***IELTS Speaking 특강 – 하반기 기출문제 정리***

***Part 1***

**Boat**

Have you ever travelled by boat?

Do you like boats?

Would you like to have your own boat?

Is boat trip popular in your country?

***‘Boat’ meaning***

* **a** [**small**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/small)[**vehicle**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/vehicle) **for** [**travelling**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/travelling) **on** [**water**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/water)
* [informal] **a** [**ship**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/ship)
* **Have you ever travelled by boat?**

Only for a few short journeys. I went on punting in Cambridge, and travelled across the River Thames several times on a boat.

* **Do you like boats?**

Yes, I always liked it travelling on a boat. Whenever I travelled on boats, I could enjoy great scenery all the time. Also I want to have my own boat one day in my life.

Not really. I always get sick on a boat as it’s quite shaky, and I’m quite scared of water so it’s not my favourite transport.

* **Would you like to have your own boat?**

Yes, definitely. It’s actually one of my dreams to have a luxury yacht once in my life. It’d be marvelous if I can travel around it.

I’m not quite interested in owning a boat. I don’t think I can manage it even if I have one, so I don’t think I will even try to have my own boat in my life.

* **Is boat trip popular in your country?**

For some people, yes. It’s actually quite unique way of travelling compared to cars or aeroplanes, so when people travel to some islands in Korea, they tend to go on a boat.

**Names**

Do you like your name?

Does your name have any special meaning?

What kinds of names are popular in your country?

Are there many Korean people who have the same name as you?

Is there any tradition about naming babies?

* **Do you like your name?**

Quite a lot, yes. My name is quite uncommon and I heard my parents spent lots of days to give me the best name, so I really like it.

* **Does your name have any special meaning?**

Yes, there are 2 Chinese characters meaning different things in my name, wisdom and grace. My parents gave me the name wishing I could be the wisest and most generous person.

* **What kinds of names are popular in your country?**

I’m not quite sure about it, but there’re always some names which are preferred by parents. Well, from my surroundings, lots of my friends give the name called ‘Seo-yoon’ to their babies nowadays.

* **Are there many Korean people who have the same name as you?**

Not really, I’ve never seen anyone who has the same name as me in my life. So it seems my name is quite unique.

* **Is there any tradition about naming babies?**

Well, Korean people actually give names to babies by examining their birthdays, but this tradition seems like changing nowadays. Parents name their babies in whatever style they wish to.

***Part 2 - People***

***Describe an interesting person from another country***

***You should say;***

***Who this person is***

***What kind of person he/she is***

***Why this person is interesting***

***and explain how you think of this person***

* **Who this person is;** Emily, Best friend
* **What kind of person he/she is;** works as restaurant manager, generous, easy-going
* **Why this person is interesting;** has a lot in common with me, always has lots of news
* **How you think of this person;** like her, super fun to hang out with

Well, I can think of Emily, my best friend. She’s from France, and we’ve been friends for like 7 or 8 years now.

I met her when I was working in London, and she’s always the same since then. She now works as a restaurant manager. She’s always kind and generous to everyone, and also quite easy-going. She never worries about anything much.

She’s always quite interesting as she has lots and lots in common with me. We both like watching films, travelling, and many others, so we used to do those kinds of things together a lot. And she always has lots of interesting news and mostly, they are hilarious.

I like her very much, she’s actually one of my favourite people. Since we became friends, we never had an argument and she’s always kind to me. Whenever I need to talk to her, she always calls me first, and she’s like a person who I can share my news with. Also it’s super fun to hang out with her. We used to go shopping together, drink together, and every time I see her, I really feel happy. She’s very interesting and nice person indeed.

**Part 3**

* **Do you think communicating with foreigners is a good way to learn about foreign culture?**

Yes, definitely. I believe they are the ones who know about their cultures the best. Well, in my case, I learnt about British culture from my British friends. I’m sure it’s the quickest and easiest way of learning cultures in different countries.

* **What are the disadvantages of working for an international company?**

Obviously, workers may face cultural differences and it may lead them to have conflicts between them. Employees in global companies would have different backgrounds so it might not be easy to put them together as a team.

* **What kinds of problems will people have when they travel or live in a foreign country?**

Well, people would definitely experience communication problem since there would be language barriers. Also they may make mistakes because they don’t really know about the foreign cultures.

* **Do you like to make friends with people from other countries?**

Yes, I absolutely love it. It’s always real fun to talk about different cultures, and find out new things about a particular country. So I have lots of foreign friends.

***Part 2 - Place***

***Describe a place you know where people go to listen to music (such as a theatre or a music hall)***

***You should say;***

***Where it is***

***What kind of music is performed there***

***Why people go there***

***and explain your impressions of this place***

* **Where it is**; Sejong public art centre
* **What kind of music is performed there**; classical music, pop music, etc.
* **Why people go there**; to see performances
* **Impressions of this place**; huge, good sound system

Well, the first place comes up in my mind is Sejong public art centre. It’s located in the heart of Seoul, next to old palace, Gwanghwamoon.

There’s always lots of music performances going on; like concerts, both pop music and classical music, musicals, and sometimes art exhibitions are also held in there.

Mostly, people visit there to see a concert. Actually lots of world-famous orchestras frequently come and play there, so many people go there to enjoy musical performances. I’ve been there like 2 times to see concerts.

I thought it was huge. As it’s one of the biggest art centres in Korea, there were lots of halls and rooms. When I went there, I found it quite interesting since it was really big and there were lots to look at. Also when I was listening to music in the concert that I went, I thought sound system is really good. It was a string-quartet concert and I was so impressed with all those violin and cello sound. It was really good experience.

