

# IELTS Speaking Topics

**Topic: Music**



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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.
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# Speaking Topic 1 - Music

## Part 1 - Interview Section

### 1. Do you like listening to music?

Everyone enjoys listening to music. However, when the workload is excessive and demands me to maintain a high concentration level, music is a major distraction. The majority of individuals listen to instrumental music as it aids focus. But, music makes me feel tired.

### 2. What kinds of music do you like to listen to?

There are myriad types of music to choose from. Some individuals love classical music, while others choose rock and roll. I enjoy various types of music, but classical and jazz are my favourites. I like how they make me feel, and I find them to be really palliative and delightful to listen to.

### 3. Do you play any kinds of musical instruments?

Due to my absolute lack of rhythm and musical ability, I would never consider embarrassing myself by playing a musical instrument.

### 4. Has the music that you listen to changed since you were young?

In reality, when I was younger, people listened to slow-paced music on the radio and on cassette tapes. With the advancement of technology, people love to listen to fast-paced rock music which is now available on mobile phones, computers, and many other devices.

### 5. What is your favourite song?

My favourite song is Night Changes sung by my favourite band (artist) One Direction. I like this song because of its lyrics and rhythm.

### 6. Have you ever been to a concert before?

As much as I enjoy music, I have never attended a performance because tickets to my favourite singer's concerts are always expensive. Since I am always on a tight budget as a student, I cannot afford a ticket.



**7. How much time do you spend listening to music every day?**

As previously stated, I prefer to work in silence. Simply told, music is not permitted during my work hours. After a long day at school, I may want to listen to music for about a quarter of an hour to help me stay energised so I can return to work later.

**8. Do you like any foreign musicians?**

Yes, I follow numerous musicians, but my favourite is Zayn Malik, a British singer who formerly performed with One Direction. Because his songs are usually profound and his voice is so melodious, I listen to them whenever I am bored.

**9. Would you like to become a widely-known musician? Why?**

Even though I've never considered it, I'm fairly certain that becoming famous would never be one of my life goals. I respect all the efforts that celebrities do every single day, regardless of their field of expertise. I don't wish to be a famous musician, however, because I lack musical talents and expertise.

**10. Do you think music has an effect on people's lives?**

I believe that music has an effect on people's lives. When you are anxious or depressed about anything, it usually makes things simpler. Aside from this, music is a great way to unwind and feel positive about life.

**11. What kinds of music are (most) popular in your country?**

People in my country favour Bollywood music the most. So, you may see them dancing to the beats of Bollywood music, but there are also very popular regional songs and performers. In addition, with the advent of the internet, young people listen to an increasing number of overseas artists.

**12. Did you often listen to music when you were a child? (If yes give details.)**

Since my parents are music enthusiasts with excellent taste, I was exposed to music from an early age. My mother occasionally sang me to sleep with lullabies. Although I was unable to comprehend the message at the time, according to my mother, I was elated while listening to them.





**13. Is music an important subject at school in your country?**

In my country, music is one of the required subjects for elementary and secondary schools. However, singing was the main focus. We may also add movements to the tunes to make them more lively. Those chosen for the huge performances were the only ones permitted to utilise musical instruments.

**14. If you could learn a musical instrument, what would it be?**

I wish to study guitar. Although I have no understanding of this instrument, I have high expectations that I will one day learn how to play it, as I have witnessed numerous people who have played it well and gained notoriety.

**15. How do you feel when you listen to your favourite music?**

I'm the type of person whose mood is quickly influenced by the music I'm listening to. Consequently, as the music changes, so does my mood. The majority of the time, though, music helps me boost my energy and relax.

## Part 2 - Cue Card

### 1. Describe your favorite singer cue card

**You should say**

- Who this singer is?
- How do you know this singer?
- What is this person like?
- Why do you think he/she is good?

**Model Answer****Who this singer is?**

I would say that music and songs are my partners. My playlist will be filled with the categories of songs based on the singers rather than the shuffled list of songs. I'm now going to describe the actor cum singer Amrinder Gill.



**How do you know this singer?**

I knew Amrinder Gill as an actor and watched a few of his films. I used to discuss more about the films, songs, lyrics, music with my friends. In a casual conversation with my friend I found out that he is a singer too. And surprisingly I've heard and loved many of his songs and some of them are in my top list. That's the point I've started knowing more about him and his activities.

**What is this person like? Why do you think he/she is good?**

I usually used to admire the people who were exploring different interests and being successful in all of those. Balancing everything in life is not that easy, we normally used to restrict ourselves with just one thing which is comfortable. I never want to be like that, thus I look into those kinds of people. In that way, Amrinder Gill is an actor, singer, song writer, and producer. I heard that he used to donate the money to the needy which he gets by performing in stage shows and some events. These characteristics also made me admire him a lot.

**Conclusion**

On the whole, a singer who is my favorite is Amrinder Gill.

## 2. Describe your favorite song

**Model Answer****Introduction**

Songs are the most inevitable part of my life and there are numerous songs I have heard till date. However, here I would like to talk about one such song which is my favourite.

**What?**

The name of the song is Dariya. The name of the song itself signifies internal peace and relaxation. Moreover, The music of this very song is composed and sung by my favourite music artist Amaal malik which makes it more special.



**Why?**

Looking forward to liking a song I consider many criteria. First of all, it is the lyrics followed by the music and the artists performing for the music cover. Whenever I hear a song I notice the lyrics, the background music and who composed it. Therefore, "Dariya" is a song which gets a complete 10 in all the three major criteria, in my opinion. Speaking further, the whole story depicted in the song, the joy and happiness makes it more interesting and attractive.

**How do you feel about this song?**

Whenever I feel lonely or I want to take a break from work or studies I hear this song. It not only soothes my mind but it helps me to calm and feel free. Sometimes, I even dance by myself. Listening to this song makes my soul dance and joyful.

**When was the first time you heard this song?**

I heard this song randomly for the very first time when I was playing random people's music on Spotify. I was so surprised by listening to this song that for the next few days I heard this song on loop.

**Conclusion**

I felt very fresh and relaxed after listening to this song. I also recommend all my friends to listen to this song.

**Part 3 - Follow-up Questions****1. Do singers play an important role in your country?**

Yes, in our country we give equal importance to singers as we give to actors, politicians and others. Songs are one of the traditional cultural expressions in our country. There are many rituals, ceremonies in which songs play a major role.

**2. Do you think celebrities have a lot of income?**

It's obvious that celebrities earn a lot of money by entertaining the people with their talent and skills and by sacrificing their private space.



**3. In your country, do people prefer to listen to traditional music or foreign music?**

In my country, people listen to both traditional and foreign music. But the majority of young people prefer foreign music over traditional music and the adults used to listen to traditional music more.

**4. Do you prefer live performances?**

Yes, I do prefer visiting live performances. Live performances will be a great relaxing factor for a music lover like me. And, it also gives a chance to see my favorite people's interactions lively and can get a photograph or autograph with them.

**5. What do you think about the role of singers on the national level?**

I think national level singers need to select the song theme and lyrics carefully as there are many chances that young people can get influenced by. So, it is their responsibility to make it entertaining without any negative impact.







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