

IELTS speaking improvement lessons

Speaking part 2 guide for various topics.

Today's topic is:



Describe an experience when you received a call from someone you don't know, in a public place.

You should say:

When - you received this call

Where - you received the call

What - you were doing at the time

What – the call was about

How - you felt about it



How to prepare - here are some notes I made after I decided what I am going to talk about.

Write notes to give you the information you need for speaking.

When – a few months ago, yesterday, last year, some time ago.

Where – in a café, at work, in a mall, on a beach, walking down the street

What - eating, shopping, relaxing, talking, reading...

What – selling, a job offer, a mistake, a wrong number.

How - suspicious, shocked, cautious, wary, happy.

Vocabulary related to receiving calls

cell phone / mobile phone - a device for receiving calls in public.

receive / get / take - verbs we can use for receiving calls.

anonymous - an unknown person.

cold call - a call from someone you don't know trying to sell something.

marketing - the business of trying to sell products.

privacy - the shielding of personal information.

personal information – the information which belongs to a person.

expecting a call - to know that someone is going to call you.

a wrong number – when someone calls the incorrect number.

To hang up – when someone ends a call suddenly.

to get cut off - when the call is disconnected for technical reasons.



Follow along with the topic and try to learn and memorize

A few weeks ago, during my lunch-hour I was sitting in a café having something to eat, when my phone rang. This in itself is nothing unusual, but on this occasion it was not someone I knew as the caller referred to me as 'Sir'. None of my friends or colleagues ever address me in this way.

I asked who the caller was, and she told me she was from a cell phone company and they had offers on new cell phone packages. I asked her what company it was, and was told that it was a different company to mine.

I thanked her and told her that I was not interested, but at the same time I wanted to know how she had my number, which is part of my private information. She refused to answer my question. This made me feel suspicious because I don't like strangers invading my privacy. At this point I hung up.

I then decided to find out how they got my number. I called my cell company who informed me that they use my information for marketing purposes, but would take me off their list if I was not happy about it. I told them to do it immediately. I had mixed feelings afterwards because I understand that companies need people's information to sell things, but shocked by the fact that my cell company had not asked for my permission.



Practice the format, the vocabulary, and use them to fit the topic you are going to talk about, or use this topic.

You do not have to talk about a ‘real experience’, just talk so you can answer the points and use the relevant vocabulary well, to enhance your score.

Good luck, and keep practicing.

Thank you.

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