



# InsideIELTS SPEAKING TEST PREPARATION PROGRAM

## TRANSCRIPT - Interview #3

Dialogue	Key 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> <p>Hello.</p> <p><b>I am Inside IELTS Virtual Examiner number 541, can you tell me your full name please.</b></p> <p>_____.</p> <p><b>And what can I call you?</b></p> <p>Colm is fine, thank you.</p> <p>_____.</p>	
<p><b>In this first part I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.</b></p> <p><b>Let's talk about what you do. Do you work or are you a student?</b></p> <p>Yes, I work, I'm a technical writer. I work for a large multinational company called _____ and I deal specifically with a company called _____ based in _____ and I write and edit security system installation guides and user manuals.</p> <p><b>Do you enjoy your job?</b></p> <p>I really enjoy my job, yes. It's very challenging, it's not too stressful, but sometimes it can be very busy and very hard, but on the whole I really enjoy my job.</p> <p><b>Will you continue to do this job in the future?</b></p> <p>I hope so. I have not been doing my job very long, I've only been doing my job maybe six months, but I hope to stay there for a long time because I'm well paid and I have good benefits, and they're a nice company to work for, and I enjoy the work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART 1</b> <b>(4 – 5 mins)</b></p> <p>FLC – and / LR – deal specifically / based in / installation</p> <p>FLC – really / but / but on the whole / LR – very challenging / not too stressful /</p> <p>FLC – but / because / and / LR – only been doing / maybe six months / well paid / good benefits / to work for /</p>



**Let's talk about shoes.**

**What kind of shoes do you normally wear?**

I **normally** wear **runners** or flip flops, **usually either** Nike Air Max or Cabana flip-flops **because** they're **very comfortable**.

**Do you have a favourite pair of shoes?**

My favourite pair of shoes are my Nike Air Max 90s, **they're** my favourite **because they're really comfortable and they're really cool**. **They're** black and green with the Nike swish and really comfortable air bubbles, **and** yeah, I've had them a long time they smell **kind of bad but they still look cool and they** still feel really, really comfortable.

**Where do you usually buy your shoes?**

I **usually** buy my shoes in Sports Direct, **or** JD Sports **because** they're the **cheapest**, you **get good value** on **brand names** **and they're** really, **really, really** good for price and the staff are really helpful and they **have a good selection**.

**Do you think the type of shoes a person wears reflects their character?**

Yes, **I think** it does. **You can tell if** someone is **athletic if** they're wearing running shoes, you can tell if someone is **into fashion if** they're wearing **fancy Gucci loafers**, **you can tell if** someone is **in a professional job** if they're wearing **brogues or something like that**, **so** yeah, **I do think that** shoes can **reflect a person's character**.

**Let's talk about your country now.**

**Which part of your country do most people live in?**

I live in Ireland **and** most people in my country live in Dublin, the capital city, **which is** on the **east coast** of the country. **I think it** has a **population of about** 1.5 million people, **so that's** where most people live.

**What are the main industries in your country?**

The main industries in my country **would be tech industry**. We have a lot of American **multinationals** like Google and Facebook and eBay, **they** use Ireland as **their base** for European **affairs**, **because of tax breaks**.

**Is it easy to travel around your country?**

**Surprisingly** not. **If** you have a car it's okay, **but** the bus and **rail system** isn't very good, **which** can **make it a bit challenging at times**.

FLC – normally / usually either / or / because /

LR – runners / very comfortable /

FLC – they're / because they're / and they're / and they / but they

LR – really comfortable / really cool / kind of bad / still look cool

FLC – usually / or / because / and they're / really, really /

LR – cheapest / get good value / brand names / have a good selection /

FLC – I think / You can tell if - , if - / or something like that / so / I do think that /

LR – athletic / into fashion / fancy Gucci loafers / in a professional job / brogues / reflect a person's character

FLC – and / which is / I think it / so that's /

LR – east coast / population of about /

FLC – would be / they / because of /

LR – tech industry / multi-nationals / their base / affairs / tax breaks /

FLC – If - , but - / which /

LR – Surprisingly / rail system / make it a bit challenging at times



**Has your country changed much since you were a child?**

Yes, it has. **When** I was a child **there was** a lot of **unemployment** **and** a lot of people were poor, **but since** I've **grown up** a lot more people are **a lot richer**. There's **better facilities** and, yeah, **it's** a much **more liberal and relaxed society** **than when** I was growing up as well.

