



PART 1

Answering questions on familiar topics

The questions in Part 1 are always based on familiar topics which relate to your own everyday experience. You should not find it difficult to think of an answer.

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Take one minute to complete the table below. Write appropriate information about yourself in the spaces in each column. You only need to write two or three words in each column.

Home town and family	Hobbies	Favourite food	Languages spoken
	tennis		

Use the four topics in the table to ask questions to other students. When you form the questions, you should use the simple present tense, e.g.

Where do you live?

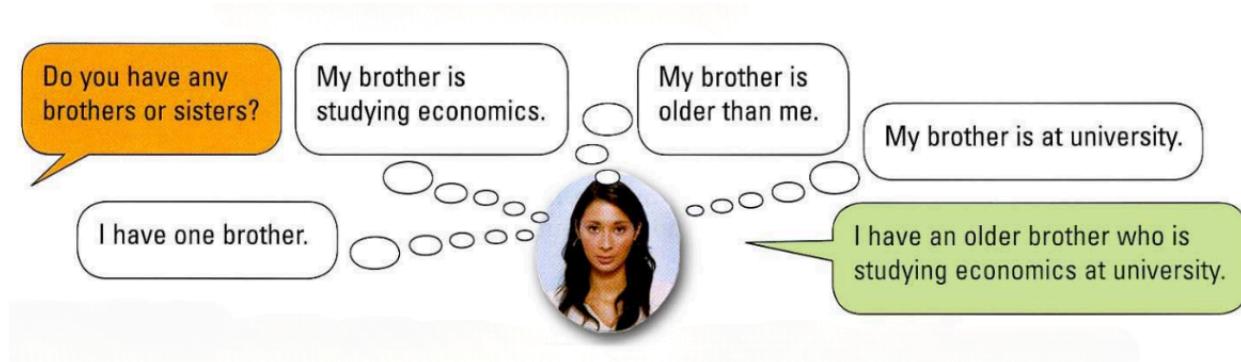
How many languages can you speak?

Make notes of two or three words on their answers.

PART 2

One way to keep going is to answer questions by providing some extra information and linking this information to your first response.

1 Read this student's ideas and then notice how she links them together to form a cohesive (i.e. clear and logical) answer to the examiner's question. Try saying her answer out loud so that it flows naturally.



2 Now join the sets of ideas 1–7 below in the same way. Use the linking words provided.

Linking words or phrases

because, and, if

which, although, as

because, but, also

at the moment, but, one
even though, and, so
because, with
and, but, or, either

1 I need to learn English. English is very important for me. English will help me to get an interesting job. I want to work in the tourist industry.

2 I work in a bank. Working in a bank can be quite interesting. The nature of the job is changing. Many people do their banking on the Internet.

3 My favourite sport is tennis. Tennis is a lot of fun to play. I enjoy watching tennis.

4 I live in an apartment. The apartment is very small. I hope to live in a larger apartment next year.

5 Fast food is very popular in many countries these days. Fast food is bad for our health. Fast food is expensive. I think cooking at home is more sensible.

6 My school was very large. There were hundreds of children at my school. It was impossible to know everyone at the school.

7 I love movies. I like watching TV. I don't like live theatre. I don't like opera.

ANSWERS

1. It is very important for me to learn English because I want to get an interesting job in the tourist industry and it'll be much easier if I have good English.
2. I work in a bank, which can be quite interesting, although the nature of the job is changing, as many people do their banking on the Internet now.
3. My favourite sport is tennis because it's a lot of fun to play, but I also enjoy watching it.
4. At the moment I live in a very small apartment, but I hope to live in a larger one next year.
5. Even though fast food is very popular in many countries these days, it is bad for our health and expensive, so I think cooking at home is more sensible.
6. It was impossible to know everyone at my school because it was very large, with hundreds of children.
7. I love movies and I like watching TV, but I don't like live theatre, or opera either.