

Preparation for IELTS Speaking Part 1
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A. Read the question and three possible answers. Which answer is the best? Why?

Do you like reading newspapers?

1 Yes, I really like reading newspapers.

2 Yes, I enjoy reading the paper. I get it delivered to my house, so I read it most days to learn what is happening in the world.

3 Yes and no. I haven't read an actual newspaper for a long time. It's a hassle to go to the shops to buy one and it's bad for the environment. I enjoy reading the news online though. It helps to kill some time when I'm travelling or waiting for something.

I think _____ is the best because _____

 B. Listen to a candidate answer Part 1 of the Speaking exam and answer the following questions.

1. Why does the candidate like to travel?

2. What type of transport does he normally use in his own country?

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C. Listen again and complete the conversation.

Examiner: Do you like to travel when you have free time?

Candidate: Yeah, I'm 1 _____ travelling. My parents took us abroad 2 _____ when we were kids, and I've continued the tradition with my children. Saying that, I 3 _____ waiting in airports, although it's worth it when you arrive at your destination.

Examiner: Where do you usually travel to?

Candidate: I go to Southeast Asia 4 _____. The food there is delicious. I'm 5 _____ Thai food so I go there 6 _____



Examiner: What's your favourite way to travel?

Candidate: If I was travelling a long distance, then I'd go by plane as it's the fastest. Travelling by train is 7 _____, but that's what I use when I travel within my own country. Although I haven't been on a train in 8 _____!

Examiner: Do you prefer a relaxing or an active holiday?

Candidate: My wife loves adventure, so we do something like that 9 _____, but to be honest, I can 10 _____. I'd much rather sunbathe on a beach and read a good book.

D. Put the words from Exercise C into the correct column.

Really like	Like/dislike	How often	Really often
			
Really dislike			Not for a long time