

SPEAKING

Part 1 Introduction and Interview (4–5 minutes)

Introduction (compulsory)

- Good morning/afternoon. My name is _____. Can you tell me your full name, please?
- What should I call you?
- Could you tell me where you're from?
- Can I see your identification, please?

Thank you. Now in this first part I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Interview (choose 1)

Let's talk about where you live.

- Which region of the country are you originally from?
- What do you like most about this region?
- Would you recommend living in this region to others?

Let's talk about your studies.

- What type of course are you studying at the moment?
- What type of job or career will this course lead to?
- What do you enjoy most about being a student?

Interview (choose 2)

Now, let's talk about advertisements.

- What kinds of advertisements do you like to watch or listen to? Why?
- Have you ever bought something as a result of an advertisement?
- Which do you prefer: advertisements on television or on the radio? Why?
- What changes would improve advertisements in your country? Why?

Let's talk about seasons and the weather.

- Which season do you enjoy most? Why?
- What type of activities do you do during this season?
- Would you prefer to live in a cold climate or a warm climate? Why?
- Are there any festivals associated with particular seasons in your country?

Now let's talk about learning languages.

- How long have you been learning English?
- How much of your time do you spend learning English?
- What do you enjoy most about learning a language? Why?
- Do you find it easy or difficult to learn new languages? Why?

Part 2 Individual Long Turn (3–4 minutes)

Now, I'm going to give you a topic and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before you talk, you'll have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes if you wish. Do you understand?

Here's some paper and a pencil for making notes and here's your topic:

I'd like you to describe a break you took.

Describe a break you took recently to relax from work or study.

You should say:

why you needed a break

what you did to relax

how you felt before and after taking the break

and say whether or not you felt relaxed afterwards or not.

Rounding off questions:

- Do you often take breaks?
- Do you generally find it easy or difficult to relax?

Part 3 Two-way Discussion (4–5 minutes)

We've been talking about taking breaks from work or study, and now I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. Let's consider first the topic of relaxation.

- What do most people in your country do to relax?
- Some people think that relaxation techniques such as meditation should be introduced into the workplace and schools. What's your opinion?
- Do you think that people will be more or less relaxed in the future? Why?

Now, let's talk about stress.

- What do you think are some of the reasons why people experience stress?
- Do you think there are any advantages to stress?
- What are some of the effects of stress on people in your country?