start with the with the
pronunciation let's move on to
Fluency and coherence
coherence is did you answer

the question and did you
develop your answers enough
did you give enough
information and really dive
into the topic for part one you
really did you nailed every
single question you answered
it um appropriately um you
developed it enough um part
two you're talking about Jane
Austin you would be fine for
this one it was described a
writer you would like to meet
hypothetically we could meet
someone who has passed
Away just be very careful on
test day make sure that you're
really really focusing in on

that topic for that one I don't think any examiner would say oh you can't meet Jane Austin so let let's mark you down because it's it's kind of one of those questions who would you like to meet alive or dead so you would be fine but just be careful on on teste part three you did answer each question however you could have shown the other side of some of the things and so for example why do you think Some children don't read books very often so you said it's because of the parents are there any other sides to that is

it because of maybe you could talk about children maybe they're distracted with other things you did mention that I'm being overly critical just to to make sure that you do get the the highest Mark but also some of the other questions you know could you have shown the other side of of the argument could you maybe have um thought of different ideas and explored Different ideas the way that you did answer it I think would be absolutely fine but on test day towards the end of the test students are of often

tired stressed they just want it to be over and on test day you might just pick a pick an answer pick an idea answer it quite quickly without really knowing that you're answering it quickly and then if you do that for all questions in part three it could affect your score for this one I don't think it did I'm just being really really cautious a good Way to answer those questions is okay what do I think what would someone who disagrees with me think explore the the topic a little bit more if you can you don't

have to do it for every answer because what will happen is if you try to think too much it could affect your fluency so you could be like uh I don't know and then that will affect your fluency a little bit and overall your fluency was excellent in part three you could tell when you were thinking generally when People pause and hesitate a little bit it's because they're thinking a lot more but you were only thinking about the next idea you weren't thinking about vocabulary or grammar or which tense am I using or

what's a better adjective to use
if you were doing that quite a
lot it would lower your score
but the examiner recognizes
that you're not looking for
language you're not looking
for English you're just
thinking about the next idea
and you did you were like like
I know you know at times but
That's quite natural the way
you did it was very natural if
you and I were speak having a
normal conversation you
would hear me doing that
sometimes so it's the
examiner isn't looking for
Perfection they're looking for

you know if you went to University in an English speaking country or you started working in New York or Sydney would you be able to interact with people and sound natural and you you would your grammar is excellent um you have a Massive range of grammar you can talk about any topic and you also do that very accurately you did make a couple of little tiny tiny slips like prepositions um I think you said in Holiday instead of on holiday for example um but native English speakers

do that all the time you can actually make these tiny little slips and still get one of the the higher bands because it is a reflection of the fact that native English speakers in including me who is an English teacher I make little Grammar slips from time to time when I'm speaking I used some really really high level vocabulary like this so This demonstrates that you know we we asked you about a range of different topics and you had enough vocabulary to discuss any of those topics and all of your vocabulary

was very very accurate and
you were using great topic
specific vocabulary idiomatic
vocabulary it's like speaking
to a native English speaker so
you would get a band nine
well done and yeah have
Every faith that you would if
you did the real test you
would get the highest score
well done thank you.

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