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The B2 First Speaking Exam has 4 parts:

1. Personal questions (2 minutes)
2. Compare two photographs and answer a question (4 mins)
3. Discuss a situation with 5 options with your partner (4 mins)
4. You have a general discussion about the subject in Part 3 (4 mins)

How is the Speaking exam assessed?

1. Pronunciation
2. Language (vocabulary & grammar)
3. Fluency (called Discourse Management)
4. Interactive communication (how well do the candidates work together in Part 3?)

To **hesitate** = to pause before you do or say something, often because you are uncertain or nervous about it

Stress in spoken English

- Word stress
- Sentence stress

Word stress: in words which have two or more syllables, one syllable always has a stronger sound than the other syllables

Examples: information → in for **MA** tion / table → **TA** ble

Sentence stress: in English, we say the information words such as verbs or nouns more strongly than the small words such as prepositions or articles

Example: **John took** a **bus** to the **beach**

Speaking Part 1

Where are you from? NOT Malaga / **What do you do?** NOT Student

Don't give very short answers to Part 1 questions. Your answers need to be 2 or 3 sentences in length

- **Is it easy to meet new people where you live?**
- **What's the best place to spend a free afternoon in your town?**
- **How expensive is it to go out in the evening where you live?**

People are **usually** very open / NOT ~~People used to be open~~ / We use 'used to' for repeated past actions and states / Example: When I was younger, I used to play tennis at the weekend (past action)

Alike = similar / Examples: An alligator is similar to a crocodile / A crocodile and an alligator are **alike**

read /ri:d/ - read /red/ - read /red/

One person, two people (irregular plural) / A person is ... / People are ...