

Succeed in Cambridge
B1 Preliminary

Speaking Tutor



Part 4

Questions

Where is your favourite place to go on a school trip? (Why?)

Generally/Usually I like to go to ... (place) as there is a lot to do/see e.g. shopping, sightseeing. Great places to eat: fast food restaurants/more traditional restaurants. Places to relax/have fun/play sports in parks/at seaside/on the beach. Lots of tourists/young people so interesting, full of life.

Do you prefer travelling by bus or by boat? (Why?)

Prefer travelling by bus: quicker, cheaper, more convenient, bus stops everywhere, also more comfortable. Travelling by boat can be cold, unpleasant if sea rough.

Prefer travelling by boat: feel you are part of nature with sea all around you. Nicer to be outdoors on boat than inside bus when good weather. Slower than bus so you can relax more.

What things would you like to have with you on a school trip?

Useful things to take: mobile/camera for taking photos, mobile for texting friends, searching for information on internet. Bag for putting things in. Snacks e.g. chocolate, crisps so not hungry, water so not thirsty.

Things to take for entertainment: MP3 player for listening to music, tablet for watching films, smart phone for playing games.

Have you ever been on a really boring school trip?

Yes: went to the countryside/another town/city. Nothing to do, weather bad. Journey by coach very long, nothing to see, only fields, trees/buildings, factories. Didn't have good company, friend(s) not on trip.

No: always have fun when no lessons. Like travelling by coach/train. Have fun with other classmates. Teachers choose best/most interesting places to go to. Good to have free time on own during day.

What was the best trip you have ever been on?

Best trip was to ... (place). Exciting, everything new, different, lots to do: shopping, playing sports in park/on beach. Good company, with classmates, best friend.

TEST 5



Part 2

Describing a photo: Clothes for the office / Working in fashion**1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like****Photo 1A**

2 office workers/businessmen

Older man: middle-aged, short, white/grey hair, wedding ring on hand so must be married

Clothes: brown suit, light blue shirt with collar, brown tie with pattern on it

Younger man: approaching middle-age, short, brown hair

Clothes: dark blue/black suit, blue shirt and shiny blue tie, dark trousers with belt

Photo 1B

3 young people, 2 boys, 1 girl: possibly teenagers/very young adults

Boy on left: short, fair hair, blue eyes, very fair skin

Clothes: green shirt with blue lines, unusual jacket, blue/purple with black, leather sleeves, very short green top over jacket, trousers blue, green/black pattern, blue/purple belt

Boy in middle: short, curly brown/black hair, brown eyes, olive skin

Clothes: unusual jacket with white collar, strange pattern on front, pink, black, circles blue/purple sleeves, trousers red and blue pattern, black leather pockets

Girl: wearing orange eye make-up, long, light brown hair tied at back of head in unusual style

Clothes: green, sleeveless dress, orange around shoulder area, orange belt

2 Talking about a place/things you can see

Photo 1A: city/town, possibly centre, large white building behind, many windows, possibly office/shops.

Photo 1B: Not clear where group is, possibly in photographer's studio as look like models.

3 Other

Describe what the person/people are doing. Why you think they are doing this.

Photo 1A

2 men talking, look serious, each man looking at the other, maybe just left meeting, need to discuss important topics, younger man has raised his hand, possibly trying to explain something.

Photo 1B

Boy with fair hair looking directly at camera / photographer, boy with dark hair looking to left, away from camera, shoulder touching other boy's shoulder, standing with his back to the other boy, face-to-face with the girl.

Girl touching chin of boy with her finger.

All are standing in a way that is not natural, looks like they are models and photographer taking photos of them in a studio.



Part 3

Vocabulary for different jobs

doctor	photographer
architect	policeman
lorry driver	office worker
teacher	

Making a suggestion:

Do you think (s)he has thought about becoming a ...? (job)
(S)he could become a ... (job).

Saying why a job is good

Doctor: *help people, challenging, always interesting, meet lots of different people, learn new things all the time, earn a lot of money*

Lorry driver: *travel a lot, see new places, earn a lot of money, meet new people*

Teacher: *challenging, always interesting, learn a lot, can feel satisfied with what you do*

Photographer: *challenging, celebrity photographers earn a lot of money, meet lots of people, often travel for job*

Policeman: *challenging, every day is different, new situations, meet lots of new people*

Office worker: *not too difficult, know everyone in office, not too stressful*

Saying why a job isn't good

Doctor: *long hours, often need to work weekends, responsible for patients, can't make a mistake, need to study a lot, always have to learn about new things*

