

SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR SPEAKING TEST 2

Part 1: Social Interaction (3')

Let's talk about weather.

- *What kind of weather do you like?*

Favorite weather	Hot/ cold/ cool/ warm/ wet/ dry/ nice/ beautiful weather
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- *Does weather affect your mood/ feeling?*

Weather affects people's moods/ feelings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunny weather/ clear days keep people happy and excited. - Wet/ cold/ grey days may make people sad/ bored/ depressed.
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- *What do you usually do in hot/ cold weather?*

Hot weather	Going out with friends; going for a picnic; joining outdoor activities; going camping; playing sports; swimming; cycling
Cold weather	Listening to music; reading books; playing computer games; playing indoor sports; watching television; surfing the Internet

Let's talk about your favorite childhood game.

- *What game(s) did you enjoy playing when you were a child?*
- *Who did you play with?*
- *Did you need any skills to play the game?*

Fun childhood games	- Playing football; playing with toy cars; playing with a doll; playing Tree-House; playing Hide and Seek; skipping ropes;
Players	Playing with kids next door/ classmates/ with sisters or brothers/ parents
Skills needed	Turn-taking; competing; cooperating; working in teams; conflict-solving; concentrating

Part 2: Solution Discussion (4')

Situation: You are planning your holiday. There are three suggestions: a beach holiday, a climbing holiday, and a sight-seeing holiday. Which do you think is the best choice for you?

A beach holiday	Relaxing/ sunbathing on the beach; swimming in the sea; playing water sports; building sandcastles
A climbing holiday	Climbing a mountain/ a rock; hanging at the mountain sides; camping on the top; discovering caves
A sight-seeing holiday	Visiting famous tourist attractions; appreciate the nature and the wildlife; trying local foods; discovering new cultures

Part 3: Topic Development (5')

Topic: Music should be taught in schools.

Music education

Relaxing	Music at school can help fight stress and entertain students; Soothing music helps students relax and keep calm.
Memory-improving	Music learners usually perform with memory; The skill of memorization can help students study well.
Helping with language and reasoning	Early musical training improves part of the brain which functions for language and reasoning; Information can be imprinted on young minds with music and songs

More ideas for music education at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students of music can develop imagination and creativity. - Students of music can be emotionally developed and have positive attitudes towards other cultures. - Students of music can have better auditory attention, and pick out predictable patterns from surrounding noise.
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- Should children be encouraged to learn music early?

Children should be encouraged to learn music early.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feeling the sense of achievement - Keeping interested and engaged in school - Learning to think creatively
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- Do you agree that music can change people's moods/ feelings?

Music can change people's moods/ feelings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soothing music calms feelings - Stimulating music wakes up feelings
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- How would life be like without music?

Life without music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Failing to enrich people's inner life and soul - Failing to release the sense of emotional freedom
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