



SPEAKING PRACTICE

Speaking Bank 1

Home and Local Area | homes and living spaces | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

Part 1: Interview

Take turns asking and answering. Each person should aim to speak for 2-3 minutes in total.

Question	Strategy
Personal / present What is your favourite place in your home, and why?	Describe place and use: <i>My favourite place is... / I use it for... / I like it because...</i>
Past experience Can you tell me about a change made to a home you know?	Use before and after: <i>Before, the room was... / They changed... / Now it is...</i>
Opinion / preference Would you rather live in a large house or a small home?	Compare preferences: <i>A large house offers... / A small home is... / I would rather...</i>

Part 2: Short talk

Prepare for 1 minute. Then speak on your own for up to 2 minutes.

Creating a useful study space

You want to create a better place to study at home. You are considering these options:

- changing part of your bedroom into a study area
- using a quiet shared room at agreed times

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Strategy: plan your short talk

Open: Briefly introduce the situation:
There are two possible ways to create a study space at home...

Compare: Give one advantage and one disadvantage for each option. Do not ignore either option.

Choose: Finish clearly:
I would prefer... because...

Part 3: Discussion

Discuss the questions. Each person should give reasons and examples, not just short answers.

Follow-up questions

1. What makes a home comfortable?
2. Should teenagers have a private space of their own?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of sharing a home with relatives?
4. How might homes be designed differently in the future?

Strategy: develop your ideas in Part 3

Feature: Identify what matters:
A comfortable home needs... / One important feature is... / This allows people to...

Compare: Contrast living arrangements:
Living with relatives can... / However, privacy... / In comparison...

Future: Suggest a future change:
Homes may include... / People might need... / This could make...



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Speaking Bank 2

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Part 1: Interview

Take turns asking and answering. Each person should aim to speak for 2-3 minutes in total.

Question	Strategy
Personal / present What do you like about your neighbourhood?	Use local description: <i>My neighbourhood has... / I like the fact that... / It is convenient because...</i>
Past experience Can you tell me about a local event you attended?	Describe event and community: <i>The event took place... / Local people... / It made the area feel...</i>
Opinion / improvement What would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?	Suggest local change: <i>The area needs... / It would be better if... / This would help...</i>

Part 2: Short talk

Prepare for 1 minute. Then speak on your own for up to 2 minutes.

Improving the neighbourhood

Local residents want to improve an unused area near their homes. You are considering these options:

- creating a small community garden
- building a simple outdoor sports area

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Strategy: plan your short talk

Open: Briefly introduce the situation:
There are two possible ways to improve the unused area...

Compare: Give one advantage and one disadvantage for each option. Do not ignore either option.

Choose: Finish clearly:
I would prefer... because...

Part 3: Discussion

Discuss the questions. Each person should give reasons and examples, not just short answers.

Follow-up questions

1. What helps neighbours develop a strong community?
2. Should local residents help maintain public spaces?
3. Why do some people feel lonely even in busy neighbourhoods?
4. How can local areas become more welcoming to new residents?

Strategy: develop your ideas in Part 3

Community: Explain shared benefit:
Local people could... / This would bring neighbours... / The whole area would benefit because...

Problem: Identify a local difficulty:
One issue is... / Residents may feel... / This happens when...

Action: Propose a practical response:
The community could... / A useful first step is... / Local groups might...



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Speaking Bank 3

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Part 1: Interview

Take turns asking and answering. Each person should aim to speak for 2-3 minutes in total.

Question	Strategy
<p>Personal / present Would you describe your local area as busy or quiet?</p>	Use comparison and examples: <i>It is mainly...</i> / <i>During the day...</i> / <i>For example...</i>
<p>Past experience Can you tell me about a visit to a very different kind of place?</p>	Compare places: <i>I visited...</i> / <i>It was different because...</i> / <i>I noticed that...</i>
<p>Opinion / preference Is the countryside a better place for young people than a city?</p>	Evaluate both locations: <i>The countryside offers...</i> / <i>Cities provide...</i> / <i>It depends on...</i>

Part 2: Short talk

Prepare for 1 minute. Then speak on your own for up to 2 minutes.

Choosing where to live
Your family may move to a different area. You are considering these options:

- living near the centre of a busy city
- living in a quieter town or village

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Strategy: plan your short talk		
<p>Open: Briefly introduce the situation: <i>There are two possible types of area to live in...</i></p>	<p>Compare: Give one advantage and one disadvantage for each option. Do not ignore either option.</p>	<p>Choose: Finish clearly: <i>I would prefer... because...</i></p>

Part 3: Discussion

Discuss the questions. Each person should give reasons and examples, not just short answers.

