

Guidelines for the Speaking Test

Here are some useful phrases that might help you to pass your final exam more successfully! :O)

1. Speaking Test Part 1: General conversation (3 minutes)

Pretend you don't know each other, try to find out as much info about each other as possible.

- Have you got any sisters or brothers?/ Do you have any sisters or brothers?
- I have got an older sister (not 'bigger'!) and a younger brother.
- What do your parents do for living?
- What are your hobbies?
- I live with (= bei!) my parents.
- What do you do in your spare time?
- I like singing, riding my bike, going to the cinema, meeting my friends, going to parties, playing computer games etc (> - ing-form!)
- I do my homework carefully every day.
- brand (= Marke)
- Which school do you go to?/ Which class is she/ he in? Which class are you in?
- I'm on holiday.
- secondary modern (Hauptschule)
- (type of) secondary modern (Realschule)
- grammar school (Gymnasium) < > gym (= Turnhalle!)
- I'm in the 10th grade (= Klasse).
- How long have you been dating your boyfriend/ girlfriend?

- For how long have you played the trumpet? I have played the trumpet for ten years now/ since 1999.
- I play in a band./ I'm a member of a band/ football club etc.
- Are you good at your position? (Fußball)
- training field (= Sportplatz)
- Have you ever been abroad (= im Ausland)? Where have you been?
- It's my birthday in five days. I turn seventeen.
- I'm not brilliant, but I'm OK (,ich bin durchschnittlich')
- Both of them (my little sisters) like watching TV.
- I like going to parties. > So do I.
- I'm good at playing football. > So am I.

2. Speaking Test Part 2: Responding to visual prompts

(each candidate describes the picture within 1 minute. One further question for discussing opinions, 3 minutes)

- In the picture I can see ...
- In the picture there is/ there are ...
- In the front there is/ there are ...
- In the background/ back there is/ there are ..
- On the left there is/ there are/ I can see ...
- On the right there is/ there are/ I can see ...
- There is a building with several storeys (= Stockwerke).

If you are running out of ideas talk about the time the photo was taken and why, for instance: 'The photo was taken during daytime, it's a sunny day, there are no clouds in the sky at all. I assume it must have been taken in summer, the flowers are in bloom and the

trees are in blossom/ there are a lot of flowers and the leaves of the trees are green.'

3. Speaking Test Part 3: Simulated situation (4 minutes)

In this part you should make and respond to suggestions, agree and disagree and in the end make choices or come to a conclusion.

You teacher will describe a situation to you.

He shows both of you one picture with several ideas to one topic.

Then he explains the task to you.

You should discuss the aspects with your partner then.

These phrases might help you:

- **Don't you think saving energy is a very important matter of our modern civilization?**
- **Don't you agree with me that starting our trip at the zoo would be advantageous because ...**
- **Shouldn't we go to the swimming-pool first and afterwards to the restaurant because ...**
- **What about going to the cinema?**
- **Isn't it better to learn more carefully at school in order to get a good job than playing computer games all the time?!**
- **I agree with you that .../ I'm of the same opinion ...**
- **I disagree with you because ... / I don't think so ...**
- **Don't you know that riding your bike without a helmet is too dangerous?!**
- **On the one hand ... on the other hand ... but in the end I like ... best.**

- **Certainly it's good to have your own car. But if you are green (= umweltbewusst) you'll ride your bike for short trips to town and only drive your car for long distances.**

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