

SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR SPEAKING TEST 1

Part 1: Social Interaction (3')

Let's talk about walking.

- Do you like walking? When and where do you walk?

When?	every morning; at the weekend; in one's free time
Where?	in the park; in one's neighborhood; in the countryside along the beach

- Do you think walking is important?

Walking is useful.	a good way to relax/ reduce stress/ improve blood circulation/ keep fit/ stay healthy
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- Do you think walking in the countryside is better than walking in the city?

Walking in the countryside	lots of fresh air and green areas; no traffic; safe walking; enjoyable experience; good places for walkers
Walking in the city	regular and convenient walking; easy friend-making; nice short walks; beautiful parks for walkers

Let's talk about your eating habits.

- Do you often eat healthy food?
- What do you usually eat at school/ at work?
- What is the unhealthiest food you can think of?

Healthy eating habit	- eating lots of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains - regularly having good protein from fish, milk, and eggs - having little red meat, sugar, and fat - staying away from junk foods
Unhealthy eating habit	- having unbalanced diet - overconsuming red meat, sugar, and fat - not eating much fruits or vegetables

Part 2: Solution Discussion (4')

Situation: You are choosing a birthday gift for your friend. There are three suggestions: a book, a music show ticket, and a shopping coupon. Which do you think is the best choice?

A book	an affordable gift; a good memory; high availability; many choices
A music show ticket	a special gift; enjoyment of watching live music performance and seeing one's idols
A shopping coupon	a nice gift for female friends; high convenience; own choices

Part 3: Topic Development (5')

Topic: Cheap air travel should be promoted.

Cheap air travel

Offering a flexible travelling mode	enjoying deep discounts on undersold flights/ best fares on different dates/ good deals on early booking/ different charges for different travel plans
Reducing travelling costs	opting for limited comforts to save budget; saving up to 70% of costs with flexible travel time and destinations
Creating business opportunities	being time-efficient and cost-efficient for business deals; expanding local and international markets; easily seeking business partners

More ideas for cheap air travel	- promoting cultural exchange: international flights bridging cultural gaps and increasing value exchange
	- boosting world travel: low-budget flights reducing distance and minimizing cost-related problems on travel
	- developing economy: tourist services creating jobs / increasing employment; business yielding profit

– *Do you think that governments should encourage cheap flights?*

Encouraging cheap flights	improving remote areas; increasing employment; facilitating goods transport; developing economy
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– *Are there any problems with low-cost air travel?*

Problems with low-cost air travels	extra costs for baggage and on-flight meals; small seats and limited legroom; basic customer service; low safety; non-refundability
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- *Cheap air tickets should be offered on domestic flights or international flights?*

Cheap domestic flights	encouraging family visits/ increasing local trade; developing tourism; offering flexible transport modes
International flights	promoting world travel; increasing international trade; developing transnational cooperation

SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR SPEAKING TEST 2

Part 1: Social Interaction (3')

Let's talk about weather.

- *What kind of weather do you like?*

Favorite weather	Hot/ cold/ cool/ warm/ wet/ dry/ nice/ beautiful weather
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- *Does weather affect your mood/ feeling?*

Weather affects people' moods/ feelings.	- Sunny weather/ clear days keep people happy and excited. - Wet/ cold/ grey days may make people sad/ bored/ depressed.
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- *What do you usually do in hot/ cold weather?*

Hot weather	Going out with friends; going for a picnic; joining outdoor activities; going camping; playing sports; swimming; cycling
Cold weather	Listening to music; reading books; playing computer games; playing indoor sports; watching television; surfing the Internet

Let's talk about your favorite childhood game.

- *What game(s) did you enjoy playing when you were a child?*
- *Who did you play with?*
- *Did you need any skills to play the game?*

Fun childhood games	- Playing football; playing with toy cars; playing with a doll; playing Tree-House; playing Hide and Seek; skipping ropes;
Players	Playing with kids next door/ classmates/ with sisters or brothers/ parents
Skills needed	Turn-taking; competing; cooperating; working in teams; conflict-solving; concentrating

Part 2: Solution Discussion (4')

Situation: You are planning your holiday. There are three suggestions: a beach holiday, a climbing holiday, and a sight-seeing holiday. Which do you think is the best choice for you?

A beach holiday	Relaxing/ sunbathing on the beach; swimming in the sea; playing water sports; building sandcastles
A climbing holiday	Climbing a mountain/ a rock; hanging at the mountain sides; camping on the top; discovering caves
A sight-seeing holiday	Visiting famous tourist attractions; appreciate the nature and the wildlife; trying local foods; discovering new cultures

Part 3: Topic Development (5')

Topic: Music should be taught in schools.

