

IELTS Speaking Practice Test 07 Topic: Sporting Events

Speaking Part 1

1 Do you enjoy playing any games?

Yes, I do enjoy playing games. The most favorite indoor game of mine is uno cards and my outdoor game is badminton which I mostly play with my friends or family members

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2 What kind of games do you play?

The games require more physical activity and that takes out all the toxicity from my body and also helps in refreshing my mood. I oftenly play outdoor games because it helps in revitalising my mind

3 What kind of games did you play as a child?

My childhood was really fun. I used to play a lot with my friends. Games like hide and seek, out out, kabaddi, badminton, football, wall touch, and etc are the ones I played

4 What games are popular in your country?

Games like gilli danda, lagori, out out, touch the wall, hide and seek, kho kho, badminton, volleyball, cricket, football, chain cut and lot many are popular in India. The young children of age group 7-19 play these games

Speaking Part 2

Here is an audio of the sample answers given below. Please listen to it for more clarity on the Speaking Test.

Describe a sporting event that you enjoyed watching.

You should say

- what the event was
- where you watched it
- who watched this event with you

- and explain why you enjoyed watching this event.

Sample Answer

A few years ago, my father took me to a basketball game, that was being played at a university. The teams were the Shanghai Sharks and another university team. I can't remember what the team's name was but they were all dressed in purple and looked quite funny. The game was quite short and only had 2 halves instead of 4 quarters. I can't remember who won, but it was obvious that the Sharks were playing very soft on the other team. At halftime some of the Shark team members started throwing signed jerseys into the crowd, I think there were about 10 in all. I really wanted one but we were so far back that they never reached us. A friend of mine got one though and I got to try it on. The atmosphere in the stadium was so exciting. Everyone was shouting, whistling, cheering, and just making noise. I was cheering for the Sharks and my dad was whistling so loudly that people started looking at us. I was kind of embarrassed, but he didn't care. After the game, we stopped at a snack shop and got some drinks and a snack.

I don't think I'll ever forget that game.

Vocabulary for Cue Card

- **Embarrassed:** Feeling or showing embarrassment.
Eg: The way Vinod behaved today makes me feel so embarrassed
- **Cheering:** Giving comfort or support.
Eg: The crowd was cheering all around for the batsman

Speaking Part 3

1 What are the benefits of sport or exercise ?

Exercise keeps you healthy. It's been proven that people who exercise more get sick less. When you exercise, it helps build your strength to fight sickness. I have a friend who has a bad back, and if he doesn't run, play basketball or exercise in some way then his back will go out and he'll have to stay in bed until it is better.

I live near a university and my friends and I often go there to exercise. It has football fields, tracks, badminton, volleyball and tennis courts and other kinds of exercise equipment. There is also a weight room and taekwondo lessons. So I think that my community has quite a good **assortment** of sports facilities available.

3 Do men and women play the same kind of sports ?

It really depends on the person, because I know some girls who are a lot more athletic than most guys are. But for the most part, girls generally don't play most of the rougher, aggressive sports. An American friend of mine told me that many of the men there, like to play American football and even though some girls will join the game, most of them will just sit on the side and watch or do something else.

4 How do you think the government could encourage more people to exercise and participate in sport ?

Advertisements are some of the biggest ways people are influenced either for or against something. If the government would air some very catchy, appealing ads on TV or maybe even hold a public competition where the winners get a monetary prize that would work, for me at least. I can't really think of anything else that would work, but that would be their best shot because that's what most people will respond to.

5 Do you think children should be encouraged from a young age to participate in competitive sports or team sports ?

I don't really think that it's good if children are taught at a young age to be competitive. If you can teach the child how to play competitive sports without stressing that winning is the only way that you can have fun then I guess it's okay. But personally I think that's a bit unrealistic because everyone wants to win, and if kids don't win their natural reaction is to cry or get mad. This doesn't really help them in life. When they grow up they'll find that you don't always win the first time around, you just have to keep trying and keep going on with your life.

6 Do you prefer to watch sports events on TV at home or to watch them live ? Why ?

I prefer watching sports on TV, because sometimes you're watching a game that looks like it will be loads of fun but it turns out to be super boring where your team gets creamed and you feel like crying. If you are at the stadium watching the game, there's nothing you can do but cry, but if you are at home you can just change the channel to something fun. Watching sports at home is also more economical, you can be watching 3 or 4 games for just a few more an hour.

7 What are the advantages and disadvantages of going to see a live sports event, such as a football match, compared to watching the event at home on TV ?

Like I said before, if you go to a sports event you have to stay and watch the whole thing, whereas if you stay at home you can change the channel or turn off the TV. Also you can see the game close up whereas if you're in the stadium then you'll see a faraway view of the game. One advantage of going to a sports event is that you can experience the excitement of the game. The game is so much more alive and real than if you were just watching it. You feel like if you yell louder then your team might actually have a greater

chance of winning. Also if someone decides to streak at halftime then you won't have to worry about the sports channel switching to the anchors who talk about the game.

8 Does the ticket price to live sporting events affect decisions to attend ?

Yes, I think the price is an extremely big deciding factor. Take the World Master's Cup in Shanghai, for instance. If the admission fee was only 100 RMB, more than half of Shanghai could have attended the game.

9 What about the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing — what do you think would be a reasonable price for admission tickets ?

I'm not really sure, I haven't thought about it that much, but I'd prefer if they were free so then maybe I'd be able to go. My best guess is that they will probably go for at least a few hundred yuan a ticket. People from all over the world and China will be coming to Beijing and they will have money, so I don't think price will be a huge problem.

Vocabulary for Speaking Part 3

- **Assortment:** A miscellaneous collection of things or people.
Eg: The cafe serves a surprising assortment of healthy gourmet treats.
- **Aggressive:** Ready or likely to attack or confront
Eg: Sunil is very aggressive when he plays badminton
- **Monetary:** Relating to money or currency.
Eg: He refused to offer monetary help to John.
- **Unrealistic:** Not realistic.
Eg: Novels seem to be very unrealistic at times

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