

DO

- Try to relax and have a real conversation.
- Speak loudly and clearly so it will be easy for both examiners to hear you and assess you properly.
- Expand on your answers. Explain why you believe something and give specific examples/reasons.
- Politely interrupt your partner if they talk too much and dominate the conversation. Some people talk a lot when they are nervous!
- Be familiar with the format of the exam and the official timing.
- Connect your ideas using expressions like "For example...", "That's why...", etc.
- Be specific and descriptive. When you describe something in detail, you use more sophisticated language.
- Help your partner if they start to struggle and don't know what to say.

DON'T

- Only talk about your own ideas and opinions. Actively listen to your partner and engage with what they have to say.
- Let your partner completely control the conversation. Take the lead sometimes.
- Worry if you can't remember (or don't know) a word in English. That's normal. Just use the English you know to express your ideas the best you can.
- Hesitate to ask the examiner to repeat a question if you don't understand. You won't lose points for this.
- Rehearse answers to typical questions in Part 1. This won't help your score.
- Just describe the pictures in Part 2. Compare them and speculate about what's happening.
- Worry if the examiner interrupts you. You haven't done anything wrong! The examiner needs to be strict with the timing.
- Sit silently if you don't know how to answer a question. If you really can't think of anything to say, just say something like: 'Honestly, I've never thought about this issue. I don't have an opinion about it.'

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