**Part 3**

* **Should children learn to play instrument?**

It would be nice if they can enjoy learning it, but not all children love playing the musical instruments. I’m sure it’s definitely worth learning, but not for everyone.

* **Should parents force them to learn music?**

I don’t think they should. It may be really stressful for children if they are forced to learn something. Children should enjoy learning, whatever it is.

* **Is music education important in your country?**

Not really. Well, many children learn about how to play the music instruments, but in secondary schools, school curriculums are focused on important subjects like maths, science, and languages rather than music.

* **Some people say music is like maths, do you agree?**

Yeah I agree. There are some logics in music, like in Beethoven’s music, the sequences are quite logical. Also note durations are usually rational numbers times a beat. There are some definite correlations between music and maths.

* **What effects does technology have on music?**

Some new types of music are released due to the technology, like electronic dance music, DJ-ing, and so on, so people don’t really need to play the actual instruments. They can create sound by using machines.

* **What are the advantages of learning music?**

It’s always nice to know how to play a musical instrument, people can relieve stress or feel a sense of achievement by playing one. In children’s case, they might develop their emotional senses quite well.

***Part 2 - Object***

***Describe an important letter you received***

***You should say;***

***When you received it***

***Who sent it***

***What it was about***

***and explain why it was important to you***

* **When you received it**; a few weeks ago
* **Who sent it**; university that I want to attend
* **What it was about**; letter of acceptance
* **Why it was important to you**; can study abroad, worked hard to achieve that goal

Well, I’ve recently received a letter from a university, and it was really important one for me

Last year, I decided to study abroad and researched where I would like to study. As I want to major in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I thought studying in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be ideal so applied for several universities. And a few weeks ago, I received a letter from the university which was my firm choice.

It was basically a letter of acceptance. As I met all the entry requirements, I received it. I was really happy when I received it.

I’ve waiting for this letter so long because receiving this letter means I can study in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After I set this goal, I’ve tried really hard to make it happen. I literally screamed when I got it. I had to try very hard as I had to take English level test, write personal statement and application forms in English, and save some money up to study abroad. I’m so excited, I finally got this letter at last and can’t wait to study in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Part 3**

* **Will letters be replaced by emails?**

I think it’s definitely possible. People nowadays talk to their friends through online messengers, and send emails rather than sending letters. I’m sure letters aren’t that important as it was in the previous years now.

* **Do old people prefer letters or emails?**

Well, it depends, but most old people still find letters more familiar. Because they don’t really use computers much. Well, nowadays, lots of old people learn to send emails, but not every one of them.

* **Is it still useful for companies to communicate with letters?**

Yeah, in some ways. The real letters can be evident when a certain issue occurs, so letters can be useful in this aspect. But mostly, it’s a lot more efficient to communicate through emails.

* **Do people in your country write letters?**

Not really, most Korean people communicate through online messengers, emails, or phone calls. They don’t really write letters or send letters these days.

* **What skills do letter-writing require?**

Well, the writers need to identify what kinds of letters they need to write. Because there are so many kinds of letters for different situations. Structure, how to address people, expression, and many others are important.

***Part 2 - Event***

***Describe a time you saw lots of people were smiling***

***You should say;***

***When you saw them***

***Where you saw them***

***Who you were with***

***and explain why people were smiling***

* **When you saw them**; university graduation ceremony
* **Where you saw them**; in the hall where the ceremony was held
* **Who you were with**; with my classmates
* **Why people were smiling**; good day, to celebrate graduates

It was quite some years ago. I saw lots of people smiling at the same time when it was my university graduation ceremony. I think it was in 2012 or 2013. I don’t really remember when exactly it was.

My graduation ceremony was held in a hall in O2 stadium, London. When I heard the place, I was quite surprised because I thought it was indoor sports complex. But there was a huge hall, so all professors, students, and guests sat there for the ceremony.

There were loads of people, literally more than 500, I guess. On that day, all graduates were supposed sit at the front, so my classmates and I sat together.

Well, I’m sure everyone was smiling because it was such a good day. As graduation is kind of big thing in life, all people there were smiling throughout the ceremony. Especially when the student representative finished his speech, everyone got up and clapped. It looked really nice. Also it was the day to celebrate all graduates. All professors were smiling, the dean was cheering graduates, and all guests were smiling too. It was absolutely memorable day for me.

**Part 3**

* **Why do people smile? / When do people smile?**

Mainly because they saw something interesting or impressive. Smiling is kind of facial expression of showing people’s satisfaction. Smiling also makes people feel lifted.

* **What’s the difference between fake smile and true smile?**

Well, it’s always hard for me to find difference between fake and true smile, but I think it’s the eyes which makes difference. Like when people smile, their eyes smile too. But when people pretend to smile, they don’t smile in eyes.

* **Why people smile when they take photos?**

Probably because they look nice in that way. If people don’t smile, they wouldn’t look good in pictures. Also I think people take photos when they’re happy, so it’d be really natural to smile.

* **Who smiles more, men or women?**

Well, I think it really depends on every individual. But generally, women get to smile quite easily when they see something. But I don’t think it’s a matter of gender.

* **Do you think people should control their moods?**

Yes of course. If they see someone gets angry or upset, they might create wrong impression of someone. They should at least control their anger.

I don’t think they should. People should express their feelings and thoughts freely and if they don’t get to do that, they might be really stressful.