

# IELTS Speaking

Part 2: Describe a person who always has strong opinions

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# Part 2 Task X1

Describe a person who always has strong opinions

You should say:

- who this person is
- how you knew him/her
- why you think he/she is an opinionated person

And explain how you feel about him/her

# Answer: topic:

I am going to talk about - Andrew - a good friend of mine now, who I met at university. He is definitely one of the most opinionated people I have ever met.

# Answer: meeting / when

I remember very clearly the first time I met him – it was in a history tutorial - but - to be honest - I don't remember exactly when it was - I am pretty sure I was in my second year – so I think it must have been about 5 years ago now - something like that.

# Answer: conversation (1):

I remember that first class really well - there were about 15 in the group - all new to me - I had never met them before because my major was not history.

And the teacher asked if anyone had already read the course text book, and immediately Andrew said that he had. He said he disagreed with a lot of the writer's ideas and he had read other books that he thought were much better.

## Answer: conversation (2):

During the class he often interrupted, and wanted to talk about his own ideas.

I think we all felt a little bit irritated.

Fortunately, Andrew said that he had to leave early because he had a doctor's appointment - as far as I remember. I think we all felt quite relieved.

# Answer: ending / reflection

Later, I got to know him better and we became good friends. I realised he was actually very interesting - with extremely strong, clear opinions about almost everything. And often quite original I think. He had read so much - he was really impressive. I wish that I had read as much as he had before I went to university. Unfortunately I had not. I think that if I had done, if I had been better prepared - I would have got more out of it and enjoyed it more too.

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Substitution / extension

1. who I met at university
2. who is definitely one of the most intelligent people I know
3. who is one of the most interesting people I know
4. who is exceptionally bright
5. and an excellent cook
6. who is one of the funniest people I know

# Language:

Practice

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# Language:

Practice

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# Language:

## Substitution / extension

1. he is... opinionated people.... met
2. she is... interesting people... met
3. it was... enjoyable trips... had
4. he is... self-confident people... met
5. it was... interesting courses... taken
6. she is... intelligent people... known
7. it was... best presents... been given

