

SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS



TEST 8



Part 2

Describing a photo: Spending time with friends / Having fun as a family

Useful vocabulary

close friend	hardly know
best friend	met once or twice
someone I know	spend all our time together
schoolmate	meet up when we can
classmate	quality time together
neighbour	generation gap
know very well	

main family: a family unit that has father, mother and children

also: step or half brother/sister/mother/father

extended family: uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents
adopted, foster family, only child, single parent family, single,
engaged, married, divorced, widow, widower

1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like

Photo 1A

Two teenage boys, about 16 years old

Boy on the left: short, dark, curly hair; brown eyes, pale complexion/skin, wearing blue, white and grey striped T-shirt

Boy on the right: short, blond wavy hair, blue eyes, pale complexion/skin, nice teeth/smile, wearing dark T-shirt, can't see much of his body

Photo 1B

Family photo, mother, father and two daughters doing something together

Father and mother about 30, late twenties, children about 6 and 2 years old.

Father: short, brown, wavy hair, pale complexion/skin, wearing a grey and white striped T-shirt

Mother: long, dark hair, held back behind her head away from her face, ponytail, wearing make-up, red lipstick, nice teeth/smile, wearing a blue blouse

Girl on the left: very long, straight, fair hair, wearing blue and white flowery dress and rabbit ears on her head

Younger daughter: not much more than a baby, very short brown hair, wearing purple dress and rabbit ears on her head

2 Talking about a place / things you can see

Photo 1A

background behind them not in focus but looks like a living room, maybe one of their houses, can see a sofa, window behind them

Photo 1B

probably at home, might be Easter as they are painting eggs different colours and there is a toy rabbit on the table, coloured eggs and paints on table

3 Other

Describe what the person is/people are doing and why you think this. Describe how they feel.

Photo 1A

boys seem happy, excited and very involved in what they are looking at on the computer screen, could be watching a film/video, playing a game, listening to music, chatting to a friend online

Photo 1B

father holding egg for older girl, mother holding young girl on her lap and holding green and white spotted egg, having a lovely family time together, all really happy and involved in what they are doing

Useful phrases/expressions

Judging by the clothes they are wearing / the expressions on their face / the way they are looking at ... I would say that ...
It's hard to say but it seems to me that....

It's obvious/clear that

Apart from that ...

From what I can see ...

I get the impression that ...

Part 3

Vocabulary for celebrating a special occasion

disco	meal out in a restaurant
cinema (romantic film)	music festival
day on the beach	see a comedian
funfair/theme park	

Useful Phrases and Expressions

Expressing a preference

..... would be more appealing to teens than

I thinkis a better suggestion than

I'd go for because

Asking about preference

What do you say?

Wouldn't you say that

Which appeals to you most?

Do you like the sound of more than

Discussing each idea

disco: Yes: have fun dancing, listening to music, DJ have a drink, meet new people
No: no chance to have a chat, music too loud, sometimes expensive, not everyone likes disco music

cinema (romantic film): Yes: can do whatever the weather, not too expensive
No: no chance to talk to each other, not everyone likes romantic music, can always go to the cinema so not special, only for a couple of hours

day on the beach: Yes: can do lots of different things, play games, swim, have a picnic/bbq, chat, get a suntan, relax with friends, cheap to do
No: problem if weather not good, some people not keen on swimming or sunbathing, might need transport to get there and back

funfair/theme park: Yes: lots of different rides to go on, things to see and do, buy some fast food and drinks, chat with friends, exciting, the thrill of the rides

No: expensive to pay for rides, only go on a few, some people scared of them, too crowded, food not very good quality

meal out in a restaurant:

Yes: have a special meal, good food, excellent service, nice environment, classy, dress up for the evening

No: too expensive, can be too noisy, too grown-up looking restaurant, sort of place you go with parents for special occasion rather than teenage friends

music festival:

Yes: lots of different bands/singers so something for everyone, dancing, singing, drinking and eating, outside in open/fresh air, music creates an atmosphere, lighting, special effects

No: expensive, need good weather, too noisy to talk with friends, overcrowded

see a comedian:

Yes: have a laugh, be entertained, do something different/unusual, talented comedian, laugh until we cry, enjoy the atmosphere, be in the audience

No: might be expensive to get in, more adult entertainment maybe so not appropriate for teenagers, no chance to have a chat with friends

Saying which you think is the best idea for celebrating a special occasion with friends.

*In my opinion / I think is the best because ...
... is by far the best, as*

When you need more time to think about what to say use:

"Well, ..." "Let me think ..." "I see ..." to gain time.

Part 4

It is important to give reasons for your answers and not just say 'yes' or 'no' or give one-word answers here.

Questions**Do you like celebrating special occasions? (Why?)**

Yes: chance to do something different, have fun with family and friends, show someone you care about them, bake a cake, eat lovely/tasty food, throw a party for someone, keep (family) traditions alive

No: usually costs money, takes lots of planning/organising, not a party person, prefer peace and quiet, shy, unsociable

Who do you like to celebrate special occasions with? (Why?)

Family: get together with relatives, extended family, quality family time, parents pay for everything, generations get together, eat and drink lots, have a feast

Friends: do something fun, be with people that you have something in common with, play silly games, have a party with loud music and dancing

What food do you like to eat when you celebrate?

buffet: sandwiches, salads, snacks, cakes and sweets

finger food: easy, quick, convenient, cheap, casual

expensive meal out in a restaurant: waiter, excellent table service, leave a big tip, three-course meal, starter, mains, dessert, fish/seafood, steak, Chinese/Indian/Greek/Japanese etc restaurant, dress up in your best clothes, formal clothes

Which occasion is the most important to you? (Why?)

Birthday: lots of presents, have a party, birthday cards, catch up with friends and family, feel special for the day, be spoiled by everyone

Weddings: everyone celebrating, the happy couple, reception, lots of tasty/delicious food, dancing and music, speeches, see all the family

Christmas/Easter/Halloween: traditional celebrations, costumes, special food, keeping traditions alive

How do you usually celebrate your birthday?

Receive presents and cards, friends and relatives phone or visit. Go out for a meal, go to the cinema, have a party, go for drinks in the evening, talk to family and friends on social media who live far away. Go out for a day trip.

Not interested in birthdays, carry on as normal, not a special day, don't know what all the fuss is about.