

TODAY: IELTS Speaking Part 2

1 Format ← structure of exam / shape / what is it like?

2 Organisation Example

3 Practice (simple / easy)

Format



Part 2:

What problems do we have?

- Topic: if you don't know about it!
- Understanding vocabulary
- Pron.
- Sentence structure
- Ideas
- Expanding ideas [we will study this week!]
- **Organisation of the response**

CUE CARD: First time

Feeling? Confusing – cannot *follow / mixed up*

Describe a cultural event or festival in your country.

You should say:

- What the event or festival is
- When and where it is celebrated
- How it is celebrated
- And explain why it is important to your society and culture

Bad organisation:

Okay so Christmas and we celebrate it on 25th December, which is just before mid-winter. You get holiday that before and some countries celebrate it on 24th. These days people don't really do much. You see family and eat a roast dinner so turkey and potatoes, carrots, gravy, etc. My sister makes a nice one but I do think that on the day people just eat too much and I have mixed feelings about that. We are supposed to be thinking about charity and loving each other but that gets a bit lost sometimes in all the materialistic things like gift giving. There is a lot of pressure on parents sometimes to get lots of nice presents.

How does this make you feel? **Second time**

Topic changers

Describe a cultural event or festival in your country.

You should say:

- What the event or festival is
- When and where it is celebrated
- How did you celebrated it
- And explain why you think it is important to your society and culture

Okay so today I would like to talk about a festival in my country. Actually, I think I will talk about Christmas, which is a Christian festival and, when it comes to when and where it is celebrated, well to be honest, it is celebrated on 25th December, and we do that at home. Although some people do go to church on the 24th. In terms of how I celebrated it, hmm well I guess it is celebrated by eating a traditional roast dinner so turkey and potatoes, carrots, gravy [meat sauce!], etc. My sister makes a nice one but I do think that on the day people just eat too much and I have mixed feelings about that. With regards to why it is so important to my society and culture, well in my view, it is so important because we are supposed to be thinking about charity [noun – helping people for free] and loving each other. However, that gets a bit lost sometimes in all the materialistic [adj. focusing only on shopping and buying] things like gift giving. There is a lot of pressure on parents sometimes to get lots of nice presents.

Structure:

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| Okay today I am going to talk about | + TOPIC |
| 2 When it comes to | When and where it is celebrated + filler + S + verb |
| 3 With regards to | How I celebrated it + filler + S + verb |
| 4 In terms of | why I think it is important to society and culture + filler + S + verb |

Describe a memorable birthday party you once had.

You should say:

- *What year you celebrated it*
- *When and where it was celebrated*
- *How you celebrated it*

Rule: change pronouns to *I* or *my*, etc.

Organising phrases:

1 Okay today I would like to talk about + _____

2 When it comes to _____ + filler + S + v

3 In terms of _____ + filler + S + v

4 With regards to _____ + filler + S + v

Remember S + v repeats the S+V from Cue Card

Describe a great holiday you once had.

You should say:

- Where you went
- When you went there
- What you did there
- And explain why it was so great

Assignment write down the 4 organising phrases and email to alain@set-english.com

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