



INTRODUCTION: COLLABORATIVE SPEAKING TASK



This is a collaborative speaking task where two people discuss a question together using prompts given by a teacher or moderator.

Key skills during this task are:

- *Expressing opinions*
- *Agreeing and disagreeing politely*
- *Asking for and giving reasons*
- *Interacting naturally and keeping the conversation going*




You are going to listen to two speakers discussing about this topic and solving the main instruction. How well did they complete the CST?

Answer:

- What arguments do the candidates put forward for and against martial arts?
- Which two activities do they suggest would be most popular with students?

Listen to these speakers and pay attention to the connectors. How are they pronounced?

Which words can you recognize that are pronounced with the schwa sound?



Remember we use the /ə/ (schwa sound) for lexical words. For example connectors like: **but** and **and**. For prepositions like: **to** and **of** and other words that connect speech.