

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 16 SPEAKING – TEST 1

Part 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

People you study/work with

1. Who do you spend most time studying/working with? [Why?]
2. What kinds of things do you study/work on with other people? [Why?]
3. Are there times when you study/work better by yourself? [Why/Why not?]
4. Is it important to like the people you study/work with? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

- **Describe a tourist attraction you enjoyed visiting.**

You should say:

- what this tourist attraction is
- when and why you visited it
- what you did there
- and explain why you enjoyed visiting this tourist attraction.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Different kinds of tourist attractions

Example questions:

1. What are the most popular tourist attractions in your country?
2. How do the types of tourist attractions that younger people like to visit compare with those that older people like to visit?
3. Do you agree that some tourist attractions (e.g. national museums/galleries) should be free to visit?

The importance of international tourism

Example questions

1. Why is tourism important to a country?
2. What are the benefits to individuals of visiting another country as tourists?
3. How necessary is it for tourists to learn the language of the country they're visiting?

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 16 SPEAKING – TEST 2

Part 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Flowers and plants

1. Do you have a favourite flower or plant? [Why/Why not?]
2. What kinds of flowers and plants grow near where you live? [Why/Why not?]
3. Is it important to you to have flowers and plants in your home? [Why/Why not?]
4. Have you ever bought flowers for someone else? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

- **Describe a review you read about a product or service.**

You should say:

- where you read the review
- what the product or service was
- what information the review gave about the product or service
- and explain what you did as a result of reading this review.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Online reviews

Example questions:

1. What kinds of things do people write online reviews about in your country?
2. Why do some people write online reviews?
3. Do you think that online reviews are good for both shoppers and companies?

Customer service

Example questions:

1. What do you think it might be like to work in a customer service job?
2. Do you agree that customers are more likely to complain nowadays?
3. How important is it for companies to take all customer complaints seriously?

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 16 SPEAKING – TEST 3

Part 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Summer

1. Is summer your favourite time of year? [Why/Why not?]
2. What do you do in summer when the weather's very hot? [Why?]
3. Do you go on holiday every summer? [Why/Why not?]
4. Did you enjoy the summer holidays when you were at school? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

- **Describe a luxury item you would like to own in the future.**

You should say:

- what item you would like to own
- what this item looks like
- why you would like to own this item
- and explain whether you think you will ever own this item.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Expensive items

Example questions:

1. Which expensive items would many young people (in your country) like to buy?
2. How do the expensive items that younger people want to buy differ from those that older people want to buy?
3. Do you think that people are more likely to buy expensive items for their friends or for themselves?

Rich people

Example questions:

1. How difficult is it to become very rich in today's world?
2. Do you agree that money does not necessarily bring happiness?
3. In what ways might rich people use their money to help society?

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 16 SPEAKING – TEST 4

Part 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Fast food

1. What kinds of fast food have you tried? [Why/Why not?]
2. Do you ever use a microwave to cook food quickly? [Why/Why not?]
3. How popular are fast food restaurants where you live? [Why/Why not?]
4. When would you go to a fast-food restaurant? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

- **Describe some technology (e.g. an app, phone, software program) that you decided to stop using.**

You should say:

- when and where you got this technology
- why you started using this technology
- why you decided to stop using it
- and explain how you feel about the decision you made.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Computer games

Example questions:

1. What kinds of computer games do people play in your country?
2. Why do people enjoy playing computer games?
3. Do you think that all computer games should have a minimum age for players?

Technology in the classroom

Example questions:

1. In what ways can technology in the classroom be helpful?
2. Do you agree that students are often better at using technology than their teachers?
3. Do you believe that computers will ever replace human teachers?