

Key Topics for IELTS

1. **Hometown / Travel**, home country, national identity, patriotism, homesickness, culture shock, migration, holidays, (domestic / international) tourism, history, language, culture, architecture / built environment, landmarks, sightseeing, industry, famous products / services
2. **Education / Work**, public schools / education, private schools / education, entrance exams, primary schools / education, secondary schools / education, tertiary institutions, business institutes, major subjects, career / employment opportunities, occupations, jobs, part-time work, casual work, full-time work, shift-work, social welfare (benefits)
3. **Free time / Health**, sports, indoor sports, outdoor sports, summer sports, winter sports, competitive sports, social sports, live sports, armchair sports, leisure, music, entertainment, eating out / in, movies, home entertainment centres, videos, karaoke, music, collections, collectors, groups, clubs, games, cards, computer games, board games, friends, gambling, drinking / pubs, TV, gyms, exercise, hobbies, reading, books, magazines, ; diet, healthy food, balanced diet, essential food groups, protein, meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, grains, rice, wheat, bread, pulses, soy beans, relaxation, stress avoidance, meditation, fast food, MacDonald's, KFC, junk food, frozen food, TV dinners, take away food, anorexia, caffeine, tea, coffee, medical conditions, illnesses, sicknesses, cholesterol, obesity, overweight, respiratory problems, depression, stress, work, overtime, overwork, low job satisfaction, low income, basic wage, poverty level, homelessness, unemployment, redundancy
4. **Science / Technology**, computers, the Internet, online, cyber space, e-mail, internet chatting (ICQ), computer games, computer chips, scanning, barcodes, magnetic tape, closed-circuit television (CCTV); mobile phones, electronic products, compact discs (CD's), CD burning, DVD, Mini-Disc (MD's), MP3, television, home cinema; DNA, cloning, stem cell research
5. Environment, energy uses, energy sources, gas, oil, nuclear power, coal, electricity, solar energy, wind, wave, hydroelectricity, (non-) renewable energy sources, pollution, air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution, noise pollution, rubbish, waste, waste disposal, waste minimisation, re-cycling, green, greenhouse gases, global warming, ozone layer, acid rain, Kyoto protocol, conservation, conservationist, wildlife, nature, overpopulation, wars, weather, natural disasters, droughts, floods, earthquakes, the Richter scale, earth tremors, aftershocks, tidal waves, tsunamis, volcanoes, volcanic eruptions, lava flows, landslides, avalanches, sandstorms, dust storms; four (distinct) seasons, summer, autumn, winter, spring, two seasons, the wet season, the dry season, snow, heavy snow, blizzards, snow storms, bitter cold, freezing weather, sub-zero temperatures, storms, thunderstorms, electrical storms, torrential rain, heavy rain, bushfires, fire-fighters, emergency services (SES)