

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 18 SPEAKING – TEST 1

Part 1

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

EXAMPLE

Paying bills

1. What kinds of bills do you have to pay?
2. How do you usually pay your bills — in cash or by another method? [Why?]
3. Have you ever forgotten to pay a bill? [Why/Why not?]
4. Is there anything you could do to make your bills cheaper? [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 food or drink that you learned to prepare**

You should say:

- what food or drink you learned to prepare
- when and where you learned to prepare this
- how you learned to prepare this
- and explain how you felt about learning to prepare this food or drink

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Young people and cooking

Example questions:

1. What kinds of things can children learn to cook?
2. Do you think it is important for children to learn to cook?
3. Do you think young people should learn to cook at home or at school?

Working as a chef

Example questions:

1. How enjoyable do you think it would be to work as a professional chef?
2. What skills does a person need to be a great chef?
3. How much influence do celebrity/TV chefs have on what ordinary people cook?

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 18 SPEAKING – TEST 2

Part 1

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

EXAMPLE

Science

1. Did you like studying science when you were at school? [Why/Why not?]
2. What do you remember about your science teachers at school?
3. How interested are you in science now? [Why/Why not?]
4. What do you think has been an important recent scientific development? [Why?]

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 in your country that you would recommend.**

You should say:

- what the tourist attraction is
- where in your country this tourist attraction is
- what visitors can see and do at this tourist attraction
- and explain why you would recommend this tourist attraction

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Museums and art galleries

Example questions:

1. What are the most popular museums and art galleries in ... / where you live?
2. Do you believe that all museums and art galleries should be free?
3. What kinds of things make a museum or art gallery an interesting place to visit?

The holiday industry

Example questions:

1. Why, do you think, do some people book package holidays rather than travelling independently?
2. Would you say that large numbers of tourists cause problems for local people?
3. What sort of impact can large holiday resorts have on the environment?

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 18 SPEAKING – TEST 3

Part 1

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

EXAMPLE

Online shopping

1. How often do you buy things online? [Why?]
2. What was the last thing you bought online?
3. Do you ever see things in shops and then buy them online? [Why/Why not?]
4. Do you think the popularity of online shopping is changing your town or city centre? [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 time when you enjoyed visiting a member of your family in their home.**TM

You should say:

- who you visited and where they lived
- why you made this visit
- what happened during this visit
- and explain what you enjoyed about this visit

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Family occasions

Example questions:

1. When do families celebrate together in your country?
2. How often do all the generations in a family come together in your country?
3. Why is it that some people might not enjoy attending family occasions?

Everyday life in families

Example questions:

1. Do you think it is a good thing for parents to help their children with schoolwork?
2. How important do you think it is for families to eat together at least once a day?
3. Do you believe that everyone in a family should share household tasks?

CAMBRIDGE BOOK 18 SPEAKING – TEST 4

Part 1

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

EXAMPLE

Sleep

1. How many hours do you usually sleep at night?
2. Do you sometimes sleep during the day? [Why/Why not?]
3. What do you do if you can't get to sleep at night? [Why?]
4. Do you ever remember the dreams you've had while you were asleep?

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 time when you met someone who you became good friends with**

You should say:

- who you met
- when and where you met this person
- what you thought about this person when you first met
- and explain why you think you became good friends with this person

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Friends at school

Example questions:

1. How important is it for children to have lots of friends at school?
2. Do you think it is wrong for parents to influence which friends their children have?
3. Why do you think children often choose different friends as they get older?

Making new friends

Example questions:

1. If a person is moving to a new town, what is a good way for them to make friends?
2. Can you think of any disadvantages of making new friends online?
3. Would you say it is harder for people to make new friends as they get older?