

SPEAKING

PART 1

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

EXAMPLE

Cold weather

- Have you ever been in very cold weather? [When?]
- How often is the weather cold where you come from?
- Are some parts of your country colder than others? [Why?]
- Would you prefer to live in a hot place or a cold place? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe a competition (e.g. TV, college/work or sports competition) that you took part in.

You should say:

what kind of competition it was and how you found out about it
what you had to do
what the prizes were

and explain why you chose to take part in this competition.

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:

Competitions in school

Example questions:

Why do you think some school teachers use competitions as class activities?

Do you think it is a good thing to give prizes to children who do well at school? Why?

Would you say that schools for young children have become more or less competitive since you were that age? Why?

Sporting competitions

Example questions:

What are the advantages and disadvantages of intensive training for young sportspeople?

Some people think that competition leads to a better performance from sports stars. Others think it just makes players feel insecure. What is your opinion?

Do you think that it is possible to become too competitive in sport? In what way?