

Cue Card

Describe an interesting old person

You should say:

- **Who this person is**
- **How you know this person**
- **What you do or did together**
- **And why you think this person is interesting**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.

an honorary aunt = someone who is not related to you biologically but takes care of you like family
to recall = to remember
as far as I'm aware = as far as I know; as far as I remember
in her late seventies = 77-79
OAP = old age pensioner
a spring chicken = like a young person
young at heart = thinking and behaving as if you are younger than you really are
mentally means related to someone's mind and **physically** means related to someone's body – these words often go together

Prepare for {IELTS}

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fascinating = very interesting

a good raconteur = someone who tells funny or interesting stories

her tales were hilarious = her stories were very funny

entertaining = interesting; enjoyable

oldies (informal) = old people

are not into Italian cuisine = do not like Italian food

to embrace = to fully accept and welcome

to this day = until now

I pop round/around = I visit

senior citizens = old people

to be stuck in their ways = to do the same things and never change

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to post selfies = to put pictures of yourself that you have taken online
(**to post selcas**)

computer-literate = to know how to use a computer well

inspirational = causes you to feel confident about yourself or eager to learn or do something

to slow down = to be less active and relax more

you can't teach an old dog new tricks (idiom) = a person who is old or is used to doing things in a certain way and cannot learn or does not want to learn a new way

nonsense = ridiculous; an idea, something said or written, or behaviour that is silly or stupid

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