



## IELTS SPEAKING LESSON 11-29-2018

**Objective:** The aim of this activity is to boost students' creativity, listening skills, practice understanding of the English idioms and sharpen their skills of being concise.

## Section One Idioms

**Directive:** match the idiom with the correct meaning and provide an example of its usage in a sentence.

IDIOM	MEANING
1. To know someone inside out	A. To want to stay on friendly terms with both sides in a quarrel.
2. Cut loose	B. To remain dependent at an age when they should be independent
3. Get on like a house on fire	C. To be someone who cheats on his / her partner by having a romantic relationship with another person at the same time.
4. Get a raw deal	D. Not allow somebody to become too friendly with you.
5. Think the sun rises and sets on someone	E. To have similar interests and quickly become good friends.
6. Two time somebody	F. To know someone very well.
7. Tied to someone's apron strings	G. To be treated unfairly or badly.
8. Keep at arm's length	H. To stop being influenced or controlled by another person or group.
9. Run with the hare and hunt with the hounds	I. To have the same understanding or think in a similar way with someone
10. On the same page / on the same wavelength	J. To consider someone to be the most wonderful person in the world

## Section Two Speaking Skills

**Directive:** You will be given ONE image with an activity. You should speak about how this activity impacts your life and whether it helps to build healthy relationships. You should justify your point of view and provide some argument for or against the activity.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Students can demonstrate basic proficiency in speaking, using correct vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation.



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



J



## Useful phrases to express opinions

### basic phrases

I think + a sentence using the present tense  
 I believe + a sentence using the present tense  
 It seems to me that + a sentence using the present tense  
 In my opinion + a sentence using the present tense

### intermediate phrases

This is just my opinion, but I think (or believe)...  
 I am not very familiar with this topic, but my first thought on this topic is...

### advanced phrases:

I am convinced that...  
 I feel absolutely certain that ABC is better than XYZ  
 I am quite certain about my opinion regarding LMNOP

### an introductory clause plus one of the basic phrases above:

Some people may disagree with me, but I think...  
 My own preference is to favor EFG, so I believe...

## Justifying Opinions in English

### basic phrases

because...  
 the reason is...  
 the reason I believe that is...  
 the facts suggest...  
 the evidence shows...

### intermediate phrases

The first reason I believe this is...  
 The main reason I feel this way is...  
 There are several reasons I believe this. The first is...

### more advanced English phrases

I don't have any special reason for believing this. It just seems right to me.  
 I could be wrong as I have no special reason for believing this. I just feel this is right.

### When you are certain, try one of these phrases:

There is a lot of evidence to support my point of view. For example...  
 There are many facts in favor of my opinion. One such fact is...



### Previously taught power words:

Transition words	INDICATES
<b>For instance</b>	ILLUSTRATION
<b>While</b>	CONTRAST or OPPOSITION
<b>In other words</b>	RESTATE
<b>To conclude (with)</b>	SUMMARIZE
<b>In (the) light of</b>	CONSIDERING
<b>For the most part</b>	GENERALIZATION
<b>To begin with</b>	SEQUENCE
<b>Likewise</b>	SIMILARITY
<b>Consequently</b>	CONSEQUENCE
<b>In like manner</b>	SIMILARITY or COMPARISON
<b>Nonetheless</b>	CONTRAST or OPPOSITION
<b>That is to say</b>	CLARIFICATION, SIMPLIFICATION, OR EXPLANATION
<b>Thus</b> (formal)	CONSEQUENCE
<b>In brief</b>	SUMMARIZE
<b>Furthermore</b>	ADDITION
<b>Due to</b>	REASON
<b>To demonstrate</b>	ILLUSTRATION
<b>Meanwhile</b>	SEQUENCE
<b>Hence</b>	As a consequence; for this reason. A word used to express result.
<b>By and large</b>	When everything about a situation is considered together.
<b>To say nothing of</b>	To mention an additional thing which gives even more strength to the point you are making.