

SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS

TEST 6



Part 2

Describing a photo: Staying indoors / Doing an activity

1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like

Photo 1A

Woman: alone / by herself

Woman: quite attractive, young to middle-aged, shoulder-length, wavy, dark brown hair**Clothes:** smart, casual, long, red dress with white spots, blouse with white collar under dress

Photo 1B

A man and a woman

Man: about 30 years old, short, straight, dark hair, sunglasses**Clothes:** casual, dark, blue jacket, blue jeans**Woman:** about 30 years old, quite curly, dark brown hair**Clothes:** casual, light yellow jumper/sweater made from wool, blue jeans

2 Talking about a place/things you can see

Photo 1A

In someone's home, cosy sitting room, sofa with brown and white pattern, white cushion on sofa, wooden table, apples in dark, wooden bowl on table, real or realistic-looking fire in background.

Photo 1B

Outdoors, maybe a park with lots of trees, grass, several paths crossing park, possibly early spring as some trees don't have any leaves and man and woman not wearing coats, hats/ winter clothes, large building in background, maybe university, as man and woman could be older students.

3 Other

Describe what the person/people are doing.

Why do you think they are doing this?

Photo 1A

Woman reading a book, relaxing at home. Quite well-dressed, smart, casual clothes, maybe just finished work or waiting for someone / about to go out.

Photo 1B

Man and woman cycling along path, through park. Maybe just finished studying for the day at university, or friends exercising, trying to get fit or relax after work / at the weekend, probably haven't just finished work as both wearing casual clothes.

Part 3

Vocabulary for camping

tent	tins of food
sleeping bag	mobile phone
raincoat	a light
map	

Making a suggestion

Do you think we should bring ...? (item)

What do you think about bringing ...? (item)

I think it would be a good idea to bring ... (item)

Saying why an item is a good idea

Tent: protects you/equipment from rain, keeps you warm**Sleeping bag:** cosy, keeps you warm, helps you to sleep**Raincoat:** protects you from bad weather, stops you getting cold/wet**Map:** helps you to find your way when you are lost**Tins of food:** need to eat, good to have food reserve, if far from shops**Smart phone:** for contacting friends/family, also necessary to contact people if emergency, doing internet searches to find interesting places, camping sites, also for entertainment, playing games/watching films**A light:** to see at night, help you find your way

Saying why an item is not a good idea

Tent: difficult/heavy to carry, keep dry, doesn't protect you from really bad weather/cold**Sleeping bag:** difficult to keep dry/clean, heavy to carry**Raincoat:** extra item to carry, doesn't protect from cold, only rain**Map:** better to use internet on mobile to find route/camping sites etc, map can get wet/destroyed by rain**Tins of food:** not healthy, fresh food better, you can buy food in stores if near town, also tins heavy to carry, need equipment to heat food, need something to open tins**Mobile phone:** runs out of battery quickly, nowhere to charge phone if in countryside, screen can break easily if dropped, so useless**A light:** needs batteries, if batteries run out, it is useless

Making suggestions

I think they should bring ... (items)

In my opinion, the following items are important ... (items)

Saying which you think that the best idea is

In my opinion, it would be best to bring (a) ... as ..., most important thing when camping, other items not as necessary.

Asking if someone agrees

Do you think (a) ... is the best idea?

Do you agree that (a) ... is more important than anything else?



Part 4 Questions

Do you like camping? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes: good to be outdoors, in fresh air, feel closer to nature, fun/challenging not staying in traditional accommodation e.g. hotels/hostels, can choose where to sleep not just on camping sites.

No: uncomfortable, difficult to sleep, tent doesn't protect you enough from rain/cold, can't always put tent where you want, have to share camping site with other people, sometimes camping site not in good location, far from shops, better to pay for hotel than camping site and use all facilities available e.g. private bath/shower.

Is camping a good idea for everyone? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes: need to learn how to live without all modern comforts, makes you more independent, understand value of what you have at home.

No: not suitable for very young children/elderly, some people want to relax on holiday, camping not comfortable, difficult to sleep, tent doesn't protect you from cold, some people prefer to have access to facilities e.g. pool, bar, restaurant that only hotel can provide.

Have you ever been on holiday without your parents?

Yes: with friends/organised school trip. We went to ... (place) by ... (coach/car/train/bus). It was last week/month/year, in ... (year). I really enjoyed/didn't enjoy it because the weather was good/bad, there was lots / wasn't a lot to do and see, I had/didn't have very good company.

No: too young to travel alone / prefer to travel with parents / can't afford to travel alone. In the future hope to travel alone/with friends to ... place (s).

What type of holiday do you usually go on?

Holiday organised by travel agent: because more relaxing, parents pay for it, prefer to stay in hotels

Sightseeing holiday: organised by travel agent/travel alone, can see lots of new places in short time, more interested in learning about new places than relaxing by hotel pool

Camping holiday: cheap, can afford to have a longer holiday, more fun being outdoors, can stay where you want/on camping site, meet new people

Adventure holiday: meet lots of new people, challenging activities, spend lots of time outdoors, can be independent, learn new skills

What is the worst thing about camping?

