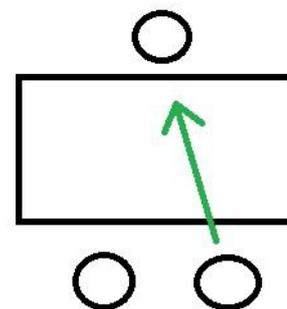


## CAE SPEAKING TIPS PART 2

In part two of the Cambridge English: Advanced Speaking test, you are given a piece of paper with 3 photos on. The photos are almost always about people.

You have to talk about 2 of the pictures, on your own, for a minute. Then the examiner will ask the other candidate a question about your pictures. Next, the other candidate will have to talk for a minute about some different pictures, and *you* will be asked a question about *those* pictures. The technique for answering this follow-up question is the same as Speaking Test Part One - respond in about 3 sentences and try to show off your vocabulary.



In this section we will focus on what to say in your 60 second 'long turn'. In the exam, you don't get time to plan or make notes, so **now** is the time to prepare!

### 1. HOW TO AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

- You are asked to talk about **TWO** pictures. Choose two and **say nothing** about the third one.
- Weak candidates simply describe the pictures: *"I can see a car. The car is red. There is a tree."* You aren't asked to describe them. Strong candidates compare the pictures - that's explained more below.
- Don't waste the first five seconds by explaining which pictures you have chosen. Just **start** comparing the pictures! (If you feel you have to make it clear, you can point to the pictures you have chosen.)
- Dead air ... is still a crime! You get 60 seconds to do this task. Use all of it! When your time is up the examiner will stop you.
- The examiner tells you what to do, but the task is also printed on the page with the photos. Refer to that page to make sure you talk about **both** bullet points.
- While you are comparing the photos, try to look at the examiner and the other candidate from time to time. It's hard because you have to look at the pictures, but strong candidates don't talk **to** the photos - they talk **about** the photos.

## 2. ABC - ALWAYS BE COMPARING

When the examiner gives you the instructions for the task, he or she will always start, 'I'd like you to compare two of the pictures and say...' Comparing is the **heart** of the task.

If you aren't comparing, you aren't scoring points.

Comparing means saying what's **the same** in your chosen pictures and what is **different**. There are many ways you can do that, but the easiest way is to use the magic CAE words:

### *The Three Magic Words*

- Both ...
- Whereas ...
- While ...

## 3. LET'S PUT A START TO THIS SPECULATION

In most of the CAE speaking exam part 2 scenarios, the word 'might' will be in the instructions. 'Say why the people **might** be checking the time'. 'Say how safety **might** be important in this job.' That's because the examiners want to know if you can use speculative language.

Useful speculative phrases include:

- Perhaps
- It seems like
- They might have
- It could be that

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