

Speaking Sample Questions

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History & Museums

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Part One:

- Are there many (or, any) museums in your hometown?
- Do you think museums are useful for visitors to your hometown/country?
- Do you often visit a museum?
- Did you go to any museums when you were a child?
- When was the last time you visited a museum?
- Do you think museums are important?
- Do you think it's suitable for museums to sell things to visitors?
- Do you like (to learn about) history?
- What historical event do you find most interesting?
- Do you think history is important?
- Do you like to watch shows on TV about history?
- Do you think you can really learn history from films and TV shows?
- Do you think the internet is a good place to learn about history?
- Can you name a person from history who you would like to learn more about?
- Why would you like to learn more about him/her?
- What did you think of the history classes you had at school?
- Have you ever read a book/magazine about history?
- Do you like historical movies that tell a true story?
- Do you prefer a big or a small house? Why?
- Do you like to visit museums or art galleries?
- I like museums a lot, but art galleries not so much.
- Do you think people should visit museums more? Why?





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Part Two:

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Describe an important event in history.

You should say:

- when it happened
- what the event was
- what effect you think this event had.

And explain why it is an important event in history.

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Model Answer:

Second World War is an important event in history that has affected almost all of the countries of the world. It is also known as World War II and was a global war. This war lasted from 1939 till 1945 and was the most widespread war in world history. Almost 30 countries were directly involved in this war dividing into two major powers called Allies and Axis. It is estimated that more than 100 million people were involved in this war. This devastating war resulted in 50 million to 85 million fatalities as became the deadliest conflict in human history.

The war started on September first 1939 with the event when Germany invaded Poland. Just after 2 days Britain and France declared war on Germany. There are many political reasons that led the World War II but the most prominent reason was when Hitler invaded Poland, the conflict arose. United States, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, France, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Greece etc. were the main power of the Allies part while Germany, Japan, Italy, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria were the main power for the Axis.

This war involved Europe, Asia, Africa, Russia and most part of the world and because of the war the economy collapsed, industrialization fell, people died in great number, political aspect changed as an effect of the war and lots of nations had to reform their country. First nuclear bomb was used in this war and both parties invented and improved the war weapons. Most of the European countries had to suffer a severe economic crisis as the aftermath of the war, United Kingdom had to abandon many of its colonial countries, new political alliances had to form among nations.

This in my opinion is the largest event in human history that shaped the world. The world today we see could have been different (politically and geographically) if the war would have produced a different result.

No other event in history has affected the world as much as this war did.

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Talk about a historical building in your country or city that you know.
Please say:

- What and where is it?
- When was it built? Why?
- What is it known for?

Describe a museum that you have visited.

You should say:

- when you visited the museum
- describe the museum
- how you felt after going there

And describe your experience of the visit.

Part Three:

- Is it important to conserve old buildings? Why?
- Is the history useful for the coming generations? Why?
- What is the difference between houses built in the past and now?
- What do you think of the future trend of historic places?
- Will government strengthen its protection toward historic places?
- What are the changes brought about by the historic place in local economy, people, etc?
- What is the effect of tourists on the place?



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Part Three Modal answer:

(NOTICE: these samples are just one out of many possible answers)

- **What do you think we can learn by studying events of the past?**

Modal answer:

I think we can learn a lot by studying history. Just as individual people learn from their mistakes, societies can learn from the mistakes made by previous governments or leaders. For example, from what I've read in the newspapers, many economists are looking back to the time of the Great Depression, around 80 years ago, in order to understand the financial crisis that is currently affecting many countries around the world. Even if we don't always learn from mistakes, I think it's fascinating to study history because it gives us an insight into who we are and where we come from.

- **What important events do you think might take place in the future?**

Modal answer:

It's really difficult to predict what will happen in the future; most of the big, historic events of the past would have been impossible to foresee. For example, I don't think that anyone living 100 years ago could have imagined that people would one day walk on the moon! If I had to guess what might happen in the future, I'd like to think that scientists will invent cures for diseases like cancer, and we'll all live longer.



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