

IELTS Speaking Test PART 2 Sample Question and Answer

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Question: Describe an interest or hobby that you particularly enjoy. You should say:

- what it is
- how long you have been doing it
- who you do it with
- and explain why this is important to you.



Answer: A hobby which I've taken up recently is learning to play the bass guitar, also called the bass. The bass is basically the bottom four strings of a six-string guitar, but tuned one octave lower.

My hobby involves sitting down with a book called "Teach Yourself The Bass Guitar", and practising the exercises. I have a music stand in my office **so I can practise** the bass when I am having a break from the computer.

I haven't been learning the bass for very long, so I am not very good at it yet. **I've been teaching myself for around** four months, but I will need to practise much more before I can honestly say that I am at a reasonable standard.

As to who I do it with, when I practise the bass, **I usually do it on my own**. However, I sometimes play it with my husband, Brendan, who is an excellent musician and songwriter, and I try to play along with and sing some of the songs he has written. **We have also been to** one or two open mic nights. These are

nights where anybody can show up and play a song or two. It's very informal but I still get nervous.

It's important to me to carry on with this hobby for several reasons.

Firstly, I enjoy being able to play the bass and learning bass lines in songs. **Another reason it is important to me is that it's something I can do** with my husband, Brendan. Being able to play and sing together is really good fun. **A third reason is that I find it a good antidote to my work**, which involves concentrating hard at a computer when running the DailyStep English website. Playing the bass helps me to switch off.

This sample answer took around 2 minutes, which is the maximum amount of time you need to speak for Part 2 of the IELTS exam.

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