

IELTS Speaking Topics

Topic: Role Model



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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.
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Speaking Topic 1 - Role Model

Part 1 - Interview Section

1. What type of people influence the young in your country?

I believe that young people in my nation are greatly influenced by their parents and friends due to their proximity. Celebrities and, more lately, social media influencers are also influential. Numerous young individuals in this region purchase clothing and other items by watching advertisements supported by their favourite musicians, actors, or video game streamers.

2. Why it is important to have role models in our life?

Role models are very important in our life as people seek to attain success by imitating the positive qualities of their role models. Having a role model can also motivate people to achieve their objectives and act as a source of in-depth knowledge in their specialised sector. If individuals knew that their role models had to endure a tremendous lot of difficulty to achieve success, they would be more motivated to pursue their own aspirations and less likely to give up when they encounter challenges.

3. Do you think the education system in your country influences young people's behaviour?

Indeed, the education system defines the curriculum and learning methods of students. Every student I know strives for excellence in Math, Science, Social Studies, and – to a lesser extent – English and the Arts; some even attend after-school programmes for the more difficult subjects to reinforce what they have learned in school. Not to mention studying for entrance exams to their desired institutions and colleges.



4. What types of people (parents, teachers, friends etc.) are best to influence young people's behaviour?

I believe parents have the most influence on the behaviour of children. The majority of a child's time, from birth to adulthood, is spent with his or her parents, whereas teachers and friends tend to change as pupils advance through the school grades. In addition to having more life experience than your classmates, parents are typically closer to their children than teachers are.

5. What do you think young people will be most influenced by in the future?

I believe that the media and social platforms will have the greatest effect on young people. Even now, the majority of young people I know spend more time online than with their parents or friends in person. This can have a beneficial impact since they are now able to connect with people from all over the world.

Part 2 - Cue Card

Describe a person who has been an important influence in your life.

You should say:

- who the person is?
- how long have you known him/her?
- what qualities this person has?

Introduction

Numerous individuals in my life have inspired me through their habits and ways of living. They have always set a wonderful example for me and guided me in the correct direction. The contribution of my parents stands out among these individuals.

Who the person is?

The person I want to talk about is my father. He taught me to walk, read, assist others, and occasionally fight for justice.

How long have you known him/her?

I have known him my whole life from the time when I was an infant, throughout the time when I started going to school or at the time when I became an adult and till now.



What qualities this person has?

I have always relied on his advice due to his honesty. I believe that my father's optimistic outlook on life has helped me overcome my teenage despair.

My father taught me the importance of values and honesty in life and how to live an honourable life. He also taught me what makes a decent person and how to establish trustworthy relationships with others. He has served as a wonderful role model for me throughout my development. Therefore, my father has had a significant impact on who I have become.

His sense of humour enables him to get along with virtually everyone, as he is a person of kindness, diligence, patience, and understanding. I hope to possess some of his virtues, and I aspire to be the same kind of father to my children as he is to me.

Conclusion

Finally, I feel extremely connected to him, and I would do anything and everything in my power to make him happy, just like he did for me during his entire life.

Part 3 - Follow-up Questions**1. Which types of people become role models in your society?**

Unfortunately, the time when children looked up to their parents, teachers, and social workers as role models has passed. Nowadays, the majority of role models are well-known athletes and movie stars. Even though there are many people who want to help the community, their work is sometimes overlooked owing to a lack of media attention.

2. Do you agree that famous people have more responsibilities than ordinary people?

Yes, I agree that famous people have more responsibilities than regular people. This is because regular people look up to them as leaders who can help them solve some of their problems. And that's why sometimes we see world-famous actors and actresses acting as special envoys and social goodwill ambassadors to raise awareness about different urgent issues that are hurting our world community.



3. What happens when young people lack good role models?

If young people lack positive role models, it is likely that they get increasingly confused about the responsibilities they should play in their families and communities over time. Moreover, without strong and positive role models, young people are extremely vulnerable to evil elements of our society. As a result, our society will be forced to deal with generations of youth devoid of morals and values, who will bring nothing but disorder, crime, and civil unrest.

4. What standards of behaviour should teachers set?

Teachers continue to be among the most esteemed and respected people of our society due to their immense contribution to the nation's development. Therefore, it should be the responsibility of our instructors to model appropriate behaviour for themselves and for their students by teaching discipline, good moral values, honesty, the value of hard work, and respect. With these behaviour standards, we can expect to construct an ideal and functional society in which we can live and coexist in harmony.

5. What benefits does a famous person get that ordinary people cannot?


A famous individual receives numerous advantages that we commoners do not. They receive preferential treatment everywhere they go. Moreover, when you attain fame, you will become wealthy far more quickly than we will. Thus, your fantasies of possessing luxurious homes, automobiles, presents, and clothing become a reality. Lastly, when you are famous, everyone recognises you, and you typically have many admirers and followers who will do almost everything to obtain your attention.




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