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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 how to improve his routine and explain why you think your suggestions will help him.

Giving Advice

Your coworker Daniel has been feeling very stressed because he stays up late watching videos and then feels tired and unfocused at work the next day. He wants to improve his daily routine but is not sure where to start.

TASK

Talk to Daniel. Give him advice about how to improve his routine and explain why you think your suggestions will help him.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 2 - Talking about a Personal Experience

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

Talking about a Personal Experience

Think about a time when you learned something important from a personal experience.

TASK

Describe this experience in detail. Talk about when it happened, what happened, who was involved, and how you felt. Explain what you learned and 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 in a city.

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

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

Making Predictions

You are at a busy outdoor farmers' market, and you can see several shoppers and vendors in the picture.

TASK

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

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 5 - Comparing and Persuading

First, choose either option A or option B. Then, after you make your choice, your cousin brings up option C. Speak to your cousin and persuade them that your original choice is still better than option C.

Comparing and Persuading

Your cousin wants to join a gym this month and asked you to help choose the best membership. You need to pick one option that fits your cousin's budget, schedule, and fitness goals.

TASK

First, choose either option A or option B. Then, after you make your choice, your cousin brings up option C. Speak to your cousin and persuade them that your original choice is still better than option C.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 6 - Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Talk to your friend. Explain the situation tactfully, tell them what you have decided to do, and try to maintain the friendship while offering a reasonable solution.

Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Your friend asked you to help them move to a new apartment this Saturday, and you already said yes. Yesterday, your sister told you she is hosting a small family dinner the same evening for your grandparents, who are visiting from out of town for only one day. Your family expects you to be there, but your friend is depending on your help because they cannot afford professional movers. If you cancel, your friend may be upset and stressed.

TASK

Talk to your friend. Explain the situation tactfully, tell them what you have decided to do, and try to maintain the friendship while offering a reasonable solution.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 7 - Expressing Opinions

Do you agree or disagree with allowing employees to work from home several days a week? Give 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 every day.

TASK

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

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 8 - Describing an Unusual Situation

Describe the unusual situation to your sister in as much detail as possible so she can clearly imagine what is happening.

Describing an Unusual Situation

You are looking out the window of a neighborhood laundromat and notice something very unusual inside. You call your sister to tell her about it because she cannot see the scene.

TASK

Describe the unusual situation to your sister in as much detail as possible so she can clearly imagine what is happening.

PREPARATION NOTES



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