

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.

- Do you live in a house or an apartment?
- How many other people do you live with?
- Do you enjoy living in this type of accommodation? Why/Why not?
- What type of accommodation is common in your town? Why?

Let's talk about what you do.

- What are you studying currently?
- Are there any subjects which you do not enjoy as much as others? Why?
- Do you have to complete a lot of homework?
- What do you plan to do after you finish your studies?

Interview (choose 2)

Now, let's talk about keeping in touch with friends.

- How do you normally keep in contact with friends? Why?
- What do you enjoy about this way of keeping in touch?
- Is there anything you don't like about this method of keeping in touch? Why?
- Do you ever find it difficult to keep in touch with friends using this method? Why/Why not?

Let's talk about art.

- Do you enjoy looking at art? Why/Why not?
- What type of art do you like best? Why?
- Have you ever been taught to do any type of art?
- Do you know any artists?

Now let's talk about colours.

- Which colours do you like the most? Why?
- Have you always liked these colours? Why?
- Do most of your friends like similar colours?
- Do certain colours have any special significance in your culture? 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 an important decision you have made.

Describe an important decision you have made.

You should say:

- what the decision was and why it was important
- how you made your decision
- how it had an effect on your life

and say whether or not you think you made the right decision.

Rounding off questions:

- Do you often make decisions in this way?
- Do you find it difficult to make big decisions?

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

We've been talking about an important decision you made 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 important personal decisions.

- Describe some of the important life decisions people need to make at various points in their lives.
- Some people think that an important decision should be made quickly and based on intuition while others believe an informed choice is better. What's your view?
- Do you think that individuals nowadays have more or fewer important choices to make than in the past? Why?

Now, let's talk about decision-making in general.

- What kinds of decisions are more difficult: those which solely affect you or those which also have an impact on other people?
- In your opinion, is there such a thing as too much choice?
- How effective do you believe it is to make decisions based on discussions with other people?