

SPEAKING

PART 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Laughing

- What kinds of thing make you laugh?
- Do you like making other people laugh? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you think it's important for people to laugh? [Why/Why not?]
- Is laughing the same as feeling happy, do you think? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe an idea you had for improving something at work or college.

You should say:

when and where you had your idea

what your idea was

who you told about your idea

and explain why you thought your idea would make an improvement.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes.

You have one minute to think about what you are going to say.

You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Ideas and education

Example questions:

Some people think that education should be about memorising the important ideas of the past. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Should education encourage students to have their own new ideas? Why?

How do you think teachers could help students to develop and share their own ideas?

Ideas in the workplace

Example questions:

Should employers encourage their workers to have new ideas about improving the company? Why?

Do you think people sometimes dislike ideas just because they are new? Why?

What is more difficult: having new ideas or putting them into practice? Which is more important for a successful company?