

PART 3: PHOTO CARD DISCUSSION

The 50% Task Breakdown

WHY THIS SECTION MATTERS

THIS TASK IS WORTH 25 MARKS—50% OF YOUR ENTIRE SPEAKING TEST SCORE!

The photo card provides the theme, but the conversation can cover any topic within that theme (e.g., Photos show a restaurant → Theme is 'Healthy Living').

TOTAL TIMING

Foundation Tier: Total time is **4 – 5 minutes**.

Higher Tier: Total time is **6 – 7 minutes**.

MARK ALLOCATION (25 MARKS TOTAL)

- **Section 1: Description (5 Marks, AO2)**
- **Section 2: Conversation (15 Marks, AO1 - Communication)**
- **Section 2: Complexity (5 Marks, AO3 - Grammar/Tenses)**

STRUCTURE OF PART 3

SECTION 1: PHOTO DESCRIPTION

You start by describing the two photos on your card. This is a prepared task using your notes. The key is to talk about **both** photos.

SECTION 2: UNPREPARED CONVERSATION

The teacher leads an engaging, natural discussion about the photo card's overall theme. This is your chance to show off your grammar, vocabulary, and communication skills in depth across multiple tenses.

PREP TIME TIP

Because this part is worth the most marks and lasts the longest, you should dedicate the majority of your **15 minutes preparation time (around **7-8 minutes**) to brainstorming phrases and ideas for the Photo Card.**