Follow-up questions
1. Why do many people move from the countryside to cities?
2. What problems can rapid city growth cause?
3. Should governments encourage people to live in smaller towns?
4. Will technology make location less important in the future?

Strategy: develop your ideas in Part 3		
<p>Contrast: Compare the locations clearly: <i>In a city... / By contrast, the countryside... / Both places...</i></p>	<p>Cause: Explain movement and growth: <i>People move because... / One major reason is... / This leads to...</i></p>	<p>Policy: Suggest what authorities could do: <i>Governments could... / Investment in... / This might encourage...</i></p>



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Speaking Bank 4

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Part 1: Interview

Take turns asking and answering. Each person should aim to speak for 2-3 minutes in total.

Question	Strategy
<p>Personal / present What would you miss most if you moved away from your area?</p>	Use would and personal reasons: <i>I would miss... / It matters to me because... / I would find it difficult to...</i>
<p>Past experience Can you tell me about a time when you had to get used to a new place?</p>	Describe adjustment: <i>At first... / I gradually... / After a while...</i>
<p>Opinion / advice What helps people feel at home in a new area?</p>	Give settling-in advice: <i>It helps to... / New residents should... / Local people can...</i>

Part 2: Short talk

Prepare for 1 minute. Then speak on your own for up to 2 minutes.

Getting to know a new area
You have recently moved and want to learn about your new local area. You are considering these options:

- joining a local club or community group
- exploring the area with a neighbour of your age

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Strategy: plan your short talk		
<p>Open: Briefly introduce the situation: <i>There are two possible ways to get to know the new area...</i></p>	<p>Compare: Give one advantage and one disadvantage for each option. Do not ignore either option.</p>	<p>Choose: Finish clearly: <i>I would prefer... because...</i></p>

Part 3: Discussion

Discuss the questions. Each person should give reasons and examples, not just short answers.

Follow-up questions
1. Why can moving home be stressful?
2. Should communities do more to welcome new residents?
3. Is it easier for young people or adults to settle in a new place?
4. What makes people develop a strong connection to a place?

Strategy: develop your ideas in Part 3		
<p>Feeling: Describe adjustment sensitively: <i>At first, people may feel... / It can be difficult because... / They may worry about...</i></p>	<p>Support: Explain useful help: <i>Neighbours could... / Community groups can... / This would make newcomers...</i></p>	<p>Evaluate: Compare who adapts more easily: <i>Young people may... / Adults often... / It depends on...</i></p>



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Speaking Bank 5

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Part 1: Interview

Take turns asking and answering. Each person should aim to speak for 2-3 minutes in total.

Question	Strategy
Personal / present Which local facility do you use most often?	Use place and purpose language: <i>I often use... / I go there to... / It is useful because...</i>
Past experience Can you tell me about a local service that helped you or someone you know?	Describe need and response: <i>We needed... / The service provided... / This helped because...</i>
Opinion / priority Which public service should receive more money in your area?	Set a priority: <i>More money should go to... / The main reason is... / This would benefit...</i>

Part 2: Short talk

Prepare for 1 minute. Then speak on your own for up to 2 minutes.

Choosing a new local facility
 Your local area has funding for one new facility for young people. You are considering these options:

- opening a study centre with computers
- creating a youth centre with activities and advice

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Strategy: plan your short talk		
Open: Briefly introduce the situation: <i>There are two possible facilities for young people...</i>	Compare: Give one advantage and one disadvantage for each option. Do not ignore either option.	Choose: Finish clearly: <i>I would prefer... because...</i>

Part 3: Discussion

Discuss the questions. Each person should give reasons and examples, not just short answers.

Follow-up questions
1. Why are public facilities important for a community?
2. Should all local services be free to use? Why? Why not?
3. How should councils decide which facilities receive funding?
4. Will online services reduce the need for public buildings?

Strategy: develop your ideas in Part 3		
Need: Identify the community need: <i>The area needs... / Many residents lack... / This service would provide...</i>	Funding: Discuss limited resources: <i>The council should prioritise... / Although it may cost... / The greatest benefit would be...</i>	Future: Evaluate online alternatives: <i>Online services can... / However, buildings still... / In the future...</i>