

IELTS Speaking Test PART 2 Sample Question and Answer

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Question: Describe a major decision you have taken in your life. You should say:

- what the decision was
- what other choices were available to you
- why you made the decision you did
- and explain if you think the decision was a good one.



Answer: One major decision that I've taken in my life was to study Law at University. This meant moving to a new town where the university was located and spending three years studying a subject that was completely new to me.

There were several other choices that I could have taken at the time. For a while I found it hard to make up my mind. I considered taking a degree in English, as this was always my favourite subject at school and I always got A grades in English exams. Another option open to me was to apply for a degree course in French. At one point I even considered trying to get in to university to study Physics, as this was another subject I loved.

Eventually, the decision I reached was to take a law degree, the reason being that I thought this would open more doors to me in the future. I had no

wish to be a lawyer, but I thought that the breadth of knowledge I would gain **would set me in good stead** as a journalist, which is what I wanted to be at the time. **I was also interested in** understanding more about how our legal system works.

As to whether or not this was a good decision, I think it was definitely **the right choice for me**. I found studying law fascinating, and then went on to work as a journalist and researcher for some years. I also had a sideline in teaching legal English to lawyers, and **eventually found that I much preferred** teaching English to journalism. Gradually I took on more teaching work until I eventually dropped the journalism altogether. **So that original decision** to study law **caused a chain of events that took me to where I am now**.

This sample answer took around 2 minutes, which is the maximum time you need to speak for in the IELTS Speaking Test Part 2. Now, try it yourself!

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