Architect: *long and tiring days, lots of responsibility, cannot make a mistake, have to work with many different people*

Lorry driver: *long hours can get boring, driving alone, can be dangerous, driving all day/night, might have an accident*

Teacher: *responsible for your students/young children, have to study, always learn about new things, don't earn much money, students can be difficult*

Photographer: *don't earn much money unless you work for a newspaper/are celebrity photographer, can spend long time trying to get just one good photo, working with people can be difficult*

Policeman: *can be very dangerous, don't earn much money, long hours, may need to work weekends*

Office worker: *not very challenging, can be boring, people you work with may be difficult, don't earn much money*

Saying which you think is the best idea

I think ... (job) would be the best job for him/her as he/she likes/doesn't like challenging situations and it is/isn't important for him/her to earn a lot of money.

He/She would also have to / also wouldn't have to work with people which would be good for him/her.

Asking if someone agrees

Do you think that job would be good for him/her?

How about working as a ... (job)?

Part 4

Questions

What job would you most like to do?

I would like to work as a ... (job) because you can earn / even though you don't earn a lot of money. It would/wouldn't be challenging and I would have to be/wouldn't have to be responsible for other people. Also, I could/wouldn't have to travel a lot in this job and I could/wouldn't have to meet lots of new people.

Which jobs are the most dangerous ones?

Jobs which require dealing with dangerous people e.g working as a policeman. Also jobs that require travelling to foreign countries where there are wars e.g working as a journalist or working as a soldier.

Are there jobs that are only for women or only for men?

Yes: *Some people think that women are not strong enough to build houses, or work as soldiers and fight face-to-face with the enemy.*

Some other people think that men are maybe better at driving lorries, or even at working as driving instructors!

Women often enjoy looking after other people, which may explain why there are so many female nurses.

No: *Nowadays men and women do same jobs. Jobs done only by men before e.g soldier, bus driver, scientist now done by women. Also jobs only done by women before e.g nurse, cleaner now done by men.*

What should someone look for in a job?

Depends on person, different people want different things. But most people want to earn a lot of money, not have to work too many hours and have a good working environment.

If money weren't a problem for you, which job would you prefer to have?

I would like to work as a(n) ... (job) as I would find the job very challenging, interesting. I would be able to travel a lot/meet lots of people and go to interesting places.

TEST 6



Part 2

Describing a photo: Staying indoors / Doing an activity

1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like

Photo 1A

Woman: alone / by herself

Woman: quite attractive, young to middle-aged, shoulder-length, wavy, dark brown hair

Clothes: smart, casual, long, red dress with white spots, blouse with white collar under dress

Photo 1B

A man and a woman

Man: about 30 years old, short, straight, dark hair, sunglasses

Clothes: casual, dark, blue jacket, blue jeans

Woman: about 30 years old, quite curly, dark brown hair

Clothes: casual, light yellow jumper/sweater made from wool, blue jeans

2 Talking about a place/things you can see

Photo 1A

In someone's home, cosy sitting room, sofa with brown and white pattern, white cushion on sofa, wooden table, apples in dark, wooden bowl on table, real or realistic-looking fire in background.

Photo 1B

Outdoors, maybe a park with lots of trees, grass, several paths crossing park, possibly early spring as some trees don't have any leaves and man and woman not wearing coats, hats/ winter clothes, large building in background, maybe university, as man and woman could be older students.

3 Other

Describe what the person/people are doing.

Why do you think they are doing this?

Photo 1A

Woman reading a book, relaxing at home. Quite well-dressed, smart, casual clothes, maybe just finished work or waiting for someone / about to go out.

Photo 1B

Man and woman cycling along path, through park. Maybe just finished studying for the day at university, or friends exercising, trying to get fit or relax after work / at the weekend, probably haven't just finished work as both wearing casual clothes.

Part 3

Vocabulary for camping

tent	tins of food
sleeping bag	mobile phone
raincoat	a light
map	

Making a suggestion

Do you think we should bring ...? (item)

What do you think about bringing ...? (item)

I think it would be a good idea to bring ... (item)

Saying why an item is a good idea

Tent: protects you/equipment from rain, keeps you warm

Sleeping bag: cosy, keeps you warm, helps you to sleep

Raincoat: protects you from bad weather, stops you getting cold/wet

Map: helps you to find your way when you are lost

Tins of food: need to eat, good to have food reserve, if far from shops

Smart phone: for contacting friends/family, also necessary to contact people if emergency, doing internet searches to find interesting places, camping sites, also for entertainment, playing games/watching films

