

Speaking Test

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Part 1 Talking about general topics (3 minutes)

- What is your favourite form of entertainment?
- Do you think people spend too much money on entertainment?
- How has technology affected the way people entertain themselves?

Part 2 Monologue (4 minutes)

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

What action should be taken to deal with these social problems?



Candidate A: Compare the photographs and say what action should be taken to deal with these social problems. (1 minute)

Candidate B: Which of these social problems do you feel is more serious in your country? (20 seconds)

Useful language – Giving strong advice/Making recommendations

- (The government) should make an effort to ...
- We should all try and ...
- It's absolutely necessary that/to ...
- Everybody ought to ...
- The most important thing that needs to be done is ...
- (The authorities) must/urgently need to ...

KEY LANGUAGE

Homelessness

Litter

actions the government can take

build temporary shelters, provide low-cost housing, increase unemployment benefit, set up job retraining schemes

provide more litter bins/recycling facilities, organise more regular clean-ups in streets/parks etc, impose heavier fines on people who throw litter

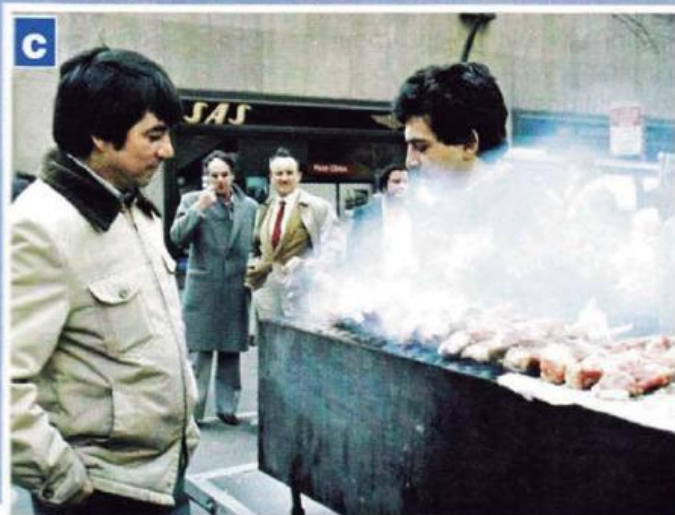
actions individuals can take

organise/volunteer in shelters/soup kitchens, donate money/food/clothes/toys

recycle bottles/cans/paper/plastics, buy items with less packaging, use returnable containers

EATING PLACES

Why might people eat at places like these?



Candidate B: Compare the photographs and say why people might eat at places like these. (1 minute)

Candidate A: Do you ever eat at these kinds of places? (20 seconds)

Useful language – Expressing opinion / Making assumptions

- I think that *(the person in the first photograph)* ...
- The people *(in the second photograph)* are obviously ...
- My guess is that ...
- I suppose people eat at this sort of place when ...
- It would probably be a place to go if ...

KEY LANGUAGE	Positive Points	Negative Points
barbecue stall	cheap, convenient, grab a bite to eat when you're on the go/there's no time for a sit-down meal, appetising smell, central location (attracts busy shoppers), fairly wholesome food	unprotected from the weather, only a snack (might not be satisfying if you are very hungry), eating in a rush is unhealthy
fast food restaurant	good place to socialise, catch up on each other's news, serves tasty food, relatively cheap, cheerful relaxing atmosphere, meeting point for friends, comfortable seating, can usually stay as long as you want	fast food not very nutritious, can waste a lot of time there, better outdoors taking some exercise

Model Interview:

- Listen to two candidates doing the speaking task in Part 2. What reasons does each candidate give to support their answers?

Part 3 Decision making (pairwork) (3 minutes)

Your school is planning to organise some events and activities to raise money for charity and has put forward the following suggestions.

- Which suggestions would be the most/the least practical for the school to organise?
- Which two suggestions would you recommend for your school?



Useful language

Making comparisons

- *(Organising a sponsored run)* would be far/much more/less *(practical)* than *(putting on a play)*, as ...
- *(A car boot sale)* is (not) as *(difficult)* to organise as *(an open air concert)*, since ...
- The *(easiest/least difficult)* thing about *(organising a car boot sale)* is ...
- The best/worst idea would be *(an open air concert)*, because ...

Expressing choice/reason

- My first choice would have to be ...
- In view of the fact that *(most people own a car)*, I would choose ...
- We should also definitely consider ...
- I don't think we should choose *(gardening)* because ...

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

KEY LANGUAGE	Positive Points	Negative Points
sponsored run	lots of people keen to participate (interest in athletic activities), takes place in town centre (attract lots of publicity)	might be difficult to organise collection of donations, might be affected by the weather on the day (discouraging people from taking part)
car wash scheme	most people own a car, popular with elderly car owners/working people, easy to assign one or two volunteers per car	might be unwelcome competition for local car wash businesses
gardening	people don't have enough time to take care of their gardens (glad to employ someone), jobs need doing in the garden all year round	competition for local gardeners, physically demanding work, might be less profitable than washing cars (not everyone has a garden)
car boot sale	everyone has things they no longer need (make a welcome donation), people enjoy hunting for second-hand bargains, a great family day out	not everyone appreciates second-hand goods, might be difficult to obtain good quality items, need to rent an outdoor space to hold sale, poor attendance/damage to goods in the event of rainy weather
theatrical performance	profitable (ticket sales raise funds), entertaining (attracts all ages)	lots of preparation needed (rehearsals), need to find talented people, cost of costumes/stage design and props
open air concert	entertaining (especially teenage audiences), can bring in large crowds, popular event which attracts publicity	not easy to find musicians/location, not to everyone's taste, dependent on the weather that day, lots of equipment to carry/organise

Model Interview:

Listen to two candidates doing the speaking task in Part 3 and answer the questions.

- 1 Which suggestions do the candidates think would be the most/least practical for the school to organise? Which two do they finally recommend for the school? What reasons do they give to support their answers?

Part 4 Discussing in pairs (4 minutes)

- Does/did your school do anything to collect money for charity?
- What are some of the causes that receive help from charities?
- Which charities do you feel are in most urgent need of our support?
- What is your view of charities that help animals?

Model Interview:

Listen to two candidates doing the speaking task in Part 4 and answer the questions.

- 1 Which charities do the candidates feel are in most urgent need of our support? How do they justify their answers?
- 2 What is the candidates' view of charities that help animals? How do they justify their answers?