



**TRANSCRIPT - Interview #1**

Dialogue	Target Language
<p><b>This is the IELTS speaking practice test conducted by Virtual Examiner 541 for the Inside IELTS Virtual Examiner test preparation programme.</b></p>	
<p><b>Good afternoon.</b></p>	
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<p><b>I'm Inside IELTS Virtual Examiner number 541, can you tell me your full name, please.</b></p>	
<p>My full name is _____ .</p>	
<p><b>And what can I call you?</b></p>	
<p>Jackie.</p>	
<p><b>Okay, thank you.</b></p> <p>_____</p>	
<p><b>In this first part I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.</b></p>	<b><u>PART 1</u></b>
<p><b>Let's talk about where you live now.</b></p>	
<p><b>Which town or city do you live in now?</b> I live in a small town in England called Aylsham.</p>	
<p><b>Are there any things that you don't like about your area?</b> Not many. Umm... It's a very old town, so the pavements are very narrow, so sometimes it's difficult to walk, umm, when the traffic is around, but otherwise no.</p>	<p>FLC – so / when / otherwise / LR – pavements / narrow / traffic</p>
<p><b>Do you think you will continue to live there for long time?</b> Oh yes, I hope so, it's got everything that I need for someone, um, at my stage of life, enough shops, um, transport, so yes, I think I'll live here for quite a long time.</p>	<p>FLC – so yes / I think / LR – at my stage of life / quite a long time /</p>
<p><b>Why?</b> I enjoy it, and I've made quite a lot of friends here, so social life is good so there is no reason to move.</p>	<p>FLC – and / so / LR – quite a lot of friends / no reason to move /</p>



**Let's talk about entertainment.**

**What are the most popular types of entertainment in your country?**

Well, of course, it's very much a **pub culture** so people **go out** to the pub quite a lot, **um quite regularly**, there are **things going on** in pubs, there is **often** live music or comedy or quizzes.

**Also** cinema is very popular **still**, when it's not in CoVid times, um, and theatre.

**Do you prefer relaxing at home or going out in the evening?**

I don't know **if** the question is to prefer, **Because, um**, I like doing both, **so** I can't really give **a, um, a one or other** answer to that.

**Why not?**

**Because** I like relaxing at home very much **but I also** like going out in the evening so it's very difficult **to make a choice which one** I **actually** like **more than** the other.

**When you go out in the evening what do you like to do?**

I, well I **mentioned** going to pubs, I like to go to a pub in the summer, I like to go to a pub and sit in the garden and just **enjoy the ambiance** being around other people relaxing **in a good mood and so on**.

**Is there any kind of entertainment you do not like?**

**If you classify** sport as entertainment, **I'm** not **a keen sports fan** really **of any kind**.

**Thank you.**

**Let's talk about art now, are you good at art?**

No, I'm **terrible** at art. **I think perhaps** I never had any kind of **inspiration** to make any art for myself.

**Did you learn art at school when you were a child?**

Yes, I **suppose** I did, but it was very, **very basic**, and **as I said in my previous question** there wasn't really **much inspiration**, so I just **got on with it**. I didn't dislike it but it wasn't my favourite subject.

**Is art popular in your country?**

Yes, very, there's **a lot of facilities** to go to art galleries, exhibitions **both on a small scale and large scale**.

**Have you ever been to an art gallery?**

I've been to many art galleries, in London, **of course** there are the **very famous** art galleries **such as** the Tate, the, The National, **and**

FLC – Well, of course / often / also / still /

LR – pub culture / go out / quite regularly / things going on /

FLC – if - , because - , so -

LR – a one or other

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LR – to make a choice

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FLC – I think perhaps /

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LR – very basic / much inspiration / got on with it /

FLC – both - , and -

LR – a lot of facilities / exhibitions / on a small scale and large scale

FLC – of course / such as / but also / and even /

LR – very famous / local /

also to smaller ones and even very small local galleries, which I enjoy very much.

Okay, thank you.

Now I'm going to give you a topic and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before you talk you'll have one minute to think about what you're going to say and you can make some notes if you wish. Do you understand?

Yes, I do.

Here is your topic.

I'd like you to describe... a useful website that you know about.

Remember you have one to two minutes for this so don't worry if I stop you.

I'll tell you when your time is up, can you start speaking now please.

This is a website called muddy stilettos  
Which, in itself, I think is a great name.  
It is a nationwide, that's UK wide, website  
but it's broken down into the different counties  
and areas in which you live.

So I live in Norfolk, and so this is the muddy  
stilettos Norfolk website.  
I found out about it at my hairdressers  
they run, the website runs various competitions,  
I suppose every year, for, in this case,  
the best hairdresser,

but it might be the best restaurant,  
I don't know, the best film you've seen,  
and so on, and the hairdresser asked me to vote  
for this website, sorry, for them, via this website,  
which I did, and therefore I'm on the, I get their posts,

and so on, I found it actually very useful  
because it's a listing I suppose you'd call it,  
I don't know, a directory website,  
so if i want to, I might find a nice restaurant  
in my area I can go into and check their recommendations

for restaurants, if I want to go for a country walk,  
to a wildlife park, I can click on that as well.  
It also gives, it reports on property prices,  
various transport links, and so on.

Thank you.

Have you visited this website recently?

Yes, I have, yes.

