

雅思口语 IELTS Speaking Part 1: Trees

1. Do you like trees?

Yeah, I do. And uh, I don't really think there's anything not to like about them! You know, they look nice, they add more colour to a place, um... so yeah I think trees are great!

2. Are there any important trees in your country?

Important trees?! Um... I'm really not sure to be honest! I mean, there probably are some, yeah, but I'm not aware of any! Um... Actually, hang on a sec – I've just thought of one kind of tree, and that's bamboo, which I'd say is pretty important here in China, first of all, because a lot of stuff's made out of bamboo here, like chopsticks for example, and also because it's closely tied to Chinese culture. For instance, bamboo appears quite a lot in Chinese art. So um, yeah, I'd say bamboo is probably the most important kind of tree here.

hang on a sec = wait a second ("sec" is short for "second")

it's closely tied to – it's connected/related to

3. Is there a forest near your hometown?

Yeah I suppose there is, because there's quite a lot of natural scenery surrounding our city, much of which is covered with trees.

much of which – 其中很多

If no:

No there isn't, at least not that I'm aware of. It's mainly just farmland and small towns and villages around my hometown.

at least not that I'm aware of – 反正我没有注意过

farmland – 农田

4. Where can one find trees in your country?

All over the place! For example in the cities, you can find them in parks, and also a lot of the streets are lined with trees. But I guess to find the most trees, you have to venture out of the urban areas into the countryside, especially the hills and mountains, because these are the places which are still in their natural state, and you'll find that many of the mountainous areas are covered with trees.

All over the place – 到处都有

lined with trees -两旁种着树

venture out – go out (有点意味“着冒险外出”)

in their natural state-自然状态

mountainous areas – 山区

5. Do you think places with trees attract more visitors than places with few trees?

I guess it depends why the visitor is going to a certain place. So for instance, if they're going to enjoy the natural environment and scenery, then yeah, I think having trees will obviously attract more visitors. But if the visitors are going for a different reason, for example to a famous tourist attraction or something, then I think trees aren't really gonna have any impact on the number of visitors. You know, they don't even enter the equation! So it's kind of hard to generalize.

It doesn't enter the equation= *it's not a factor*; 一点也不算因素 (直接翻译为“不入方程”)

it's kind of hard to generalize – 有点难概括

6. Did you ever climb trees when you were a child?

Yeah I did. I had great fun climbing trees when I was little. I really enjoyed it, and I even remember when my mum took me to buy new shoes, I always chose ones with the best grip, because they would be the best for climbing trees in. So yeah, it was something I really enjoyed doing.

Grip - 防滑 ; 抓地力

7. Have you ever planted a tree?

No, I can't say that I have! First of all, I don't think it's that easy to do, cos you've got to find somewhere that sells tree seeds, and then you've got to find a suitable place to plant one. So yeah, it's not something I've ever done before.

(Or: Yeah I have actually....(plus details...))

8. Do you think more people should plant trees?

Yeah, I think more people should. At least in theory it sounds like a good idea, although I don't know how well it would actually work in practice. Cos I mean, you can't just go around planting trees anywhere! You know, there needs to be a certain amount of planning. So it might be better to give this responsibility to just a limited number of people who knew what they were doing.

in theory -理论上

in practice -事实上; 做起来

go around – 到处

9. Do you think trees are important?

Yeah, I'd say they definitely are. I mean, first of all, if I'm not mistaken, they help make the air cleaner. I can't remember the name of the actual process, but they're

basically able to convert CO2 into oxygen, which we all need to breathe. So I think you'd agree that's pretty important! An also, as I mentioned earlier, they add greenery to places and make them look nicer.

if I'm not mistaken – 如果我没错的话,

add greenery – 添加绿化

10. Do you think we need to protect trees?

Yeah, most definitely. You know, if all the news reports are true, trees are being cut down at a pretty alarming rate! So, like, vast areas of rainforests are being destroyed for commercial purposes. And I don't think anyone would argue the fact that if this goes on, it's gonna lead to pretty dire consequences. So yeah, I think it's vital that we protect trees, otherwise the state of our planet's gonna get even worse (than it already is)!

most definitely – 绝对是 (even stronger than “definitely”)

a pretty alarming rate-惊人的速度

vast areas = huge areas

commercial purposes - 商业目的

if this goes on = 如果计息下去的话

dire consequences – bad consequences, 严重后果