A light: to see at night, help you find your way

Saying why an item is not a good idea

Tent: difficult/heavy to carry, keep dry, doesn't protect you from really bad weather/cold

Sleeping bag: difficult to keep dry/clean, heavy to carry

Raincoat: extra item to carry, doesn't protect from cold, only rain

Map: better to use internet on mobile to find route/camping sites etc, map can get wet/destroyed by rain

Tins of food: not healthy, fresh food better, you can buy food in stores if near town, also tins heavy to carry, need equipment to heat food, need something to open tins

Mobile phone: runs out of battery quickly, nowhere to charge phone if in countryside, screen can break easily if dropped, so useless

A light: needs batteries, if batteries run out, it is useless

Making suggestions

I think they should bring ... (items)

In my opinion, the following items are important ... (items)

Saying which you think that the best idea is

In my opinion, it would be best to bring (a) ... as ..., most important thing when camping, other items not as necessary.

Asking if someone agrees

Do you think (a) ... is the best idea?

Do you agree that (a) ... is more important than anything else?



Part 4

Questions

Do you like camping? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes: good to be outdoors, in fresh air, feel closer to nature, fun/challenging not staying in traditional accommodation e.g. hotels/hostels, can choose where to sleep not just on camping sites.

No: uncomfortable, difficult to sleep, tent doesn't protect you enough from rain/cold, can't always put tent where you want, have to share camping site with other people, sometimes camping site not in good location, far from shops, better to pay for hotel than camping site and use all facilities available e.g. private bath/shower.

Is camping a good idea for everyone? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes: need to learn how to live without all modern comforts, makes you more independent, understand value of what you have at home.

No: not suitable for very young children/elderly, some people want to relax on holiday, camping not comfortable, difficult to sleep, tent doesn't protect you from cold, some people prefer to have access to facilities e.g. pool, bar, restaurant that only hotel can provide.

Have you ever been on holiday without your parents?

Yes: with friends/organised school trip. We went to ... (place) by ... (coach/car/train/bus). It was last week/month/year, in ... (year). I really enjoyed/didn't enjoy it because the weather was good/bad, there was lots / wasn't a lot to do and see, I had/didn't have very good company.

No: too young to travel alone / prefer to travel with parents / can't afford to travel alone. In the future hope to travel alone/with friends to ... place (s).

What type of holiday do you usually go on?

Holiday organised by travel agent: because more relaxing, parents pay for it, prefer to stay in hotels

Sightseeing holiday: organised by travel agent/travel alone, can see lots of new places in short time, more interested in learning about new places than relaxing by hotel pool

Camping holiday: cheap, can afford to have a longer holiday, more fun being outdoors, can stay where you want/on camping site, meet new people

Adventure holiday: meet lots of new people, challenging activities, spend lots of time outdoors, can be independent, learn new skills

What is the worst thing about camping?

Bad weather: staying in a tent can be cold and miserable if cold, windy and raining

Staying on a campsite: have to share facilities e.g. shower on campsite, may have noisy neighbours

Far from shops: places of interest, not interesting for a young person

TEST 7



Part 2

Describing a photo: Having a pet / Going on a school trip

1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like

Photo 1A

Woman playing with two dogs

Woman: middle-aged, smiling, fair hair, quite tall and attractive

Clothes: winter clothes, white, wool hat, black coat with collar that looks like fur but may not be real, coat tied with black belt, pink scarf, black gloves, possibly leather, black boots

Dogs: light brown/black, look very friendly, standing on back legs, may be pets, some other dogs in background

Photo 1B

Several people looking at sharks

Boy: back facing camera, quite slim, short, obviously quite young, short, straight, fair hair

Clothes: casual, light cotton T-shirt, white

Young man: back facing camera, short, quite curly, dark brown hair

Clothes: black T-shirt

2 Talking about a place/things you can see

Photo 1A: Outdoors, winter snow on ground, possibly in large garden, probably at dogs' home, as several dogs in picture, large wooden building inside bigger, big metal frame in the background.

Photo 1B: Indoors, possibly zoo, sharks swimming behind glass, large area of water with green plants growing in it.

3 Other

Describe what the person/people are doing.

Why you think they are doing this.

Photo 1A

Woman may be visiting dogs' home, as several dogs in photo or, she owns a dogs' home. Dogs could also be her pets, very friendly, playing with her. Could be with a friend, as the woman is smiling at camera for photo.

Photo 1B

Everyone looking at sharks, boy taking photos, probably on trip to zoo.