## PART 2

FLC – in itself / I think / but / in  
which /

LR – muddy / stilettos /  
nationwide / broken down into /  
counties /

FLC – and so / I suppose / in this  
case /

LR – found out about it / they run  
/ various /

FLC – it might be / and so on /  
sorry, for them / therefore /

LR – via / posts /

FLC – and so on / actually / I  
suppose you'd call it / I don't  
know /

LR – I found it / very useful /  
listing / directory /  
recommendations /

FLC – as well / also gives / and so  
on /

LR – country walk / click on that /  
various / links /

We've been talking about a useful website that you know about and I'd like to ask you a few more questions based on this topic.

First of all let's talk about Using the Internet.

**Do most people have a computer at home in your country?**

Oh yes, **almost certainly**, yes.

Yes, I think **apart from** the,

Well, **I was going to say**, apart from the very old, but I think even people, y'know, **retired** people and **beyond** have a computer at home.

**Do you think all the information on the Internet is true and trustworthy?**

No, **well**, **it depends what** you look at and I think what people **tend to do** is look at something **which reflects their own views** **but no**, somethings I would **take with a pinch of salt**.

**How do you mean?**

Well, I think some are **rather exaggerated**, or the information that they turn, er, no that they contain can't really be **verified**, **particularly perhaps** the more personal, what do you call them, **personal interest** stories, **that sort of thing**.

**How can people find reliable information on the internet?**

That's quite a difficult question...

**I suppose** you go to a site that you can trust, **you used the word** trust, and **I think yes** that's **a valid way** of finding out the information that you want **and** some of the information of course is **purely factual**.

**Do you think that kids should be taught how to verify information on the Internet, at school?**

Yes, I do. **Of course**, you are still **at the mercy of** whoever is teaching you. **I think that** children **particularly** these days should be taught, **not to argue with** everything, **but to be aware of the possibility** they might not be being told exactly **the truth of the matter**.

**Let's talk about the Internet and society now.**

**How do you think the internet has changed the way we live?**

**How long have you got?** I think it has **benefited most people** in some way because **information is at our fingertips**, and here **I'm not talking about opinions**, **I'm talking about**

### PART 3

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LR – retired / beyond /

FLC – well / which / but no /

LR – it depends what / tend to do / reflects their own views / take with a pinch of salt /

FLC – particularly perhaps / that sort of thing /

LR – rather exaggerated / verified / personal interest /

FLC – I suppose / you used the word / I think yes / and /

LR – a valid way / purely factual /

FLC – Of course / I think that / not to - , but to - /

LR – at the mercy of / particularly / argue with / be aware of the possibility / exactly the truth of the matter

FLC – How long have you got? / I'm not talking about -, I'm talking about - / that sort of thing

if you want to know how long it is going to take you to get from here to the next town or **that sort of thing**.  
So I think instant **information** is **very useful**.

**How has the Internet affected the world of business?**

Well, a **very, very good example is** during the CoVid times it has **enabled** many, many people to work from home **and so** to continue the business that they are **involved in** **and I think** this is going to be an **ongoing trend or trait**, **so I think** it has benefited business in quite a lot of ways.

**Do you think this is a positive change?**

Yes, **I think** it can be, yes, I mean I think **like all change**, **it depends on your attitude towards** the change.  
**If** you think it's not going to work, **then**, **the chances are**, it will be **disadvantageous**, **but** if you have a positive attitude towards it, it can be used to **benefit society**, business, **mankind...**

**Do you think the Internet is safe for children to use unsupervised?**

No, I **absolutely** don't. **Even if** websites that they are using are **perfectly okay**, I think **access** should be **restricted** **and I think** children **should be made to** find out where there are other ways of getting information, and **socialising**.

**Okay.**

**Thank you very much, that is the end of the speaking test.**

**LR** – benefited most people / information is at our fingertips / instant information / very useful

**FLC** – a very good example is / and so / and I think / so I think / **LR** – enabled / involved in / ongoing trend or trait /

**FLC** – I think / If - , then - / but **LR** – like all change / it depends on your attitude towards / the chances are/ disadvantageous / benefit society / mankind /

**FLC** – Even if / and I think **LR** – absolutely / perfectly okay / access / restricted / should be made to / socialising /



## Key language Summary – Interview #1

FLC	
so	and even
otherwise	in itself
when	in which
so yes	in this case
I think	it might be
and	therefore
well, of course	I suppose you'd call it
often	as well
also	however
still	it's nice to know
if - , because - , so	almost certainly
because	apart from
but	I was going to say
I also	particularly perhaps
actually	that sort of thing
which one	you used the word
more than	I think yes
I mentioned	I think that
and so on	not to - , but to -
if you - , I'm -	How long have you got?
I think perhaps	I'm not talking about - ,
I suppose	I'm talking about -
as I said in my -	that sort of thing
previous question	a very good example is
both - , and -	and I think
Of course	so I think
such as	If - , then -
but also	even if

LR	
pavements	click on that
narrow	links
traffic	aren't really relevant
at my stage of life	advanced age
quite a long time	available
quite a lot of friends	retired
no reason to move	beyond
pub culture	it depends what
go out	tend to do
quite regularly	reflects their own views
things going on	take with a pinch of salt
a one or other	rather exaggerated
to make a choice	verified
enjoy the ambience	personal interest
in a good mood	a valid way
classify	purely factual
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of any kind	particularly
terrible	argue with
inspiration	be aware of the possibility
very basic	exactly the truth of the -
got on with it	matter
much inspiration	benefited most people
a lot of facilities	information is at our -
exhibitions	fingertips
on a small scale -	instant information
and large scale	very useful
very famous	enabled
muddy	involved in
stilettos	ongoing trend/trait
nationwide	like all change
broken down into -	it depends on your -
counties	attitude towards
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they run	disadvantageous
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via	mankind
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recommendations	socialising
country walk	

