

# IELTS Speaking

Direct answers

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# Types of direct answer

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1. Yes
2. No
3. It depends
4. No idea

# Yes

## Strong

1. Yes
2. (Yes) I do / Yes, I can
3. (Yes) certainly
4. (Yes) of course

## Less strong

1. (Yes) I think so.
2. (Yes) probably
3. (Yes) maybe
4. (Yes) possibly

# No

## Strong

1. No
2. (No) absolutely not.
3. (No) I don't / (No) I can't.
4. (No) certainly not.
5. (No) not at all.

## Less strong

1. (No) I don't think so.
2. (No) not (very) much.
3. (No) not often.
4. (No) not really.
5. (No) not particularly.

# It depends

## Direct

1. It depends.
2. It varies.
3. Maybe
4. It's difficult to say / generalise.

## Expand

1. Some do, some don't.
2. Sometimes yes, sometimes no.
3. Not all xxx are the same.

# Don't know

## Direct

1. I (**really**) don't know.
2. I'm not sure.
3. I have no idea.
4. It's hard to say.

## Expand

1. I guess... some do, some don't.
2. I imagine... sometimes yes, sometimes no.
3. I suppose...
4. Possibly...
5. (Obviously / of course), not all xxx are the same.

# Part 1

1. Did you have **a bike** when you were young?
2. Do you give **perfume** as a gift?
3. Do you use **coins** in your **daily life**?
4. Are **the roads** in the area where you live busy?
5. Do you like **fishing**?