Music education

Relaxing	Music at school can help fight stress and entertain students; Soothing music helps students relax and keep calm.
Memory-improving	Music learners usually perform with memory; The skill of memorization can help students study well.
Helping with language and reasoning	Early musical training improves part of the brain which functions for language and reasoning; Information can be imprinted on young minds with music and songs

More ideas for music education at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students of music can develop imagination and creativity. - Students of music can be emotionally developed and have positive attitudes towards other cultures. - Students of music can have better auditory attention, and pick out predictable patterns from surrounding noise.
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– *Should children be encouraged to learn music early?*

Children should be encouraged to learn music early.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feeling the sense of achievement - Keeping interested and engaged in school - Learning to think creatively
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– *Do you agree that music can change people's moods/ feelings?*

Music can change people's moods/ feelings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soothing music calms feelings - Stimulating music wakes up feelings
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– *How would life be like without music?*

Life without music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Failing to enrich people's inner life and soul - Failing to release the sense of emotional freedom
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SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR SPEAKING TEST 3

Part 1: Social Interaction (3')

Let's talk about noise.

- Do you like to live in a noisy place or a quiet place?

Noisy places	Annoying/ irritating/ distracting/ disturbing
Quiet places	Calming/ relaxing/ healing/soothing

- What kind of noise disturbs you most?

Disturbing noise	Noise from traffic/ machines/ TV/ crowds/ crying babies
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- Does noise affect your health?

Effects of noise on health	Causing hearing impairment, hypertension, heart disease, annoyance, and sleep disturbance.
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Let's talk about your favorite photograph.

- What is your favorite photograph?
- When was it taken?
- What makes the photograph special to you?

Favorite photographs	-A family photo; a selfie; a school photo; a group photo - Taken long/ not long ago - Happy moments in life; nice memories; unforgettable events
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Part 2: Solution Discussion (4')

Situation: You are thinking about how to spend your evening. There are three options: hanging out with friends, reading books, and surfing the Internet. Explain your choice.

Hanging out with friends	Dancing in a club; eating in a fast food restaurant; having a barbecue; going out for a coffee; sitting and chatting
Reading books	Reading fiction / non-fiction books; reading before bedtime; reading for fun; reading for information
Surfing the Internet	Visiting favorite websites; watching music videos; researching a topic; uploading / downloading files; chatting with friends; checking e-mails

Part 3: Topic Development (5')

Topic: There are several ways for people to make friends.

- *How to make friends?*

Joining social events	Annual meetings; workshops; seminars; conferences; business dinners; shows; exhibitions; fairs; charity events; music recitals
Forming interest-based groups	Sports clubs; cooking clubs; groups of movie-makers/ stamp collectors/ cartoonists; art clubs; drama clubs
Attending parties	Wedding receptions; ceremonies; year-end parties; anniversaries; family celebrations; gatherings; company parties

More ideas about ways to make friends	Volunteering; joining social network sites; travelling; working in teams
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- *Should people trust online friends? Why or why not?*

Online friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Having things in common because the connections based on location, education, experiences, hobbies, age, gender, religions- Having frequent communication between individuals via the Internet- Easily tracking down friends' profiles or uploaded messages- Easily leading to a friendship, a romantic relationship, or a business partnership in real life
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- *What factors can contribute to a true friendship?*

True friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Having common interests; being good listeners; showing loyalty; making friendship a priority- Inspiring/ trusting/ accepting / supporting/ encouraging / respecting each other
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- *Which one is more important: family or friends?*

Family vs friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Family members are close by nature.- Friends are close by interests or personality.- Both family and friendship are true cause of happiness.- Both family and friendship give a sense of love, joy, and laughter.- Family ties tend to be longer and more reassuring.
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SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR SPEAKING TEST 4

Part 1: Social Interaction (3')

Let's talk about your favorite color.

- *What color(s) do you like most?*

Favorite colors	Bright/ dark/ warm / cool colors; [name of colors]
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- *Do you care for colors when choosing clothes to wear?*

Choosing clothes to wear	Color combination; highlight colors; a casual/ work/ formal outfit; personal taste for clothes; pleasing your sight/ people's sight
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- *Does color affect your mood/ feeling?*

Color effects on moods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Colors as powerful communication tools to signal actions, influence moods, and cause physiological reactions- Certain colors associated with increased blood pressure, increased metabolism, and eyestrain- Warm colors evoking emotions ranging from feelings of warmth and comfort to feelings of anger and hostility- Cool colors calling to mind feelings of sadness or indifference
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Let's talk about going to the library.

- *How often do you go to the library?*
- *What do you usually do in the library?*
- *Do you think that fewer people go to the library nowadays?*

Going to the library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- public /school/ private libraries-Seeking trust-worthy free materials; browsing the stacks to look for new books; making friends with book-lovers; discovering local history; borrowing or returning books, videos, and materials; concentrating on study; doing research projects- High competition from e-books; more options for accessing information via the Internet
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Part 2: Solution Discussion (4')

Situation: You are going to celebrate your birthday. There are three suggestions for the place where you can hold the party: in a fast food restaurant, in a sit-down restaurant, and in your house. What do you think is the best choice?

