

FCE - Speaking Part

Part 1 Talking about general topics (3 minutes)

- What do people do in their free time where you live?
- Why do you think it is important to have free time?
- Is your weekend usually relaxing or busy?
- Do you enjoy being on your own? Why? What activities do you do?

Part 2 Monologue (4 minutes)

TRAVEL

How has road travel changed over the years?



Candidate A: Compare the photographs and say how road travel has changed over the years. (1 minute)

Candidate B: Which of these means of transport do you think has the most advantages? (20 seconds)

Useful language

Referring to the past and the present

- In the past people used to (*travel by horse-drawn carriage*), whereas now ...
- In old times (*there were few accidents on the roads*), but today ...

Contrasting ideas

- On the one hand, (*cars are more costly to run*). On the other hand, ...
- However, ...
- The main difference seems to be ...
- Another striking contrast is that ...

Part 3 Decision making (pairwork) (3 minutes)

Your cousin Jane is celebrating her eighteenth birthday and you want to buy her a present so that she will remember the occasion. She prefers indoor to outdoor activities and is always interested in trying out new hobbies and pastimes. Here are some ideas for presents.

- What things might or might not make suitable presents?
- Which two things do you think would make the best presents?



Useful language

Making suggestions/Giving reasons

- Perhaps/Maybe we could (*get her a puppy*) since ...
- Why don't we (*buy her a camera*)? That would mean ...
- I think we should (*opt for chocolates*) as ...
- I (*don't*) think (*perfume*) would be a good idea because ...
- The best choice would be Then she could ...

Accepting suggestions

- That's not a bad idea.
- Yes, let's do that.
- Yes, I suppose we could do that.
- That would be perfect.

Rejecting suggestions

- I don't think so. It might not ...
- It's a nice idea, but ...
- Oh, it's far too (*expensive*). How about (*buying some CDs*) instead?
- I think (*trainers*) would be a bad choice because ...

Part 4 **Discussing in pairs** (4 minutes)

- What do you enjoy about giving presents?
- What's the best present you've ever received?
- What things do you keep in mind when buying a gift for someone?
- Should giving presents only be limited to special occasions?
- Do presents have to cost a lot to be appreciated?

