

# IELTS Speaking Topics

Topic: Parenting



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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 - Parenting

## Part 1 - Interview Section

### 1. Do you think that your parents did the best parenting possible?

Given the challenges we had, such as my father losing his job when I was three years old, I believe my parents did an excellent job raising me. Though we experienced challenging circumstances, I had an excellent education. So, I can confidently say that my parents did the best parenting.

### 2. How much time did your parents spend with you when you were a child?

When I was young, my parents devoted a lot of time to playing with me. When I needed help, they were right there, and they made sure I had everything I required.

### 3. What was the best advice that your parents gave you when you were a child?

My parents always told me that it was okay to make mistakes, and that everyone does at some point in their lives. They said that what was important was learning from those mistakes and not repeating them.

### 4. Do you think parenting is an easy task?

Parenting is one of life's most difficult and important duties. Children are a treasure to all of us, and their demands and abilities frequently outweigh their parents' desires. You must be patient, loving, and understanding to be a good parent.

### 5. Are your parents your role model in life?

No, I do not consider my parents to be role models in my life. My parents are wonderful people, and I adore them, but I do not believe they are the finest role models for me to follow in life. I feel that, depending on our own values and ideas, we all have different role models in life.



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## Part 2 - Cue Card

### Describe someone who is a good parent

#### You should say:

- Who the parent is ?
- How you know the parent ?
- What the parent looks like ?
- And explain why you think the parent is good

#### Introduction

A good parent supports, loves, and guides their child to become a happy, successful adult. They enforce their child's conduct guidelines. They're also patient and empathetic, listening to their child's issues and helping them solve them.

#### Who the parent is ?

Given that my pal is forever gushing about how fortunate he is to have a mother like mine, I'll share a quick anecdote about her. As far as I'm aware of her, he's correct.

#### How you know the parent

To answer your question, I am acquainted with her because I attended the same middle school as hers. We spent a lot of time with each other's parents since we were excellent friends, particularly during the holidays when we spent time at each other's houses.

#### What the parent looks like

His mother, like mine, had a big face and long, wavy hair. However, my friend's mother generally wears a bun, while my mother keeps her hair down. Another thing is that she always wears red, perhaps because it fits her.

#### And explain why you think the parent is good

Finally, I think she's an excellent parent because she's always supported her son, among other reasons. For instance, he studied music in college. His mother supported him, which is unusual since music doesn't offer many job options.





## Conclusion

Today, many parents urge their children to do what they think is best for them, but my acquaintance says his parents, especially his mother, have never done this with him. I think it's amazing that she's never pressured him to do anything.

## Part 3 - Follow-up Questions

### 1. How much time do parents spend with their children in your country? Do you think that is enough?

My country's parents and children are busier than ever, therefore they don't have much time together. Kids have school and homework while parents work. After school, youngsters play with friends or video games. Work exhausts most parents. Parents seldom have enough time with their kids after a busy schedule.

### 2. How important do you think spending time together is for the relationships between parents and children? Why?

Parent-child time bonds them for life. For cognitive growth, parents and children create lovely memories and a sense of security in their thinking. Togetherness teaches kids empathy. Finally, spending time together lets parents correct their kids when they stray, which is essential to raising responsible citizens.

### 3. Have relationships between parents and children changed in recent years? Why do you think that is?

Parent-child connections have changed. Kids dispute with their parents more than before. Today's parents are more cautious and protective due to conflicting media messages. Another change is that parents work too much and spend too little time with their kids. Finally, communication technology has brought kids and parents closer in some ways.



#### 4. How can parents supervise their children's free-time activities?

Parents must take time from work to manage their children's free time. Parents should make sure their kids spend their free time with approved people if they can't be with them. Finally, letting kids relax at home or nearby places lets parents monitor them more easily and keep track of their routines.

#### 5. Should parents monitor what their young children do online? Why?


Children's social and communication skills may suffer from internet use. Unsupervised online time may expose children to inappropriate content and bad behaviours like harassment, bullying, and profanity. Kids' reputations can be ruined by destructive behavior or harmful posts. Finally, unsupervised youngsters may be deceived by scammers and fall into online traps.




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