



RATED SAMPLE IELTS INTERVIEW (Audio time: 12 min)

Did you answer all the questions for the practice interview in the previous section? Well done! For comparison, you might now like to listen to Pragnesh practising a full, IELTS interview. Here's what to do:

1. Start the sample interview recording and follow the transcript below. Pause the recording any time you want to compare what Pragnesh says with the suggested 'better responses' alongside the transcript.
2. After you have listened to the interview, read the detailed analysis of his performance, noting the discussion of the four IELTS assessment criteria.
3. For practice, try answering each of the assessor's questions yourself!
4. Later, try some of the many test practice questions/topics (Pages 314-330) and try out one or two of the many idioms (Pages 307-313).
5. It's an excellent idea to record your own responses and to analyse your own spoken English while trying to move it closer to IELTS styles.

Pragnesh Speaking Interview Transcript, Part 1

Speaker	Original Version	A better response would be...
Assessor:	Hello my name is Sally Robinson. Could you tell me your full name, please?	
Pragnesh:	<i>Er hello Sally, my name is Pragnesh...Pragnesh Takka but you can call me Pragnesh, if you like, yeah</i>	<i>Er hello Sally, my name is Pragnesh...Pragnesh Takka but you can call me Pragnesh, if you like</i>
Assessor:	Can I see your identification?	
Pragnesh:	<i>Yeah, sure... here is my passport, and I guess that should serve the purpose</i>	<i><u>Yes, of course...</u> here is my passport, I imagine that should serve the purpose</i>
Assessor:	Thank you. Now in Part 1 of the interview I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself.. Let's talk about where you live, Pragnesh. What kind of apartment or house are you living in at the moment?	
Pragnesh:	<i>Er..I live in er...a three-bedroomed house...at the moment, er... which is single storey...yeah</i>	<i>Er..I live in a three-bedroomed house...at the moment, <u>it has just a single storey</u></i>
Assessor:	And what do you like about your house?	
Pragnesh:	<i>Er well our house is located in one of the close roads so that's er I guess that is the most er beautiful thing I like about that...we don't have much of ...an... a traffic er going through the street... so that is good... er...we have got er a lovely neighbourhood as well...er...in close look we have only eight houses there...very good neighbours.. yeah it's nice place to live in</i>	<i>Er well our house is located in a <u>cul de sac which I suppose is the most attractive thing about it</u>...we don't have much traffic <u>going past the street... which is good</u>...we live in a lovely <u>neighbourhood</u> as well...with only eight houses there... and very good neighbours... yeah <u>it's a really nice place to live in</u></i>
Assessor:	How far is your house from public transport and shops?	

Speaker Original Version

Pragnesh: Well..er..we are just one street away from the public transport..er we can use it..er..as and when needed...er we are a little bit far from the shopping area er but I guess like er it's OK we most of us... most of the time we rely on..er private transport. I have got my own car so er shopping and things are not too bad to go through...so that's quite OK with me at the moment

Assessor: If you could change er one thing in your house, what would it be?

Pragnesh: Er...well...er I'm quite happy at the moment so it's a difficult question for me to answer...er... but I guess...er I might go more er near the shopping area that will help me when ...er... I don't have my own car so I can go easily there ...go walking there...er... I guess that will help me

Assessor: Thank you. Let's go to talk about eating now. What foods do you eat that are really healthy?

Pragnesh: Er...well...er I'm a vegetarian person so er...er main part of er like er quite lot we rely on salads and fruit and er that I guess is..quite a healthier part of my diet...mm

Assessor: Do you eat sweet things very often?

Pragnesh: Oh yes I love my sweets

Assessor: Why?

Pragnesh: er like culturally a part of India where I belong...like...er...er sweet is a core er...component of our food anyway, so er most most of time we have sweet at least once or twice a day... so...er I have grown in that culture and I love my sweets

Assessor: Are you eating healthier food now than you were when you were a child?

Pragnesh: Er..unfortunately not...er...as a kid...er well I was er grown in an environment where my parents...er ...used to er encourage more healthier foods now than what I'm having now I don't have any limitations on that ...and I guess I'm not the right person to choose my foods.

Assessor: I'd like you to talk about your evenings now, Pragnesh. (Yeah) How do you usually spend your evenings?

A better response would be...

Well..we are just one street away from public transport..so we can easily use it as and when needed...we are a little bit far from the shopping centre er but it's generally OK because most of the time we rely on private transport as I have my own car so shopping and things like that are not hard to do...so overall everything is really good at the moment

Er..well..as I said, I'm quite happy at the moment so it's a difficult question for me to answer..but perhaps it might be more convenient.er to be located a little nearer to the shopping area as that would help me whenever I didn't have my car and could easily walk there. I think that would be helpful

Er..well.I'm a vegetarian so the main part of ...so we rely quite a lot on salads and fruit and that I suppose is the healthiest aspect of my diet...mm

Oh yes I love sweet things

er well culturally, in the part of India where I belong sweet things are a core component of our food anyway, so most of the time we eat sweet things at least once or twice a day... and as I grew up in that culture, I love sweet things

Er...unfortunately not as a child...er well I grew up in an environment where my parents...used to encourage me to eat healthy foods but now they are not around so no one is putting any restrictions on my diet ...and I'm probably not the best person to choose my diet.