

**ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES
SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 1
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

People who play computer games can improve their problem-solving, decision-making and team-working skills. Therefore, it would be a good idea to use computer games as a method for teaching and testing students in schools and universities.

Think about (optional):

- Traditional methods
- Skills for work
- Potential problems

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 2
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Nowadays, we hardly ever write anything by hand and our electronic devices now have functions which automatically help us to write correctly. It is therefore a waste of time to teach children or language learners how to spell.

Think about (optional):

- New technology
- Priorities
- Potential problems

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 3
STUDENT'S VERSION

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Extreme sports like bungee jumping, skydiving and parachuting, which involve people jumping from great heights, are highly dangerous. These sports put both the participants and the people around them at risk. Therefore, they should be banned.

Think about (optional):

- Injuries & deaths
- Safety regulations
- Personal choice

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 4
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Nowadays, people can go on holiday almost anywhere in the world. However, they often experience serious problems in places with a different language and culture; therefore, it is better to visit places with a similar language and culture to your own.

Think about (optional):

- Reasons for travel
- Personal preference
- Different experiences

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 5
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Many parents try to protect children from having any difficult experiences. However, these experiences are an important part of growing up; therefore, children should be left to face problems and learn how to deal with life's challenges.

Think about (optional):

- Children's happiness
- Preparation for life
- Different experiences

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 6
STUDENT'S VERSION

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Many schools and universities are spending a lot of money on new technologies to use in the classroom. However, they don't really help students learn and these technologies will soon become outdated; therefore, money should be spent on other resources.

Think about (optional):

- IT skills
- Priorities
- Learning styles

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 2: SET 7
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Qualifications in school subjects like art and literature are not often required by companies when looking for new employees. Therefore, there is no need to teach these subjects; more time should be spent studying really useful subjects like science and engineering.

Think about (optional):

- Career paths
- Individual choice
- Culture

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.