# IELTS Speaking part 2 cue cards

## 1. Say you are ready after your minute to think

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| Describe a person you admire. Say who the person is, how you know them, what they are like, and why you admire them. | Rosa, grandma. Raised me. Strict, funny. Never gives up (grandpa sick, 6 years). Calls on Sundays. |
| Describe a place you like to visit. Say where it is, how often you go, what you do there, and why you like it. | Green Lake, 2 hours. Spring and autumn. Walk, picnic. Silence, clear water. Rain story. |
| Describe a happy event. Say what it was, when it happened, who was there, and why it made you happy. | Sister's wedding, June, 2 years ago. 80 people, cousins from abroad. My speech. Dad's song. Family together. |
| Describe an object you use every day. Say what it is, how long you have had it, what you use it for, and why it is important to you. | Bicycle, gray, 3 years, second-hand. Work and Sunday rides. Cheaper than bus, exercise, freedom. |

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| Ready. | Sorry, could you repeat the last point? |

## 2. Talk about the topic for one to two minutes

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| I'd like to talk about my grandmother, Rosa. | It's a place I go to two or three times a year. | I've had it for three years. |
| What I admire most about her is her patience. | Another reason is that she's very generous. | What I remember most is the music. |
| Something else I should mention is the weather. | Let me think... how can I put it? | It's hard to explain, but I'd say it feels calm. |
| So, to sum up, it's a place I'd go back to. | | |

## 3. Answer the examiner's first question

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| Do you see this person often? | Not as often as I'd like. I live in another city, but I call her every Sunday and I visit at Christmas. |
| Do you take it everywhere? | Almost everywhere. I only leave it at home when it rains a lot. |

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| Not as often as I'd like. | Almost every week. | Not really, only on special days. |

## 4. Answer the examiner's last question

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| Would you recommend this place to a friend? | Yes, definitely, especially to a friend who likes walking. I'd tell them to go in spring, when it's not too crowded. |
| Do you think you will have a day like that again? | I hope so. My brother is getting married next year, so there will be another big family day. |

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| Yes, definitely. | Probably, if I have the time. | I don't think so, because it's too far. |

## Three sample answers to part 2 cards, about a minute and a half each

**A person you admire**

I'd like to talk about my grandmother, Rosa. She lives in a small town near Seville, and I've known her all my life, because she helped to raise me. She's seventy-eight now, but she's very active. She gets up at six, walks to the market and cooks for half the street. She's strict, but she's also very funny. She makes jokes even when things are difficult. What I admire most is that she never gives up. When my grandfather got sick, she looked after him for six years, and she never complained. She worked all her life, and she still found time to teach me to cook and to read. Another reason I admire her is that she's generous. If a neighbor has a problem, she's the first person to help. I don't see her as often as I'd like, because I live in another city, but I call her every Sunday. When I'm older, I'd like to be like her: strong, kind and always ready to laugh.

**A place you like to visit**

I'd like to describe a small lake in the mountains, about two hours from my city. It's called Green Lake, and I go there two or three times a year, usually in spring or early autumn. I usually go with my brother and a couple of friends. We leave early in the morning and take sandwiches. The lake is surrounded by pine trees, and the water is so clear that you can see the stones at the bottom. There's a path around the lake, and it takes about an hour to walk. We usually stop halfway for lunch. What I like about it is the silence. In the city there's always noise, but there you can only hear the birds and the wind. It also helps me relax. After a stressful week, I come back feeling much calmer. I remember a trip last year when it started to rain, and we had to run back to the car. We were completely wet, but we couldn't stop laughing. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants a quiet day away from the city.

**A happy event**

I'd like to talk about a happy event: my sister's wedding two years ago. It took place in the garden of a small hotel near the sea, in June. About eighty people came, mostly family and close friends. Some of my cousins traveled from abroad, and I hadn't seen them for years. On the day, I was nervous because I had to make a short speech. I practiced it for weeks. The ceremony was simple and short, and then we had dinner outside under lights. There was music, and everyone danced until midnight. It made me happy because my sister looked so happy. She had waited a long time to meet the right person. Also, the whole family was together in one place, which doesn't happen often. The funniest moment was when my father forgot the words of a song and the guests helped him finish it. I still look at the photos from that day when I need to feel better.

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