

Part 1 – Interview

Part 1 of the CAE Speaking test is a brief interview between the candidates and the examiner, which lasts for 2 minutes. The examiner asks a few relatively simple questions about everyday topics. There's nothing too challenging here, but this is the first impression you give to the examiners, so be careful!

- **Do you spend more time with your family or with friends? (Why?)**
- **How often do you use the internet? (What do you use it for?)**
- **What's the best way to spend a day out in (candidates city)? (Why?)**

Part 2 – Long Turn

Speak for a minute about 2 out of 3 pictures provided while answering 2 questions about the pictures. There is also a follow-up question about your partner's pictures after they speak.

- Why might the people be taking part in this competition?
- How important might it be for them to win?

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Part 3 – Collaborative Task

In Part 3 of the CAE Speaking test you finally get a chance to interact and speak with your partner. You are given a diagram with a question and 5 different ideas surrounding it. The

first 2 minutes are for you to discuss the question using the ideas provided, then the examiner will stop you and ask a follow-up question about the most/least/best/worst option. Listen carefully to the follow-up question because it's not written down anywhere.

Ask lots of questions and keep the interaction going in this part of the exam. It's not just about what you say, but also how you link your ideas to what your partner has said. Agree, disagree or expand upon their comments for higher marks.



Example of Advanced (CAE) Speaking Part 3

Part 4 – Discussion

The final part of CAE speaking keeps the topic from Part 3. The examiner will ask you and your partner questions, expecting you to give long, communicative and complex answers. This is where the abstract topics really start to emerge, and if you are engaged, quite an interesting conversation can arise. The discussion lasts for 5 minutes.

- **Is change generally positive or negative?**
(Why?)
- **Has (candidate's city) changed much in recent years? (Why? / Why not?)**

Example of Advanced (CAE) Speaking Part 4