

IELTS SPEAKING · PART 2

Expected Cue Cards + Sample Answers

For students appearing in October, November and December

1 A person who achieved something difficult

2 A place where you would like to relax

3 A skill you would like to learn in the future

CUE CARD 1

Describe a person who achieved something difficult

YOU SHOULD SAY

- who this person is
- what he/she achieved
- why it was difficult
- and explain how you felt about it

SAMPLE ANSWER

I'd like to talk about my cousin, Simran, who cleared the Chartered Accountancy exam on her third attempt. It's widely considered one of the toughest professional exams in India, with a pass rate of barely ten to fifteen percent.

What made it especially hard was that she had failed twice before. She was working at a small firm during the day and studying late into the night, so she was running on very little sleep. Many relatives openly suggested she should give up and try something else.

But she kept going. She changed her study strategy, joined a smaller study group, and stuck to a strict routine for almost eighteen months. When the results finally came out, she had passed both groups.

I was honestly overjoyed. I remember the whole family crying and celebrating on a video call. For me, it was a real lesson that consistency beats talent. It also showed me that failure isn't the end of the road. It's often just a detour. She's now my biggest inspiration whenever I feel like quitting something.

CUE CARD 2

Describe a place where you would like to relax

YOU SHOULD SAY

- where it is
- how you would get there
- what you would do there
- and explain why it would help you relax

SAMPLE ANSWER

The place I'd love to relax in is a small hill town in Himachal Pradesh, somewhere around Kasol or Tosh. It's tucked away in the mountains, surrounded by pine forests and a river running right through it.

To get there, I'd probably take an overnight bus from my city and then a short local taxi ride up the winding roads. Honestly, the journey itself is part of the charm.

Once I'm there, I wouldn't plan much. I'd wake up late, have a cup of chai at a riverside café, go for a slow walk, and maybe read a book under a tree. In the evenings, I'd just sit around a bonfire, listening to the sound of the water.

I think it would help me relax because it's the complete opposite of my daily routine. There's no traffic, no noise, and the mobile network is patchy, which is actually a blessing. Being surrounded by nature helps me switch off, and I always come back feeling recharged and a lot more focused.

CUE CARD 3

Describe a skill you would like to learn in the future

YOU SHOULD SAY

- what the skill is
- how you would learn it
- why you want to learn it
- and explain how it would help you

SAMPLE ANSWER

A skill I'm really keen to learn is playing the guitar. I've loved music since childhood, but I never got the chance to learn an instrument properly because of studies and work.

As for how, I'd start with online tutorials on YouTube to pick up the basics, like chords and strumming patterns. After a couple of months, I'd join a weekend class so that an actual teacher can correct my mistakes. I'd also practise for around thirty minutes every day, because with a skill like this, regular practice matters more than long, irregular sessions.

I want to learn it mainly because music is a great stress-buster. After a long, tiring day, playing a few songs would help me unwind. It would also be a wonderful way to connect with friends and family, since everyone enjoys a singalong.

Beyond that, I think it would boost my patience and discipline, which are useful in every area of life. So it would be a hobby with a lot of side benefits.

BONUS

Quick Tips

01**TIME**

Har answer 1.5 to 2 minutes ka hona chahiye, toh 1 minute prep time mein sirf keywords likho.

02**FILLERS**

Fillers ki jagah "Well, let me think...", "To be honest..." jaise natural phrases use karo.

03**GRAMMAR**

Past, present aur future tenses mix karo, kyunki grammar range pe marks milte hain.
