

PART 3 : SIMULATED SITUATION (2-3 minutes)

In PART 3 you have to: Talk about a situation which is illustrated on a sheet of paper. Make suggestions and discuss alternatives.

SOME USEFUL LANGUAGE

HOW TO :

ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS	
• What <i>shall</i> we <i>do</i> tonight?	• Where <i>shall</i> we <i>go</i> tonight?
MAKE SUGGESTIONS	
• <i>How about</i> going to the cinema?	• We <i>could</i> stay in and watch a video.
• <i>Why don't</i> we have a meal in that new restaurant?	• <i>Let's</i> invite some friends round for dinner.
RESPOND TO SUGGESTIONS	
• Yeah, that's a great idea.	• Yes, OK
• Yes, that sounds good.	• All right, I agree.
• Well, I think <i>I'd prefer to go</i> to a disco.	
DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES	
• Which do you think is <i>best</i> ?	• I think this is <i>more useful</i> because ...
• Yes, that's possible.	• <i>It would be better to go</i> to the cinema because
• <i>It's difficult to decide but</i>	
ASK FOR OPINIONS	
• <i>What do you think about</i> that?	• <i>How do you feel about</i> that?
• <i>Do you agree?</i>	
GIVE YOUR OPINION	
• <i>I think/I don't think</i> that's a good idea because...	• <i>In my opinion</i> it would be better to stay in a hotel because
• <i>Personally</i> , I think that's a terrible idea because ...	
AGREE AND DISAGREE	
• That's what I think too	• Yes, you're right.
• I agree.	• Well, that's true but
• I'm not sure I agree with you.	• I'm sorry but I don't agree with you.
EXPRESS PREFERENCES	
• <i>I'd rather go</i> to a campsite	• <i>I'd prefer to go</i> to a hotel
• <i>I'd like to stay</i> in a youth hostel	

REMEMBER!

- Listen carefully to the examiner's instructions and focus on the picture in the middle, which gives the key to the situation
- Use the pictures round the outside as **ideas** for your discussion. Don't describe them
- Think about the type of situation – is it directly about **you** or a **third person**? If it's about a third person, use **he** or **she** *consistently*
- Start the discussion **immediately**, **DON'T** waste time by giving the background to the situation
- Give reasons for your opinions/ideas
- Make sure you give your partner an opportunity to participate equally in the discussion. Don't dominate

PART 4 : DISCUSSION (3 minutes)

In **PART 4** you have to: Talk with the other candidate about a topic related to part 3. You give your opinion about something and explain what you prefer.

SOME USEFUL LANGUAGE

HOW TO:

TALK ABOUT PERSONAL LIKES /DISLIKES

- I love/quite like/really enjoy/don't like/hate camping because ...
- I find (don't find) visiting museums quite boring/exciting/expensive/relaxing ...
- I'm (I'm not) very interested in / quite keen on sport

ASK FOR OPINIONS

- What do you think of Italian TV?
- What's your opinion?
- How do you feel about going on a cruise?

EXPRESS PREFERENCES

- I'd (wouldn't) like to live in a big house because ...
- I'd rather/prefer to live in the country because ...

REMEMBER!

- Listen carefully to the instructions given by the examiner. Usually there are two things to talk about. Remember to talk about **both** of them with the other candidate and give reasons and examples for your opinions
- **Often** the instructions from the examiner will use the verb *like*. Listen carefully to decide if you should use **would like + to + infinitive** OR **like + the gerund** in your answers
- Respond to what the other candidate says (show that you are listening and interested, ask follow-up questions) and then give your own answer