Fast food restaurants	Fast and convenient service; focused choices of foods; affordable meals; friends' treats; informal atmosphere; preferences for young customers; friendly staff; happy-hour offers
Sit-down restaurants	Immediate edible temptations; entire meals; various choices of foods and drinks; specialties for the day; delicious dishes; good cooks; healthy food servings; comfortable and formal atmosphere
An at-home party	Familiar surroundings; nice theme decorations; great privacy; good time availability; warm atmosphere; good budget management; great time for family gatherings; healthy food preparation

Part 3: Topic Development (5')

Topic: More recycling centers should be built in communities.

Benefits of recycling centers

Reducing the size of landfills	-Cutting down the amount of rubbish that goes to landfills -Recycling in the first place and reusing items wherever possible
Utilizing waste products	-Using waste which would otherwise be lost to landfill sites -Cutting down the cost and effort of transport and production -Reducing the demand up on new resources
Offering employment opportunities	-Placing vacancies for waste collecting, transporting, sorting and reprocessing -Recycling as a win-win strategy for the environment and the economy
Further benefits of recycling	-Reducing needs for exploiting natural resources - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions - Dealing with climate change

– *Are you aware of what recycling means?*

Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recycling is known as the process whereby materials are reused instead of manufacturing new products.- Instead of keeping material in landfill sites, recycling aims to use this material as a resource which can continue to be useful.
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– *Do you recycle as part of your everyday life?*

Recycling habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Cutting down on disposable products-Using more reusable items-Being green in the neighborhood-Sorting trash-Saving energy
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– *Do you agree that everyone should reuse and recycle products?*

Recycling and reusing as a should	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Working to protect the environment in the long term-Lowering levels of energy consumption-Cultivating a green image for companies and organizations-Increasing environmental responsibility.-Conserving natural resources-Reducing levels of pollution and tackling some causes of global warming
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SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR SPEAKING TEST 5

Part 1: Social Interaction (3')

Let's talk about parties.

- *Do you enjoy going to a party?*

Going to a party	Exciting/ amusing/ fun/ thrilling/ enjoyable/satisfying/ entertaining experiences
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- *What do you usually do at a party?*

Doing fun things	Playing fun games; enjoying good foods; toasting drinks; chatting; singing, dancing, gift-giving; saying best wishes
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- *On what occasions do you hold a party?*

Celebrating special occasions	Anniversaries; birthdays; weddings; family gatherings; outings with friends; company meetings; festive holidays
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Let's talk about your city.

- *Which part of the city do you like best?*
- *Why do you like it?*
- *Are there any changes you would like to make to the place?*

Favorite parts of the city	-Places of conveniences and pleasures; public gardens/parks; recreation complexes; suburban communities; city centers; shady streets with sidewalks; downtown boutiques; ancient districts - Carrying the city spirit; marking historical events; showing cultural identity; benefiting communities; attracting visitors; preserving traditional culture
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Part 2: Solution Discussion (4')

Situation: You are considering buying a brand watch. There are three suggestions for how to get it: placing an order through a website, shopping in a mall, and calling over the phone. Which one is the best option for you?

Placing an order through a website	Fast/ convenient service; various choices; price comparison; special offers; sales seasons; original items; limited items
Shopping in a mall	Real touch of the items; convenient try-ons; bargaining; sales offers; nice window browsing; face-to-face communication; after-sales service
Calling over the phone	Fast/ convenient service; tailored items; detailed description; reassuring human voice; correct orders; tracking order status

Part 3: Topic Development (5')

Topic: There are several factors that lead to success in life.

Factors for success

Education and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staying knowledgeable and skillful - Minimizing obstacles and avoiding mistakes -Effectively working and achieving goals - Efficiently dealing with time and labor
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Helping to set up plans and anticipate problems - Making good strategies to fulfill tasks - Seeing things done as a whole plan
Passion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Helping to stay consistent to the plans -Having a desire for overcoming challenges -Enjoying the sense of making progress
More ideas for success factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intelligence brings intellectual power. - Self-determination puts the right tracks for things to happen. -Hard work ensures chance to meet deadlines.

– *Why is money the most common way of judging success?*

Role of money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Financial success tends to prove one's ability and talent. - Money brings high self-esteem and confidence that are roots of social respect. - Effective social helps commonly come from the rich.
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– *Is your idea of success the same as your parents' idea of success?*

Different views on success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Success can be a state of being self-satisfied.- Success can be achieved at a very young age.- Success can be measured by things done for communities rather than for individuals.
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– *Does luck play a part in success?*

Role of luck	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Luck enhances situations.-Luck helps save effort and time.-Luck helps exceed the expectations.
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