**Okay. 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, that's fine.

**Take a piece of paper for making notes. Here is your topic:**

***I'd like you to describe a well-known person who you admire.***

**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.**

Okay, the person **who** I admire **that** I'd like to talk about is called Sadio Mane. Sadio Mane is a **Senegalese** football player who **plays for** the English Premier League club Liverpool FC. He plays in the **frontline** with Mohamed Salah **and** Roberto Firmino **and** he **usually** plays **on the right of** the front three.

Sadio Mane has had **a lot of big achievements** in his life, the most recent things **that** he's done **that** are impressive is winning the Premier League with Liverpool in 2020 **and** winning the Champions League with Liverpool in 2019. **So as a footballer, as part of a team,** he's **achieved an awful lot.**

**Individually** he's been one of the **top scorers** in the League **as well** for the **last number of years,** **so** he's done a lot of very **impressive things** in his career as a footballer. He's **well known** as a footballer for, **first of all** his skill, he's an **incredibly skilful** player, he's able to run past people, he's able to **shoot,** he's able to **pass,** he's able to **tackle.**

He's **also** well known for his **attitude on the pitch.** His attitude on the pitch is **second to none,** he runs for the **entire** game, he's always **hassling his opponent,** he's **always trying his very best to bring the team forward,** **and** to make the team win.

**That's fine, thank you.**

**Do other people admire this person?**

**I think so,** I think so, he's a **very well respected** footballer **because of what I've mentioned** about his **passion** and his **skill.**

FLC – When - , there was - / and / but since / it's - , than when - /  
LR – unemployment / grown up / a lot richer / better facilities / more liberal and relaxed society /

**PART 2**  
**(3 – 4 mins)**

FLC – that's fine /

FLC – who / that / and / usually /  
LR – Senegalese / plays for / frontline / on the right of /

FLC – that / and / So /  
LR – a lot of big achievements / the most recent things / impressive / as a footballer / as part of a team / achieved an awful lot /

FLC – as well / so / first of all /  
LR – Individually / top scorers / last number of years / impressive things / well known / incredibly skillful / shoot / pass / tackle /

FLC – also / and /  
LR – attitude on the pitch / second to none / entire / hassling his opponent / always trying his very best / bring the team forward /

FLC – I think so / because of what I've mentioned /  
LR – very well respected / passion



Okay, we've been talking about a famous person who you admire and now I'd like to ask you one or two more general questions related to this topic.

First of all, let's talk about famous people in your country.

**What type of people become famous in your country these days?**

Mostly the people **who have been** famous from Ireland in **the last couple of years** have been athletes. The most famous was probably Conor McGregor the UFC fighter and whisky **entrepreneur**.

He became famous for, **first of all**, being a very **talented fighter** and winning **a number of** UFC titles, **but he's also** famous for his **flamboyant attitude**

**and** his **approach to the industry** of mixed martial arts. He's **kind of like** a white, Irish, Muhammad Ali in **the way he presents himself**. He's very **flash**, he's very **flamboyant**.

**Do you think that nowadays famous people need to achieve less than they did in the past?**

I think so, **because if you look at** like maybe the Kardashians or **Instagram influencers** and **things like that**, people become famous now by **going viral rather than actually achieving** anything.

**So if** you make a **silly video and** a lot of people watch it you can **automatically** become famous, for doing something that doesn't have **any real substance**. **So I think** the **barrier to entry for fame is lowered**.

**And how do you feel about that?**

Quite **ambivalent**. **Part of me** doesn't really care because it really doesn't affect me, **but part of me** feels like it **cheapens the work** that people **who** are **legitimately talented** do.

You know, it **kind of makes** the **achievements** of people **who** are **genuinely talented seem like** less **when** someone can become so famous and rich for doing something **completely invaluable**, **or** of no value.

**How do you think people will become famous in the future?**

I **really** don't know. **Hopefully** people will stop becoming famous for doing **silly things** on the Internet. I'd like to see more people **become famous** for **genuine human achievement and** for doing things **that benefit society as a whole**.

/ skill

**PART 3**  
**(4 – 5 mins)**

FLC – who have been /  
LR – the last couple of years /  
entrepreneur /

FLC – first of all / but he's also /  
LR – talented fighter / a number  
of / flamboyant attitude /

FLC – and / kind of like /  
LR – approach to the industry /  
the way he presents himself /  
flash / flamboyant /

FLC – I think so / because if you  
look at / things like that / rather  
than /  
LR – Instagram influencers / going  
viral / actually achieving /  
FLC – So if / and / So I think /  
LR – silly video / automatically /  
any real substance / barrier to  
entry for fame is lowered /

FLC – Part of me - , but part of me  
- /  
LR – ambivalent / cheapens the  
work / legitimately talented /  
FLC – kind of makes / who /  
seem like / when /  
LR – achievements / genuinely  
talented / completely invaluable /

FLC – really / Hopefully / and /  
that /  
LR – silly things / become famous  
/ genuine human achievement /  
benefit society as a whole /



Let's talk about being in the public eye now.

