

IELTS Speaking #14 – Topic 1.11: Holidays and Travellings

Hướng dẫn chung cách trả lời:

Luôn cố gắng suy nghĩ ra thành nhiều hướng (it depends) các bạn sẽ thấy rất dễ dàng để phát triển ý và không bị bí. Trong nhiều trường hợp, vấn đề không phải bạn không dùng được từ hay, cấu trúc đẹp mà chỉ đơn giản là bạn không biết nói cái gì và bạn chịu chết ngay tại trận. Vậy trước tiên, hãy đảm bảo cho mình có cái để nói trước nhé.

Ví dụ: Với câu 1 bên dưới, thay vì trả lời thẳng luôn bằng cách liệt kê một loạt các hành động để rồi bị tắc vì không nhớ hết cách việc thường làm, hãy phát triển ý trong đầu bằng câu nói: It depends (If it's a long holiday/short holiday; If that's the holiday I spend with my friends/family...). Các bạn sẽ thấy dễ phát triển ý hơn rất nhiều mà còn có cơ hội sử dụng những cấu trúc ngữ pháp phức (câu điều kiện, mệnh đề chính phụ...).

Đừng chỉ tập trung vào nội dung câu trả lời. Khi trả lời bất kỳ ý nào, topic sentence chỉ cần ngắn gọn, hãy tập trung vào việc diễn giải ý đó ra (bằng cách trả lời các câu hỏi Wh).

1. What do you do in your holidays?

“Well, for most holidays, I just rest at home and enjoy some of my favorite movies, sometimes, try out some new cooking recipes or hang out with my friends. But if it's particularly long holiday, I like to go sightseeing, maybe sign up for a guided tour or you know, backpack as it's a chance to be showed around and take photographs...one of my hobbies.”

Từ vựng:

rest	nghỉ ngơi
go sightseeing	đi tham quan
sign up	đăng ký tham gia
guided tour	tour du lịch
backpack	đi phượt

2. Do you think holidays are becoming more and more important?

“For students, I guess. Haha. Just think of how happy we are when holidays come and how regretful we will be when it ends. Seriously, I think holidays have always been important to people, but of course the harder you work, the more important your holidays become to you. It gives you time to relax, to be with your beloved people, you know, many young people live away from their parents so holiday is the perfect time for them to get together and have fun.”

Từ vựng:

regretful	hối tiếc
beloved people	những người thân yêu

3. What kind of places do you want to travel to?

“Well, I don't like tourist traps, you know...I like to get away from it all and prefer going somewhere off the beaten track. Maybe travelling to exotic places, you know, different countries, different places with

beautiful natural scenery but you know, hardly can I afford those places so instead, I like to go to where I can enjoy myself with my friends and where there're fun thing to do together."

Từ vựng:

tourist trap	nơi tập trung nhiều khách du lịch
get away from it all	chốn đông đúc, tập nập, ồn ào
off the beaten track	to a place not usually visited by tourists
exotic place	nước ngoài
natural scenery	cảnh thiên nhiên

4. Do you prefer travelling alone or in a group?

"It mostly depends on destinations, length of trip and whether I've been there before. By travelling alone, I'll have full control over what I want to see and do but the costs of solo travel are usually so much greater than go in a group, you know."

Từ vựng:

destination	điểm đến
have full control over sth/sb	có sự kiểm soát
solo travel	đi du lịch một mình

5. What places would you like to visit in the future?

"I always desire to travel around and explore the world. If I were to choose a region, it would be Europe. Every part of Europe interests me, especially London, Paris, Rome... You know. I love being in a place that offers both classical and contemporary architecture, I feel like being lost to a fairy tale."

Từ vựng:

explore	khám phá
interests (v)	làm ai hứng thú
a fairy tale	chuyện cổ tích

6. When you visit new places, what do you like to do?

"Depends on what kind of place it is. If it's a beach, I've got to contemplate tranquil sea with sunrise in the early morning and of course try to get a suntan. But if it's a mountainous area, I would like to see the sights and take pictures wherever I set my foot on. But wherever the place is, enjoying local cuisine and bring home some local crafts cannot be out of the list."

