

Frame and Sample Material for Speaking Part 2

NB. Please see 'Preparing for the Speaking Test' on page 48 for guidance on preparing candidates for Part 1.

Part 2 3 - 4 minutes (Prompt card activity)

Prompt cards are used to stimulate questions and answers of a non-personal kind. The interlocutor reads out instructions and gives a question card to one candidate and an answer card to the other. After the candidates have asked and answered questions, they change roles, as in the example below.

Example

The interlocutor reads out these instructions and gives a question card to Candidate B and an answer card to Candidate A.

Candidate A, here is some information about a museum.

Candidate B, you don't know anything about the museum, so ask A some questions about it. Now B, ask A your questions about the museum and A, you answer them.

Candidate A - your answers.

Candidate B - your questions.

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MUSEUM

- ◆ what / see?
- ◆ open / weekends?
- ◆ student ticket? £ ?
- ◆ car park?
- ◆ buy / postcard?

There is a variety of acceptable questions which may be produced using this material. For example:

- What can I see at the museum?
- Is it open at the weekend?
- How much is a student ticket?
- Is there a car park?
- Can I buy a postcard there?

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The examiner will stop the interaction after 4 or 5 questions have been asked and answered. A different set of prompt cards is then given out, so that Candidate A has the opportunity to ask questions and Candidate B to answer them. In this example, the questions are about a library.

Candidate B, here is some information about a bookshop.

Candidate A, you don't know anything about the bookshop, so ask B some questions about it. Now A, ask B your questions about the bookshop and B, you answer them.

Candidate B - your answers.

Candidate A - your questions.

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