

IELTS Education Vocabulary: Gap Fill Exercise

Talking about Education is one of the most frequent IELTS Speaking topics. This is understandable considering that the IELTS test is primarily an exam taken for academic purposes.

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 IELTS Speaking Sample

Examiner: What do you study?

Candidate: I'm taking a _____ course in archaeology. It's delivered online and is quite _____.

Examiner: What do you like most about your course?

Candidate: I like the _____ that's developed within my _____. We have to really _____ at times, but everyone is supportive.

Examiner: Do you prefer to study in the morning or the afternoon?

Candidate: I'm not a morning person, and I'm not much of a night owl either. I'm at my peak in the afternoons which is when I can _____.

intensive cohort

post-graduate

take more in

camaraderie

knuckle down

Part 2

Describe a person who taught you a useful skill. (For example, cooking or riding a bike.)

You should say:

- **who this person is**
- **what you learned from him/her**
- **how they taught you this**

and explain how this skill is useful to you.

Candidate:

As a child, my handwriting was messy. My teachers couldn't understand what I had written, and to be honest, I couldn't sometimes either. I was also falling behind in my schoolwork since I was printing each letter individually.

One of my teachers noticed this and gave me extra help to develop _____ handwriting. First, he gave me some _____ to help me keep up in class. After that, he went back to basics with me, teaching me how to _____ a pencil and how to form _____ and _____ letters. He used lots of different techniques, including encouraging me to do crafting at home. These activities helped me to develop my _____.

Now my handwriting is much more _____ and accurate - which is a great blessing, especially in tests like IELTS. I've even become something of an expert in _____!

hand-eye coordination

assistive technology

capital

lowercase calligraphy

cursive

grip

legible

Part 3 IELTS Speaking Sample

Examiner: In general, how do children learn things? [Identify]

Candidate: Children of primary age or below learn by doing and by _____ in fun activities. They often feel _____ by the idea of study, but if they think something is a game, they get very enthusiastic. The critical thing is to make sure the game has a desired _____.

Examiner: Do you think children learn more from their parents or their teachers at school? [Compare]

Candidate: Parents are a child's first teachers. Feeding a child's imagination in a supportive environment is very important. Children who have been _____ at home are able to learn faster at school. I don't think parents or teachers are more important - it should be a _____ effort.

Examiner: What should governments do to make university education accessible? [Suggest]

Candidate: Poverty and lack of access to resources like the internet and digital devices are an early _____. I think governments should give grants to children very early on so that they can grow up as _____. For those who slip through the net some kind of _____ summer course might help to _____.

nurtured

obstacle

learning outcome

daunted

preparatory

collaborative

engaging

digital natives

bring them up to speed

Now check your answers [on this page](#).