Part 3

Vocabulary for presents

shoes	cake
skirt	ring
watch	bag
purse	

Making a suggestion

Why don't they buy her a/-/...? (item)

I think they should buy her a/-/... (item)

In my opinion, it would be a good idea to buy her a/-/... (item)

Saying why something would be good for a present

Shoes: most women love shoes, can go with a dress/skirt, make a dress/skirt look better/more stylish

Skirt: useful, can go with different tops/blouses, can be made to look more casual/smart depending on what top/jewellery/shoes you wear with it

Watch: useful, better than mobile to tell time as mobile phone can run out of battery, stylish/fashionable

Purse: useful for keeping money safe, cheap to buy, easy to find lots of different designs to choose from

Cake: not expensive, easy to make/buy, can share it with friends

Ring: fashionable, stylish, most women like rings, can go with many different types of clothes

Bag: useful for shopping/going out not too expensive

Saying why an item is not a good idea

Shoes: need to try them on in shop to make sure they fit, so present won't be surprise, so many different styles, difficult to find one that someone will like

Skirt: may not be correct size, someone's taste or may not go with other clothes someone has

Watch: good watch is expensive, many people prefer to use mobile phones to know time

Purse: everyone has one, not many people have/want more than one.

Cake: not suitable if someone is on a diet/trying to lose weight, many women avoid eating things that put on weight, you can't keep a cake once you've eaten it, you have nothing left of your present

Ring: cheap rings don't look good, a nice ring is usually expensive

Bag: most women have several already

Making suggestions

I think a/-/... (item) would be a good idea.

In my opinion, a/-/... (item) is a suitable present.

Saying which you think is the best idea

I think a cake would be the best idea, as not expensive, you can share it, take photos of cake to remember it, everyone can help make/decorate it so present has more value for person who receives it.

Asking if someone agrees

What do you think about giving a cake as a present?

Do you think giving a cake is a good idea?

Part 4

Questions

Which family member are you closest to?

I'm closest to my mum/dad/brother/sister/aunt/uncle/grand-mother/grandfather because we share same interests/hobbies, he/she takes care of me, is good company / fun to be with, always listens to me when I have a problem.

Do you ever fight with your family? (Why?/Why not?)

Yes: sometimes when we disagree about time I spend on computer/playing computer games/on my mobile, when I come home late, when we want to watch different TV programmes, when I find excuses not to do homework/housework

No: I respect older people/the older generation so listen to my parents, not worth arguing with brother(s)/sister(s), usually avoid arguments, I'm also very relaxed about things

Do mothers always know what is best for their kids?

Yes: older, more responsible, have more experience, want their kids to do well in life, so always choose what is best for them

No: different generation, so they don't understand younger generation, what makes them happy, kids know what they want more than someone else

Should mothers stay at home and look after the kids?

Yes: kids want to come home to their mothers after school, not enter an empty house, working mothers don't have time to look after their children, listen to their problems, cook them healthy meals, help with their homework

No: mothers should work if they want, working mothers earn more money can help their kids more, buy them what they need/want, give them a good life, mothers who don't work are unhappy, not satisfied with their lives, especially if they are qualified and have certain skills

What do you think is the hardest thing about being a parent?

never have free time, kids always need you, even when they are adults, when your kids are unhappy, you suffer too, kids often don't value their parents even when their parents love them/are doing their best for them



TEST 8



Part 2

Describing a photo: Helping the environment / Going to work

1 Talking about a person / what someone looks like

Photo 1A

Group of young people: 5 people, 2 women, 3 men

2 women: same age, around twenty-five/thirty, both have long, dark hair, one woman has hair tied behind back of head, both quite slim

Clothes: both wearing casual clothes, sleeveless, black, cotton tops, blue jeans, yellow gloves

3 men: **Man closest to camera:** back facing us, short, straight, light brown hair, beard. **Man holding bag:** also has beard, straight light brown hair, quite attractive, smiling. **Man beside him:** tall, slim, short, black hair, dark skin.

Clothes: **Man closest to camera:** casual clothes, light blue T-shirt, jeans, no shoes, yellow gloves. **Man holding bag:** black T-shirt, yellow gloves. **Man beside him:** light brown top and trousers, yellow gloves.

Photo 1B

Several people, men and women

Not clear how many women/men from photo, but two men, one woman closest to camera, can see clearly who they are/what they are wearing.

Woman: back facing camera, looks quite young, slim, quite tall, long light brown hair

Clothes: purple top with sleeves, black bag, quite short, black skirt, black tights, light blue, flat shoes

Men: age not clear from picture as all have backs facing camera, possibly man closest to camera quite young other two men middle-aged. **Man closest to camera:** short, straight dark brown hair. **Man closest to woman:** short, straight, light brown hair, taller, larger, possibly older, than man beside him.

