

Speaking

PART 1

The examiner will ask you some questions about yourself.

Learning languages

- *Do you consider yourself a linguist? Why / why not?*
- *If you could be fluent in one language, what would it be and why?*
- *What are your study methods for learning a new language?*
- *Would you be happy if there were just one universal language?*

The examiner will then ask you some questions about other topics, for example:

Learning English

- *For how long have you been learning English?*
- *Do a lot of children in your country learn English?*
- *Do you enjoy learning English? Why / why not?*
- *Have you studied any other languages? Which language do you find easiest to learn?*
- *What advice would you give to someone who wants to start learning English?*

PART 2

The examiner will give you a topic on a card like the one shown here and ask you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before you talk, you will have one minute to think about what you are going to say. The examiner will give you some paper and a pencil so you can make notes if you want to.

Do you think your foreign friends are any different to those of your own nationality?

You should say:

- in what ways they are different/similar
- what do you tend to agree/disagree about most

and explain how they are influenced by their culture.

PART 3

The examiner will then ask some more general questions which follow on from the topic in Part 2.

Foreign friendships

- *Is it easier or more difficult to make foreign friends?*
- *How does having a foreign friend change your outlook?*
- *Is it more challenging to sustain a friendship with someone from a different culture?*

Cultural differences

- *Due to globalisation, are cultural differences becoming less noticeable?*
- *Which differences are least likely to change?*
- *Is it good to have cultural differences?*