

Speaking Test Part 2: Useful phrases

Sentence stems for comparison and speculation

Similarity (S) or Difference (D)	
D	1. On the other hand, 2
	1, while 2
	One difference between them is...
	1, and 2 as well
	Neither 1 nor 2
	1, whereas 2
	Unlike 1,2.
S	1, and 2 too
	1. In contrast, 2
	One thing they have in common is...
	1, but 2
	1, and so does 2
	1, and so is 2
	Both 1 and 1/ 1 and 2 both
	One similarity between them is...
	1. However, 2
	1. On the other hand, 2
	1, while 2
	One difference between them is...
	1, and 2 as well
	In neither of them...

Certain (C) or Uncertain (C)	
	I think
	...is obviously...
	...must be...
	I suppose
	I doubt that...
U	... may be ...
	I wonder if
	It's unlikely that...
	...probably isn't...
	...looks
C	...is clearly...
	... can't be
	I imagine that
	...seems...
	Maybe...
	is definitely...
	I guess
	it seems that
	definitely isn't
	...is probably...
	Perhaps...
	... might be
	I assume
	It's possible that...