Từ vựng:

contemplate	thưởng ngoạn
tranquil	tĩnh lặng

suntan	làn da rắm nắng
mountainous area	vùng núi
see the sights	tham quan những nơi nổi tiếng
local cuisine	đặc sản địa phương
local crafts	đồ lưu niệm địa phương

Nouns

self-catering holidays	package tour	tourist trap	destination
independent travel	check-in desk	sightseeing	tourism
holiday-maker	travel agent	sun bathing	tourist

Verbs

board (bus/train)	go sightseeing	backpack
go backpacking	get a suntan	hitchhike

Adjectives

overdeveloped	luxurious	stunning	tranquil
courteous	exclusive	touristy	tacky

Idioms

off the beaten track (= to a place not usually visited by tourists)	When I go backpacking I prefer to go off the beaten track.
rough it (= live in uncomfortable conditions)	When we went camping we had to rough it two days on the mountain.
see the sights (= visit the famous places)	I always try to see the sights.

Holiday

Examiner: What kind of holiday do you like?

Miguel: I try to avoid tourist traps ... I like to get away from it all and prefer going somewhere off the beaten track ... last year I had the holiday of a lifetime ... a two week wildlife safari in Kenya.

tourist trap: somewhere where too many tourists go

to get away from it all: to take a holiday to escape a busy or stressful lifestyle

wildlife safari: a holiday, often in Africa, to observe wild animals

holiday of a lifetime: a special holiday that you are unlikely to repeat

Examiner: What do you like to do when you're on holiday?

Anna: I enjoy visiting the local places of interest ... I like to go sightseeing and always sign up for guided tours as it's a chance to be shown around and take photographs ... one of my hobbies

to go sightseeing: to look around the tourist sites

places of interest: sites of interest to tourists

guided tour: an organised group shown around a place of interest by an exper

Examiner: Do you have many tourists in your country?

Amy: Yes ... we have a lot of holiday resorts along the coast that are popular with tourists ... most people come on package holidays and stay in one of the many hotels and self-catering apartments.

holiday resort: a place where lots of people go for a holiday

all-in package/package holiday: a holiday where you purchase the travel and accommodation together

self-catering: a holiday where you supply your own food

Part 2-style task: Describe a beautiful place you once visited. You should say:

Sally: A few years ago I went on a long weekend to the Lake District in the UK ... it's a very popular holiday destination in the north of England ... I went on my own and had a wonderful time ... I stayed in a youth hostel and met some really nice people ... but the most memorable thing about the holiday were the breathtaking views ... and lovely picturesque villages ... it can get very busy with hordes of tourists so I decided to go out of season in the autumn ... the weather was fantastic and the shops were full of local crafts ... a really great holiday ... it's certainly not the kind of short break for someone looking for a busy nightlife but if you want to relax in the middle of stunning landscape I would certainly recommend a holiday to the Lake District

long weekend: an extended weekend holiday including Friday or Monday

youth hostel: a cheap form of accommodation

breathtaking view: an extremely beautiful view

picturesque village: very pretty village

holiday destination: where you go for a holiday

hordes of tourists: crowds of tourists

out of season: outside of the main holiday period

short break: a short holiday

stunning landscape: extremely beautiful countryside

Part 3-style questions

Examiner: What do you think has led to the growth in the tourist industry?

Miguel: It's much easier and affordable to travel now ... nowadays you can get cheap charter-flights or all-in packages ... to somewhere near or to a far-off destination.

far-off destination: somewhere a long way away

all-in package/package holiday: a holiday where you purchase the travel and accommodation together

charter-flight: a cheaper form of flying than a scheduled flight

Examiner: How do people tend to choose a destination?

Anna: The Internet is a great source of information and high street travel agents are still very popular ... that's where I like to go to get holiday brochures for the place I'm interested in.

holiday brochure: a glossy publication with details of holiday packages

travel agent: a shop that specialises in booking holidays

Examiner: People sometimes say flying is the most glamorous form of travel. Do you agree?

Amy: I'm not so sure really ... flying can be quite boring ... queuing up at the check-in desk ... going through passport control ... sitting for ages in the departure lounge ... then the flight itself can be quite uncomfortable ... no ... I'm not sure I agree.

passport control: the place where your passport is checked

departure lounge: where you wait for your flight to be called

check-in desk: the place at the airport where you register for your flight and deposit your luggage