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Speaking

8 tasks **Duration** ≈ 15–20 minutes

Prepare, then speak your response aloud for each task, as in real test conditions.

Task 1 - Giving Advice

Talk to Daniel. Give him advice about whether he should take the new job or stay at his current job, and explain the reasons for your advice.

Giving Advice

Your coworker Daniel has been offered a job at another company. The new job pays more money, but it is much farther from his home and he would have a longer commute every day. He is not sure if he should accept the new job or stay where he is.

TASK

Talk to Daniel. Give him advice about whether he should take the new job or stay at his current job, and explain the reasons for your advice.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 2 - Talking about a Personal Experience

Describe this experience in detail. Talk about what happened, when it happened, who was involved, what you did to help, and how you felt about it. Explain why this experience was meaningful to you.

Talking about a Personal Experience

Think about a time when you helped someone with a problem or a difficult situation.

TASK

Describe this experience in detail. Talk about what happened, when it happened, who was involved, what you did to help, and how you felt about it. Explain why this experience was meaningful to you.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 3 - Describing a Scene

Describe what is happening in the picture in as much detail as possible, as if you are speaking to someone who cannot see it.

Describing a Scene

You are looking at a picture of a busy place during a normal day.

TASK

Describe what is happening in the picture in as much detail as possible, as if you are speaking to someone who cannot see it.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 4 - Making Predictions

Describe what you think will happen next in this scene and explain why, based on what you can see in the picture.

Making Predictions

You are looking at a picture of a busy outdoor farmers' market.

TASK

Describe what you think will happen next in this scene and explain why, based on what you can see in the picture.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 5 - Comparing and Persuading

Choose either option A or option B. Explain why you think it is the better choice for your cousin. Then imagine that your cousin says they would rather choose the other option. Persuade your cousin that your choice is still the better option.

Comparing and Persuading

Your cousin wants to join a gym to improve their health, but they can only afford one membership this year. You are helping them decide which gym would be the better choice for their lifestyle and budget.

TASK

Choose either option A or option B. Explain why you think it is the better choice for your cousin. Then imagine that your cousin says they would rather choose the other option. Persuade your cousin that your choice is still the better option.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 6 - Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Talk to your friend. Explain the situation tactfully, tell them which choice you have made, and try to maintain the friendship while showing that you understand the inconvenience.

Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Your cousin is getting married on the same weekend that your close friend is moving to a new apartment. A month ago, you promised your friend that you would help with the move because they do not have many people to assist them. However, your parents now expect you to attend the wedding and say it would look rude if you did not go. You have decided to go to the wedding, but you know your friend will be disappointed and may feel that you are letting them down.

TASK

Talk to your friend. Explain the situation tactfully, tell them which choice you have made, and try to maintain the friendship while showing that you understand the inconvenience.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 7 - Expressing Opinions

Do you agree or disagree with allowing employees to work from home several days a week? Give clear reasons for your opinion and include examples to support your answer.

Expressing Opinions

Some people believe that employees should be allowed to work from home several days a week, while others think it is better for everyone to work in the office full-time.

TASK

Do you agree or disagree with allowing employees to work from home several days a week? Give clear reasons for your opinion and include examples to support your answer.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 8 - Describing an Unusual Situation

Describe this unusual situation to your friend so that they can clearly understand what is happening and why it seems strange.

Describing an Unusual Situation

Your friend is on the phone and cannot see what you are looking at.

TASK

Describe this unusual situation to your friend so that they can clearly understand what is happening and why it seems strange.

PREPARATION NOTES



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