

IELTS Speaking Topics

Topic: Crime



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Instructions for Taking the Test

Read the rules and regulations carefully before taking the test:

1. Set aside 11-14 minutes in a quiet room with no interruptions.
2. Use a recording device or ask a partner/tutor to act as the examiner.
3. Follow the test structure exactly:
 - **Part 1:** Introduction & general questions (4–5 minutes)
 - **Part 2:** Long turn – 1-minute prep, 1–2 minutes speaking
 - **Part 3:** Discussion – deeper questions related to Part 2 (4–5 minutes)
4. Time yourself strictly. Do not exceed the speaking limits.
5. Review your recording after the test to assess yourself.
6. Practice with multiple topics to improve fluency and confidence.

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Speaking Topic 1 - Crime

Part 1 - Interview Section

1. In your country, what do you see as the most typical crime?

Because of the country's size, many crimes in India are becoming routine. However, in my opinion, eve teasing is the most widespread form of crime in our country. The law may not consider it a serious offence, but doing it destroys the freedom to have life. The women who end up being raped are typically the same ones who were subjected to eve-teasing by the offender.

2. Do you think the police in your nation should be more or less strict?

To me, the most important thing is to be as judicious as possible, rather than strict or lax. That's a crucial point. We don't want more criminals to die, but we do want fewer people to turn to crime, so they should focus on finding effective deterrents rather than harsh penalties for offenders.

3. Is it secure to travel to your country?

Somewhat, yes. Looking at the bigger view, we see that things are rather secure. However, I do not believe that it is a safe country for individuals, particularly women. While I applaud the state's efforts to make the country a safer place for women, I believe that more can and should be done.

4. Tell me, have you ever witnessed a crime?

I have never witnessed a crime firsthand, but I have seen footage of them on television and read about them in the media. Also, if eve teasing is illegal, I can say that I have personally seen it happen.

5. How can police best ensure the safety of communities?

Having police officers patrol areas is the most effective strategy to reduce crime. I believe that crime is deterred when police officers are present in nearly every public space. Because most criminals start as novices, and if we can catch them early on, I believe we can successfully expel the vast majority of them from society.



Part 2 - Cue Card

Describe a crime you were involved in.

You should say:

- When it was?
- What crime it was?
- Why did you got involved?
- How did you feel?

Introduction

Even though the vast majority of us do not intend to commit a crime, we may occasionally find ourselves involved in illegal activities, either purposefully or mistakenly.

When it was?

Here, I'd like to tell you about a time when I did something wrong and was punished for it. I remember very well that I was almost seventeen. Most teenagers my age would really like to learn how to drive. I asked my dad many times to teach me how to drive a car, but he always said no and told me not to try until I was 18 because it was against the law. I always thought about and dreamed about driving a car at full speed and drifting it.

What crime it was?

One day, I found myself to be the only person at home by myself. The opportunity presented itself, and I decided to make the most of it by inviting one of my friends to my place. Together, we decided to take the main road just to see what it was like. My friend was sitting next to me while I was driving it comfortably, and all of a sudden, a traffic police officer stopped us at an intersection for overspeeding. When he enquired about the driving licence, we went into shock.

Why did you got involved?

Since neither of us was of legal age to drive, the officer had no choice but to place us under arrest after informing us that driving without a license is a serious offence. As soon as my father heard the news, he immediately drove to the nearest police station, where he pleaded with an officer to let him and a friend of mine go free. Even though we gave the officer our word that it would not happen again, my father was still required to pay a pretty large fine of 2,000 rupees.



Part 3 - Follow-up Questions

1. Do you think criminals can change?

In my perspective, because of the circumstances they end up in criminal behaviour. And if the circumstances of an individual can be improved and they are given the opportunity for education, then criminals may absolutely change. However, there are those people who are born psychopaths and born criminals, and these people cannot change. For them, I believe that the most effective course of action would be to either provide them with medical treatment or to throw them in jail.

2. Does your country have a big organized crime group like the mafia?

Yes, there are large organized crime groups in certain regions of my country. Similarly to this, there is an underworld in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. There have been numerous criminals who have led the criminal underworld. Then there is a group of Pathans led by an Ahmedabad-born Pathan. There are criminal groups even in Mumbai and Punjab.

3. Can you tell if a kid will grow up to be a criminal?

No, I don't believe that one can predict whether or not a youngster would grow up to be a criminal. Because you can never be sure what was going through the mind of a person at the time they committed a crime. There have been instances in which individuals who grew up in criminal households came to despise the criminal world and the violence that it contains. And then there are those who previously led peaceful lives but became criminals as a result of an unfortunate event.

4. Is shoplifting common in your country?

Shoplifting is pretty common in my country, and you are more likely to become a victim of it if you are on one of the local trains or buses, which are usually packed to their maximum capacity with passengers. The crooks in my nation are so perceptive that the majority of the time they do not even realize that you have misplaced it till the moment comes when you require the item again.

5. How can law enforcement most effectively maintain order in residential areas?

The presence of police officers is the most effective method for maintaining the safety of communities. It seems to me that the likelihood of there being a crime committed decreases when there is a police officer present in virtually every place. Because, in the end, most of the criminals started out as amateurs at some point in their lives, and if we are able to intercept them when they are at that stage, I believe that the majority of criminals can be eradicated from society.



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