

## Describe an Object

In IELTS speaking part 2, you might be asked to describe an object. For example:

Describe something you bought recently.

Describe a gift you gave or received.

Describe something you own which is important to you.

You can prepare one object which you can use for all answers. In these two examples, I've chosen a mobile phone and a watch.

Describe something you have bought recently.

You should say:

what you've bought

where you've bought it from

how much it has cost you

and explain why you've bought it and how you use it.

I'm going to describe my mobile phone. I bought it in a phone shop in the city center. I really needed a new phone and I decided to get a top of the line model. It was pretty expensive, but I always use my phone so I reasoned it was good value.

I use the phone to keep in touch with friends and family, for communication by voice, text and email. It has various features like video, MP3 player, wireless Internet, digital camera and games. It's easy to share photos and music. I use it for almost everything, it even has a calendar that reminds me about appointments.

My phone is an essential part of my life. It holds my contacts, my photos, my music collection. I've got instant access to my favourite websites. It's like having my whole life in my pocket. I couldn't live without it.

Top of the line: used for describing something that is the most expensive in a group of similar products.

Keep in touch: to continue to communicate with someone by using a phone or writing to them.

Features: a noticeable or important characteristic or part.

Appointments: a formal arrangement to meet or visit someone.

Essential: necessary or needed.

Describe the best gift/ present you have ever received.  
You should say:  
what the gift was  
who gave it to you  
when you have received it  
and explain why it is the best gift/ present you have ever received.

The best gift I have ever received is a watch. My father gave it to me on my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. I had a big party and it was a surprise present. I opened the gift in front of everyone and we were all really excited. It is expensive and looks elegant; it has a silver strap and a beautiful clock face. I think it really enhances my appearance.

It is the best gift I have received because it has a lot of sentimental value. My father wants me to keep the watch for the rest of my life. It will be a keepsake to remind me of his support. It is also the most valuable gift I have ever received. And honestly, I enjoy wearing it because it is a status symbol and it impresses people!

Elegant: stylish or attractive in appearance or behaviour.

Suit: to make someone look more attractive.

Enhance: to improve something.

Sentimental (value): related to feelings and memories and not related to how much money something costs.

Keepsake: a present that is given to you by someone so that you will remember that person.

Status symbol: a thing that people want to have because they believe that other people will admire them if they have it.

### Practice Question

Describe something you own which is very important to you.  
You should say:  
where you got it from  
how long you have it  
what you use it for  
and explain why it is so important to you.