**What do you think could be some of the advantages of being famous?**

The advantages of being famous, I suppose, would... I really don't know. I don't think there are any, to be honest with you.

**No problem. Can you think of any disadvantages then, to being famous?**

There's plenty of disadvantages to being famous. I think first and foremost is the loss of privacy. If you're famous you can't really do anything without the public taking an interest, you've kind of, your life becomes public domain, which is it's not a healthy way to be.

**How does the media treat famous people in your country?**

It depends on the famous person really. If it's someone who's, let's say Conor McGregor, he is generally quite well treated for.. in the media, because he's done things that've, I suppose, made Ireland look good in, on a world stage. So I mean there's no catch-all answer for that, it depends on the famous person really.

**Why do you think it is the ordinary people are so interested in the lives of famous people?**

I think ordinary people are interested in the lives of famous people because it's an aspirational thing I suppose, as in they look at these famous people and think okay, that's something that I would like to achieve with my life,

or maybe that's someone I would like to be like, or someone I'd like to emulate, because it's something they don't have themselves, personally.

**Okay. That's all that we have time for, so thank you very much, that's the end of the speaking test.**

FLC – I suppose / to be honest with you /

FLC – I think first and foremost / If / which is /

LR – plenty of disadvantages / loss of privacy / taking an interest / public domain / healthy way to be /

FLC – It depends on / really / if / let's say / because / I suppose / So I mean / it depends on /

LR – generally quite well treated / on a world stage / catch-all answer /

FLC – I think / because / I suppose / as in / that /

LR – ordinary people / an aspirational thing / that's something / like to achieve /

FLC – or maybe / or / because /

LR – that's someone / like to be like / like to emulate / personally

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### Key language Summary – Interview #3

FLC	
and	as well
really	first of all
but	also
but on the whole	I think so
because	because of what -
normally	I've mentioned
usually either	who have been
or	first of all
they're	but he's also
because they're	kind of like
and they're	because if you look
and they	at
but they	things like that
usually	rather than
really, really	So if
I think	So I think
You can tell if _____, -	Part of me _____, -
If _____.	but part of me
or something like -	_____.
that	kind of makes
so I do think that	seem like
which is	when
I think it	really
so that's	Hopefully
would be	I suppose
they	to be honest with -
because of	you
If _____, but _____.	I think first and -
which	foremost
When _____, there -	If
was _____.	It depends on
but since	let's say
it's _____, than -	So I mean
when _____.	it depends on
who	as in
that	or maybe

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based in	impressive things
installation	well known
very challenging	incredibly skillful
not too stressful	shoot, pass, tackle
only been doing	attitude on the pitch
maybe six months	second to none
well paid	entire
good benefits	hassling his opponent
to work for	always trying his very best
runners	bring the team forward
very comfortable	very well respected
really comfortable	passion
really cool	skill
kind of bad	the last couple of years
still look cool	entrepreneur
cheapest	talented fighter
get good value	a number of
brand names	flamboyant attitude
have a good selection	approach to the industry
athletic	the way he presents himself
into fashion	flash
fancy Gucci loafers	flamboyant
in a professional job	Instagram influencers
brogues	going viral
reflect a person's -	actually achieving
character	silly video
east coast	automatically
population of about	any real substance
tech industry	barrier to fame is lowered
multinationals	ambivalent
their base	cheapens the work
affairs	legitimately talented
tax breaks	achievements
Surprisingly	genuinely talented
rail system	completely invaluable
make it a bit -	silly things
challenging at times	become famous
unemployment	genuine human achievement
grown up	benefit society as a whole
a lot richer	plenty of disadvantages
better facilities	loss of privacy
more liberal and -	taking an interest
relaxed society	public domain
Senegalese	healthy way to be
plays for	generally quite well treated
front line	on a world stage
on the right of	catch-all answer
a lot of big	ordinary people
achievements	an aspirational thing
the most recent things	that's something
impressive	like to achieve
as a footballer	that's someone
as part of a team	like to be like
achieved an awful lot	like to emulate
Individually	personally