

IELTS Achievement Vocabulary: Gap Fill Exercise

Talking about an achievement is a topic that has appeared several times in recent years. There are also topics which match very closely - for example talking about a goal.

Below you will find questions about work for each part of the Speaking test. We have removed some of the keywords and placed them at the bottom of each section.

Try and place each word in the correct place. When you have finished [go to this page](#) and check your answers. You will also find a glossary at the bottom of the answer page.

Part 1-style questions

Examiner: What is your biggest goal in life?

Candidate: My most _____ is to earn enough money to pay for my daily expenses. My _____ goal is to buy a large house on the coast.

Examiner: How do you plan to achieve that goal?

Candidate: I plan to get a promotion and _____ to some hard work. I think my goal is _____ - but I need to get serious about _____.

Examiner: Do you think your goals will change as you get older?

Candidate: I don't think anything has to be _____. If I look at my parents as role models, I may find that I want to _____ and have a simpler lifestyle.

immediate goal live within my means

set in stone

knuckle down

long-term

putting money aside

attainable

Part 2

Talk about an achievement you are proud of.

You should say:

- what the achievement was***
- why you are proud of it***
- how other people reacted***

and explain why it was so important to you.

Candidate:

Last year, I got a job in the building industry, which is traditionally _____. It was tough to find acceptance at first. But I am lucky because my boss is very _____ and believes everyone should be given an equal chance.

At the beginning, many of my work colleagues were doubtful I could succeed. I just set myself _____ goals that I could work towards. My _____ came when I caught a mistake one of my more experienced colleagues had made. It saved the company a lot of money. Since then, everyone has been very welcoming, and I have _____. It's important to me to feel I am making a positive contribution to the world around me.

taken everything in my stride

egalitarian

male-dominated

realistic

crowning moment

Part 3-style questions

Examiner: Do you think it's important for people to have dreams or goals? [Evaluate]

Candidate: Yes - it's really important to have _____ goals. They shouldn't be too modest, but they must be *achievable*; otherwise, people might give up.

Examiner: Do you think men and women generally have the same goals? [Compare]

Candidate: I think their goals are ultimately very similar - but everyone wants different things. I think a woman's goals are sometimes more _____, and they have to _____ harder.

Examiner: In your country, what goals do young people generally have? [identify]

Candidate: I think young people are more _____ and they dream of having a high-paying job and a perfect home. Their _____ is to earn a good income.

elusive

explicit

strive

primary goal

idealistic

Now check your answers on this page.