

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS – UNIT 3 – SPEAKING SECTION

1. Read each question carefully. Mark 'Yes' if it is suitable for Part 1 of the Cambridge exam, or 'No' if it is not.

- a. Where do you come from?
- b. Do you like to do the same things every weekend, or something different? Why?
- c. How would you solve climate change in your country?
- d. Describe your favorite book in detail and explain why it is meaningful.
- e. Do you go on holiday abroad every year?
- f. Compare and contrast city life with country life.
- g. What would your ideal holiday be?
- h. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of online learning.
- i. Who was the biggest influence on you when you were a child?
- j. If you could change one law in your country, what would it be and why?
- k. Is there a festival or celebration you particularly enjoy?
- l. Evaluate the role of social media in shaping public opinion.
- m. Do you ever switch off your mobile phone?

2. Match the phrasal verb to its meaning. Then, read the answers to the Part 1 questions of the Cambridge exam and choose the correct phrasal verb.

EXERCISE 1

1) sign up for	a) start, begin
2) fond of	b) enroll in, register for
3) take up	c) talk to
4) keen on	d) like, enjoy
5) chat with	e) interested in

1) **What new activities would you like to try this year?**

I'd like to _____ studying English more seriously because I want to travel abroad.

2) **Is there a course or class you'd like to join in the future?**

Yes, I'd really like to _____ a course in photography.

3) **What hobbies are you especially interested in?**

I'm really _____ playing football with my friends every weekend.

4) **What things did you enjoy when you were a child?**

I've always been very _____ drawing and painting since I was young.

5) **How do you usually keep in touch with your friends?**

I often _____ my classmates on social media in the evenings.

EXERCISE 2

1) check out	a) starting point
2) set off to	b) get together with
3) take up	c) visit, explore
4) meet up with	d) start an activity
5) head off to	e) go to, leave for

1) How often do you see your close friends?

I usually _____ my best friend on Saturday afternoons.

2) Is there a city you'd really like to visit one day?

Yes, I'd love to _____ London because it looks so exciting.

3) Can you tell me about a trip you enjoyed recently?

Last month, we _____ Cuenca early in the morning and had a wonderful time.

4) What do you usually do on hot summer days?

We usually _____ the beach to relax and swim.

5) Do you think it's important to learn something new?

Definitely. I have just _____ karate because it helps me stay healthy and focused.

EXERCISE 3

1) bring out	a) admire
2) get along with	b) make visible
3) hang up with	c) become an adult
4) look up to	d) have a good relationship with
5) grow up	e) spend time with

1) Where do you come from?

I _____ in a small town in the mountains, and I really love it there.

2) Do you have many brothers or sisters?

Yes, I have a brother, and I really _____ him.

3) Who is your best friend?

My best friend is someone I really _____ because she always helps me.

4) What do you like doing in your free time?

Answer: In my free time, I usually _____ my friends at the park or in a café.

5) Is there a film you've particularly enjoyed seeing recently?

Yes, I watched a comedy last week, and it really _____ my sense of humor.

EXERCISE 4

1) put up with	a) take care of
2) grow apart	b) become familiar with
3) look after	c) become less close
4) get to know	d) resemble
5) take after	e) tolerate

1) What do you most enjoy about learning English?

For me, English has really helped me _____ new people from other countries.

2) Do you have many friends from childhood?

I used to, but over time we _____ because we moved to different places.

3) Who was the biggest influence on you when you were a child?

Probably my father. People say I really _____ him in the way I speak.

4) Do you usually help your family at home?

Yes, I often _____ my little sister when my parents are busy.

5) How important is it to have friends who share the same interests as you?

I think it's important, but sometimes you have to _____ differences too.

EXERCISE 5

1) take care of	a) give an impression of
2) come across as	b) pay attention to
3) bring up in a place	c) introduce a topic
4) look out for	d) be raised, grow up
5) bring up ideas	e) look after

1) Do you work or are you a student?

I'm a student, but my teachers always tell us to _____ new opportunities to learn.

2) How important to you is it to have a healthy lifestyle?

I think it's very important to _____ what you eat and to exercise regularly.

3) What do you hope to be doing in ten years' time?

I'd like to have a job where I don't _____ too serious, but as friendly and helpful.

4) Where did you spend your childhood?

I was in a small town near the coast, and I really enjoyed it.

5) Is there a topic you find interesting to discuss with your friends?

Yes, I like to discuss new ideas about technology and social media when we chat.

EXERCISE 6

1) chill out	a) absorb, comprehend
2) take in	b) organize, establish
3) set up	c) relax, unwind
4) get away to	d) adorn, put on elegant clothes
5) dress up	e) escape to, travel to

1) What would your ideal holiday be?

I'd like to _____ the mountains for a week and just _____ with a good book.

2) What do you hope to be doing in ten years' time?

I'd love to join a language school and carry on travelling to different countries.

3) Is there a festival or celebration you particularly enjoy?

I really like Carnival because everyone can dress up in colourful clothes and take part in the street parades.

4) Is there a film you've particularly enjoyed seeing recently?

I watched a documentary last week and really _____ all the information—it made me think about the environment.

EXERCISE 7

1) look forward to	a) exercise, solve*
2) cut down on	b) accept, assume
3) take on	c) have a good relationship
4) bring up	d) reduce
5) work out	e) expect with pleasure
6) get on with	f) mention
7) join in	g) take part, participate

1) How important to you is it to have a healthy lifestyle?

I try to _____ sugary drinks, and I usually _____ at the gym twice a week.

2) What do you most enjoy about learning English?

I always _____ speaking practice because it helps me _____ people from other cultures.

3) How important is it to have friends who share the same interests as you?

I often hang out with my classmates after school, and we _____ different clubs together.

4) Who was the biggest influence on you when you were a child?

A family friend often _____ my interest in drawing, and thanks to her I decided to _____ a big art project at school.