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Speaking Interview

I can talk about myself and my opinions in an interview.

Speaking Strategy

Avoid speaking in short, simple sentences. Try to use complex sentences and include explanations and examples. Use a variety of conjunctions and other expressions for extending your sentences.

1 Read the Speaking Strategy. Then match the two halves of the sentences. Pay attention to the highlighted phrases.

- 1 It's been a very busy summer, **what with ...**
 - 2 During my gap year, I'll need to work, **seeing as ...**
 - 3 Our team had quite a good season, **bearing in mind ...**
 - 4 He decided not to study medicine, **owing to ...**
 - 5 Expecting everyone to cycle to work is unrealistic, **given that ...**
 - 6 I've decided not to spend long in Central Africa, **in view of ...**
- a two of our best players had left.
b many people have to commute long distances.
c moving house and organising a family party.
d the dangers of travelling alone in that region.
e I'll have to pay rent at university.
f disappointing results in his science exams.

2 Choose the correct ending (a or b) for these sentences. Pay attention to the highlighted conjunctions.

- 1 I was happy at my primary school, **even though**
a I had few friends.
b the teachers were kind.
- 2 I'd like to spend a year in France **whether or not**
a I study French at university.
b I spend it in Spain instead.
- 3 Running is my favourite way to relax, **unless**
a I can listen to music while I run.
b the weather is very bad.
- 4 I usually choose the vegetarian option when I eat out, **provided that**
a I occasionally allow myself to eat bacon.
b it is not too spicy.
- 5 I think of myself as a confident person, **whereas**
a most of my friends are quite shy.
b I'm happy to chat to people I've only just met.

3 **1.05** Listen to a student answering questions. Which four questions does she answer, and in what order? Number them.

- A How would you describe your diet?
- B What is the best film you've ever seen?
- C What are the best and worst things about your own personality?
- D What sports or activities do you most enjoy?
- E Can you tell me about a friend you've known for a long time?
- F What do you plan to do after you finish your education at school?

4 **1.05** Listen again. Complete the missing words in these extracts.

- 1 employment, I really don't have much idea ...
- 2 snacks , I try to go for healthy things ...
- 3 negative qualities, I can be impatient ...
- 4 sports, I'm not very good at ...

5 Read the examiner's questions and make notes. Think about which ideas could be joined together into complex sentences.

- 1 Where in the world would you most like to live?
- 2 How important is it to be physically active?
- 3 What are the best and worst things about smartphones?
- 4 Do you need to do well at school in order to be successful in life?
- 5 Who do you argue with most often and why?

6 Now answer the questions from exercise 5. Use highlighted words and phrases from exercise 1 and 2 to join your ideas.