

FCE SPEAKING TEST – useful phrases

Asking for clarification

Sorry, I'm not sure what you mean.

I don't (really) understand

Can you say that again, please? I'm not (quite) sure what I have to do.

Can I ask a question?

Do you want me to....?

Correcting yourself

What I mean is...

What I meant was...

What I'm trying to say is...

Compare and contrast (Part 2)

*They both **show/have/etc***

*They're both quite similar because they both **show/have/etc***

There are in both photographs

Both of them have got.... In them.

The top one looks more..... than the bottom one.

*The one on the left **is/shows/has** but the one on the right is*

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

It's quite difficult to compare them.

This picture reminds me of whereas the other one.....

Expressing your likes, dislikes, preferences

I (really) like/love/enjoy

I don't (really) like....

I'm not very keen on...

I much prefer...

I'd prefer...

I'd (much) rather...

The thing I like the best is

Expressing your opinions/feelings/reactions

*I don't think **he's very happy / she's going to buy anything***

*I'm not sure whether **enjoy it / people believe***

*I think it'd be better if **they chose..../ we didn't go...***

*I think we should.... **pay less / choose ...***

*It makes me **angry/worried/smile/want to...***

*I find it really **interesting/awful***

*It looks a bit **strange/difficult***

*She looks as if **she's enjoying it / she hasn't slept***

Agreeing or disagreeing with your partner (Parts 3 and 4)

I agree

That sounds like a good idea

That's a great idea

You're right!

That's true

I'm not sure about that

I don't (really) agree

Yes, but...

Involving your partner (Part 3)

What do you think?

Do you think we should...?

Why don't we...?

Perhaps we should...

Let's decide about..., shall we?

What shall we do first?

Expressing 'for' and 'against' views

The good/bad thing(s) is/are...

One advantage /disadvantage is...

On the other hand...

Speculating

*He might be **on holiday/explaining something***

*I think this **would be good for him/might not help in the situation/ could cause problems***

*What would happen **if people didn't do anything?***

*What if **there were no opportunity to change?***

*Perhaps/Maybe **he's studying for an exam***

Reaching a conclusion with your partner (Part 3)

(What) have we decided then?

So, let's decide which one...

I think that's it, don't you?