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Top 50 IELTS Speaking Cue Card Questions (2026)

High-frequency Part 2 cards across person, place, object, event, skill and experience topics, with bullets and openers.

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Tip: highlight 8-12 items this week, practise them in a timed mock, then unlock Pro for fuller banks and AI feedback.

Person

Who they are, how you know them, and why they matter. One short story beats a trait list.

#	Cue card	Bullets to cover	Starter tip
1	Describe a person who inspired you.	who · how you know them · what they did · why they inspired you	Open with name/role, then one concrete action
2	Describe a teacher who influenced you.	who · subject · how they taught · how they influenced you	Mention one classroom moment, not their whole CV
3	Describe a friend you like to spend time with.	who · how you met · what you do together · why you enjoy their company	Start with a shared activity you both love
4	Describe a family member you admire.	who · relationship · qualities · why you admire them	Pick one quality and prove it with a story
5	Describe a neighbour you know well.	who · where · how you interact · why they are memorable	A small favour story works well
6	Describe a famous person you would like to meet.	who · what they are known for · why you want to meet them · what you would ask	Keep the fame reason short; focus on your question
7	Describe a child you know.	who · age · personality · a time you spent together	Use one vivid habit or funny detail
8	Describe someone who is good at their job.	who · job · what makes them good · how you know this	Show skill through results, not adjectives alone

Place

Set the scene fast: where, when you go, what it looks/feels like, why it matters.

#	Cue card	Bullets to cover	Starter tip
9	Describe a place in your hometown that you enjoy.	where · when you go · what you do · why you like it	Lead with a sensory detail (noise, smell, light)
10	Describe a city you have visited.	which city · when · what you did · how you felt	First impression + one standout place
11	Describe a park or garden you like.	where · who you go with · activities · why it is special	Mention season or time of day
12	Describe a cafe or restaurant you often go to.	where · food/drink · atmosphere · who you go with	Order one signature dish into the story
13	Describe a library or study place you use.	where · when · how you use it · why it helps you	Quiet vs busy contrast is useful
14	Describe a historic place you have been to.	where · when · what you saw · why it impressed you	One artefact or building is enough
15	Describe a quiet place where you like to relax.	where · when · what you do · how it makes you feel	Contrast it with a noisy daily life
16	Describe a shopping place in your area.	where · what it sells · who goes there · your opinion	Market vs mall gives easy detail

Object

What it is, where it came from, how you use it, and why it is special.

#	Cue card	Bullets to cover	Starter tip
17	Describe a gift you received that was important to you.	what · who gave it · occasion · why it mattered	Emotion > price
18	Describe a useful device you own.	what · when you got it · how you use it · why it is useful	Name one daily problem it solves
19	Describe a book that influenced you.	title/type · when you read it · what it is about · how it influenced you	One lesson or scene is enough plot
20	Describe a piece of clothing you like to wear.	what · when you wear it · where you got it · why you like it	Link to comfort, memory or confidence
21	Describe a photo that is special to you.	what it shows · when/where · who took it · why it is special	Describe faces/place before feelings
22	Describe something you bought that was a waste of money.	what · why you bought it · what went wrong · what you learned	Keep the tone light; end with the lesson
23	Describe an old object in your family.	what · who owns it · history · why it is kept	Age + story = instant content
24	Describe a useful app on your phone.	name/type · when you use it · key features · why it helps	Avoid listing every feature; pick two

Event

Time markers and feelings keep event cards moving for two minutes.

#	Cue card	Bullets to cover	Starter tip
25	Describe a family celebration you enjoyed.	what · when · who was there · why you enjoyed it	Start with the occasion and season
26	Describe a wedding you attended.	whose · when/where · what happened · how you felt	Your role (guest/helper) anchors the talk
27	Describe a festival in your country.	what · when · what people do · why it matters	Food and rituals are easy detail mines
28	Describe a birthday party you remember.	whose · where · what you did · why memorable	Surprise or mishap adds colour
29	Describe a trip you took with friends or family.	where · when · what you did · how it went	One highlight + one small problem
30	Describe a concert, show or sports match you attended.	what · when · atmosphere · why memorable	Crowd energy is great fluency fuel
31	Describe a time everything went wrong on a day out.	what the plan was · what went wrong · what you did · ending	Chronological order keeps you fluent
32	Describe a successful event you helped organise.	what · your role · challenges · result	Focus on your contribution

Skill

How you learned it, how well you do it now, and why it is useful.

#	Cue card	Bullets to cover	Starter tip
33	Describe a skill you learned as a teenager.	what · how you learned · how often you use it · why useful	Name the teacher or method early
34	Describe a skill you want to learn in the future.	what · why · how you would learn · expected benefit	Make the plan realistic
35	Describe a sport or physical activity you enjoy.	what · when/where · who with · why you enjoy it	Feeling after exercise is a strong closer
36	Describe a creative hobby you have.	what · how you started · what you create · why it matters	Show process, not only finished product

37	Describe a language you are learning (besides English).	which · why · how you practise · progress so far	One funny mistake story helps
38	Describe a time you taught someone a skill.	who · what · how you taught · result	Patience and steps make good content
39	Describe something difficult you learned to do.	what · why hard · how you practised · outcome	Struggle + breakthrough structure works
40	Describe a useful life skill young people should learn.	what · why important · how to learn it · personal link	Budgeting, cooking, first aid are safe picks

Experience

Situation, action, result, reflection. Keep the story tight and finish with why it mattered.

#	Cue card	Bullets to cover	Starter tip
41	Describe a time you helped someone.	who · situation · what you did · result / how you felt	Start in the middle of the problem
42	Describe a time you waited for a long time.	what for · where · how you passed time · ending	Feelings change across the wait: use that
43	Describe a time you got lost.	where · why · what you did · how it ended	Navigation app or stranger help is natural
44	Describe a time you received good news.	what · how you heard · who you told · how you felt	Reaction first, details second
45	Describe a time you tried something new.	what · why · what happened · would you do it again	Nervous start + surprising result
46	Describe a time you made a decision that was hard.	decision · options · what you chose · outcome	Show the trade-off clearly
47	Describe a time you worked in a team.	task · your role · challenge · result	Conflict resolved = strong story arc
48	Describe a time you used English outside class.	where · who · what you said/did · how it went	Travel, apps, work emails all count
49	Describe a goal you achieved.	goal · why · steps · how you felt after	Break the path into 2-3 steps
50	Describe a time you changed your opinion about something.	old view · what changed it · new view · lesson	A person, article or experience as the trigger

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