



FCE Speaking Exam – Useful Expressions



Part One: Personal Questions

Prepare answers on the following topics:

Where you live, free time activities, family, work/study life, future plans.

Part two: The Long Turn

If you don't understand:

Sorry, I didn't quite catch that...

Sorry, could you please repeat that?

Would you mind repeating that please?

If you make a mistake:

Sorry, I mean...

What I meant to say was....



Compare and Contrast:

They both show....

In each one, we can see....

This one is not as.....as the other one

This picture reminds me of.....while/however this one reminds me of.....

In this one, we can see.....while in this one, we can see....

Expressing your Opinion:

This picture makes me feel (+adj)

This one makes me think....

He comes across as a(adj) person

He looks like a (noun)

To be honest, In my opinion.....

As far as I'm concerned

Speculating:

I'm not sure whether

I imagine they are.....

He looks as if he is (verb+ing)

Judging from his surroundings / his clothes / the look on his face

It seems to me that....

Part Three: Collaborative Task

To Start a Conversation:

Let's start with this one

Will we start with this one?

Let's talk about this one first

To move on to next idea:

Let's move on to the next idea

**Asking for Opinion:**

What do you think?
How about you?
Do you think so too?
What do you reckon?
What are your views on this?

Agreeing:

I agree with you
I see your point
I get what you mean
That's exactly what I was thinking

Disagreeing:

I have to disagree with you
I know what you mean, but I don't see it that way.

Politely Interrupting:

Do you mind if I cut in here?
Sorry, could I interrupt?
Do you mind if I jump in here?

To make a final decision:

Will we choose this one?
Are you happy to go with this one?
It looks like we've decided on this one.
It seems as though we both agree on this one

Part Four: Discussion (on part 3 topic)

If you need time to think:

Let me see/think
How can I put this?
I've never really thought about that
That's a great question...

When asked a follow-up question, such as '*what about you?*', refer to giving your opinion phrases above...