

SPEAKING

PART 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Future

- What job would you like to have ten years from now? [Why?]
- How useful will English be for your future? [Why/Why not?]
- How much travelling do you hope to do in the future? [Why/Why not?]
- How do you think your life will change in the future? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a book that you enjoyed reading because you had to think a lot.

You should say:

what this book was

why you decided to read it

what reading this book made you think about

and explain why you enjoyed reading this book.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Children and reading

Example questions:

What are the most popular types of children's books in your country?

What are the benefits of parents reading books to their children?

Should parents always let children choose the books they read?

Electronic books

Example questions:

How popular are electronic books in your country?

What are the advantages of parents reading electronic books (compared to printed books)?

Will electronic books ever completely replace printed books in the future?

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Social media

- Which social media websites do you use?
- How much time do you spend on social media sites? [Why/Why not?]
- What kind of information about yourself have you put on social media? [Why/Why not?]
- Is there anything you don't like about social media? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe something you liked very much which you bought for your home.

You should say:

**what you bought
when and where you bought it
why you chose this particular thing**

and explain why you liked it so much.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Creating a nice home

Example questions:

- Why do some people buy lots of things for their home?
- Do you think it is very expensive to make a home look nice?
- Why don't some people care about how their home looks?

Different types of home

Example questions:

- In what ways is living in a flat/apartment better than living in a house?
- Do you think homes will look different in the future?
- Do you agree that the kinds of homes people prefer change as they get older?

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Neighbours

- How often do you see your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you invite your neighbours to your home? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you think you are a good neighbour? [Why/Why not?]
- Has a neighbour ever helped you? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a very difficult task that you succeeded in doing as part of your work or studies.

You should say:

what task you did

why this task was very difficult

how you worked on this task

and explain how you felt when you had successfully completed this task.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Difficult jobs

Example questions:

What are the most difficult jobs that people do?

Why do you think some people choose to do difficult jobs?

Do you agree or disagree that all jobs are difficult sometimes?

Personal and career success

Example questions:

How important is it for everyone to have a goal in their personal life?

Is it always necessary to work hard in order to achieve career success?

Do you think that successful people are always happy people?

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Your neighbourhood

- Do you like the neighbourhood you live in? [Why/Why not?]
- What do you do in your neighbourhood in your free time? [Why/Why not?]
- What new things would you like to have in your neighbourhood? [Why/Why not?]
- Would you like to live in another neighbourhood in your town or city? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a website you have bought something from.

You should say:

what the website is

what you bought from this website

how satisfied you were with what you bought

and explain what you liked and disliked about using this website.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Shopping online

Example questions:

What kinds of things do people in your country often buy from online shops?

Why has online shopping become so popular in many countries?

What are some possible disadvantages of buying things from online shops?

Online retail businesses

Example questions:

Do you agree that the prices of all goods should be lower on internet shopping sites than in shops?

Will large shopping malls continue to be popular, despite the growth of internet shopping?

Do you think that some businesses (e.g. banks and travel agents) will only operate online in the future?