Bad weather: staying in a tent can be cold and miserable if cold, windy and raining

Staying on a campsite: have to share facilities e.g. shower on campsite, may have noisy neighbours

Far from shops: places of interest, not interesting for a young person

TEST 7



Part 2

Describing a photo: Having a pet / Going on a school trip

1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like

Photo 1A

Woman playing with two dogs

Woman: middle-aged, smiling, fair hair, quite tall and attractive

Clothes: winter clothes, white, wool hat, black coat with collar that looks like fur but may not be real, coat tied with black belt, pink scarf, black gloves, possibly leather, black boots

Dogs: light brown/black, look very friendly, standing on back legs, may be pets, some other dogs in background

Photo 1B

Several people looking at sharks

Boy: back facing camera, quite slim, short, obviously quite young, short, straight, fair hair

Clothes: casual, light cotton T-shirt, white

Young man: back facing camera, short, quite curly, dark brown hair

Clothes: black T-shirt

2 Talking about a place/things you can see

Photo 1A: Outdoors, winter snow on ground, possibly in large garden, probably at dogs' home, as several dogs in picture, large wooden building inside bigger, big metal frame in the background.

Photo 1B: Indoors, possibly zoo, sharks swimming behind glass, large area of water with green plants growing in it.

3 Other

Describe what the person/people are doing. Why you think they are doing this.

Photo 1A

Woman may be visiting dogs' home, as several dogs in photo or, she owns a dogs' home. Dogs could also be her pets, very friendly, playing with her. Could be with a friend, as the woman is smiling at camera for photo.

Photo 1B

Everyone looking at sharks, boy taking photos, probably on trip to zoo.

Part 3

Vocabulary for presents

shoes	cake
skirt	ring
watch	bag
purse	

Making a suggestion

Why don't they buy her a/-/...? (item)

I think they should buy her a/-/... (item)

In my opinion, it would be a good idea to buy her a/-/... (item)

Saying why something would be good for a present

Shoes: most women love shoes, can go with a dress/skirt, make a dress/skirt look better/more stylish

Skirt: useful, can go with different tops/blouses, can be made to look more casual/smart depending on what top/jewellery/shoes you wear with it

Watch: useful, better than mobile to tell time as mobile phone can run out of battery, stylish/fashionable

Purse: useful for keeping money safe, cheap to buy, easy to find lots of different designs to choose from

Cake: not expensive, easy to make/buy, can share it with friends

Ring: fashionable, stylish, most women like rings, can go with many different types of clothes

Bag: useful for shopping/going out not too expensive

Saying why an item is not a good idea

Shoes: need to try them on in shop to make sure they fit, so present won't be surprise, so many different styles, difficult to find one that someone will like

Skirt: may not be correct size, someone's taste or may not go with other clothes someone has

Watch: good watch is expensive, many people prefer to use mobile phones to know time

Purse: everyone has one, not many people have/want more than one.

Cake: not suitable if someone is on a diet/trying to lose weight, many women avoid eating things that put on weight, you can't keep a cake once you've eaten it, you have nothing left of your present

Ring: cheap rings don't look good, a nice ring is usually expensive

Bag: most women have several already

Making suggestions

I think a/-/... (item) would be a good idea.

In my opinion, a/-/... (item) is a suitable present.

Saying which you think is the best idea

I think a cake would be the best idea, as not expensive, you can share it, take photos of cake to remember it, everyone can help make/decorate it so present has more value for person who receives it.

Asking if someone agrees

What do you think about giving a cake as a present?

Do you think giving a cake is a good idea?

Part 4

Questions

Which family member are you closest to?

I'm closest to my mum/dad/brother/sister/aunt/uncle/grand-mother/grandfather because we share same interests/hobbies, he/she takes care of me, is good company / fun to be with, always listens to me when I have a problem.

Do you ever fight with your family? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes: sometimes when we disagree about time I spend on computer/playing computer games/on my mobile, when I come home late, when we want to watch different TV programmes, when I find excuses not to do homework/housework

No: I respect older people/the older generation so listen to my parents, not worth arguing with brother(s)/sister(s), usually avoid arguments, I'm also very relaxed about things

Do mothers always know what is best for their kids?

Yes: older, more responsible, have more experience, want their kids to do well in life, so always choose what is best for them

No: different generation, so they don't understand younger generation, what makes them happy, kids know what they want more than someone else

Should mothers stay at home and look after the kids?

Yes: kids want to come home to their mothers after school, not enter an empty house, working mothers don't have time to look after their children, listen to their problems, cook them healthy meals, help with their homework

No: mothers should work if they want, working mothers earn more money can help their kids more, buy them what they need/want, give them a good life, mothers who don't work are unhappy, not satisfied with their lives, especially if they are qualified and have certain skills

What do you think is the hardest thing about being a parent?

never have free time, kids always need you, even when they are adults, when your kids are unhappy, you suffer too, kids often don't value their parents even when their parents love them/are doing their best for them