

Speaking test part 2: responding to visual prompts

Describing a picture:

In the second part of the speaking test you have to describe a picture or photo. You should talk about the things you can see, but try to add some personal ideas, e.g. why the people in the picture are where they are, what the weather is like, how the people in the picture feel, etc. You have to talk about the picture for around one minute. Then it's your partner's turn and he or she has to describe a different picture or photo. You just listen to them. One of you is Candidate A, the other is Candidate B.

Talk about the common topic of the picture:

After this you will have to talk together and answer a question about the common topic of the two pictures or photos. You will have to discuss your likes and dislikes. You should always react to your partner's comments by asking further questions or adding to their ideas. Your conversation should be as natural as possible. You will have to talk together for about three minutes.