Man beside him: short, straight, light brown hair, quite slim.

Clothes: **Man closest to camera:** very dark blue suit, trousers.

Man closest to woman: quite dark blue suit and trousers, black shoes, white shirt. **Man beside him:** light blue suit and trousers, black shoes, small case for office.

2 Talking about a place/things you can see

Photo 1A

at seaside, on beach with sand, sun shining, probably summer, everyone wearing summer clothes, no one else on beach except for group of people

Photo 1B

in underground, train track on right of picture, long platform, low ceiling with lights

3 Other

Describe what the person/people are doing. Why you think they are doing this.

Photo 1A

People working together, helping to collect rubbish from beach to clean the environment, putting it in black, plastic bag man is holding, sitting on ground. Everyone putting rubbish in bag, wearing gloves to protect hands from anything sharp in rubbish, wearing casual clothes as warm and because cleaning beach.

Photo 1B

Photo not clear because everyone moving fast, when photo was taken. Men going to/coming back from work, dressed in smart clothes, suits, other people may be tourists, students as wearing more casual clothes.

Part 3

Vocabulary for different activities

go swimming	go to the cinema
go to a bar	visit a museum
go dancing	go to a music festival

Making a suggestion

Why don't we ...? (activity)

If you like, we could ...? (activity)

What do you think about ...? (activity)

Note: verb describing activity in 'ing' form

e.g. What do you think about going dancing?

Saying why an activity is a good idea

Go swimming: healthy, keeps you fit, enjoy fresh air, doesn't cost money, can stay all day at beach/seaside

Go to a bar: meet new people, have fun, relax, indoors so no problem if weather bad

Go dancing: listen to music, meet new people, do something active, have fun, indoors so no problem if weather bad

Go to the cinema: relax for 2 hours watching a film, forget about real life, watch something fun/interesting, indoors, so no problem if weather bad

Visit a museum: learn about cultures/art, indoors so no problem if weather bad, can spend several hours looking at what is on display

Go to a music festival: have fun, meet new people, listen to live music, music bands, enjoy being outdoors, good entertainment that lasts whole day/evening

Saying why an activity is not a good idea

Go swimming: not possible if weather bad, can get boring on beach if there for a long time

Go to a bar: drinks are expensive, some people don't like bars/drinking, can be boring if not with group of friends

Go dancing: not everyone likes dancing/listening to loud music, entry to clubs can be very expensive

Go to the cinema: difficult to choose film everyone likes, cinema tickets expensive, less expensive to buy a DVD and watch it at home, or could watch free films on internet

Visit a museum: entry to museums can be expensive, not everyone likes museums, some people prefer to be active

Go to a music festival: entry to music festivals can be expensive, not good idea to be outdoors if weather bad

Making suggestions

In my opinion we should ... (activity)

I think it would be a great idea to ... (activity)

Saying which you think is the best idea

I think the best idea, would be to go ... if the weather is good as free/healthy activity.

Asking if someone agrees

Do you think ... is the best idea?

Do you agree that ... is the best idea?

Part 4

Questions

Do you make friends easily?

Yes: I'm very confident, love meeting people, going out, no problem approaching new people and speaking to them, do lots of different activities, member of different clubs so easy to meet people/make friends.

No: I'm quite shy, prefer my own company, don't go out much, too shy to speak to people I don't know.

Do you often invite friends to visit your home?

Yes: love hanging out with friends at home, after school/at weekends, listening to music, playing computer games, chatting, watching TV

No: prefer my own company at home, or being with family, better to meet friends outside home, more to do in town/city, not many activities to do at home, friends would get bored

What do you usually do together with your friends?

like to do activities that don't cost any money e.g. sport, playing football, swimming/listening to music at home, meeting at a café / like to do activities that are better to do in the company of friends e.g. going to cinema/café

Who is your best friend?

My best friend is ... (member of family/classmate/neighbour etc) because he/she is good company, fun to be with, likes same activities as me, listens to my problems, will always help me when I can't do something alone.

Have you ever argued with a friend? (Why?)

Yes: disagreed about how to do something, over plans for a party/holiday etc., didn't like his/her behaviour towards someone I knew, we aren't friends now / we apologised to each other and we're still friends

No: I don't like arguing, I try to avoid arguments when I can, I respect the opinion of my friends so I never argue with them, I don't think it's worth arguing over something and losing a friend because of it.