

IELTS Speaking Test PART 2 Sample Question and Answer

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Question: Describe a gift you recently gave to someone. You should say:

- who you gave it to
- what kind of person he/she is
- what the gift was
- what occasion the gift was for



Answer: I recently gave a gift to my friend Juliet, who is my oldest friend. I have known her since I was four years old, as our parents are friends and we went to the same school. Our friendship has grown even stronger now that we are adults.

Juliet is one of the kindest, strongest and most lovely people you could ever wish to meet. She is also extremely intelligent and great fun to be with. She is a successful actress and mother of two gorgeous girls, and is also a tower of strength in her extended family.

The gift that I gave her was a piece of amethyst crystal, with a hole cut in it for a small candle, which will light up the crystal when the candle is burning. Amethyst is a beautiful deep purple colour, and symbolises creativity and clear thinking.

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I bought the gift for her birthday, even though I actually **gave it to her much later than her birthday** as she was away at the time. It was **what we call a big birthday** - in other words, **a significant one** so I wanted **to get her something special to mark the occasion**.

The **reason I chose that gift was that** I wanted to **give her something unique** and which **will last forever**, like our friendship, and **which will be a beautiful addition to** her possessions. It will **look good in the daylight** when there is no candle burning in it, and **will catch the sun** when it shines through the window. Then at night, if she lights a candle in it, the amethyst crystal will glow a deep purple colour and cast colourful shadows on the wall. I hope **it will also remind her that** I will always **be there for her** if she needs me.

This sample answer took around 2 minutes, which is the maximum time you need to speak without stopping in Part 2 of the IELTS speaking exam. Now, try this yourself, and if possible record your answer so you can listen back to it.

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