
INTERNATIONAL GCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Speaking Paper

November 2025

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Approximately 3–4 minutes

Part 2 General conversation (25 marks)
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Information

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CARD A Candidate's Photo card

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- Look at the photo during the preparation period.
- Make any notes you wish to on an additional answer sheet.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to **Cinema and TV**.



Your teacher will ask you the following **three** questions and then **two more questions** which you have not prepared.

- What can you see in the photo?
- How often do you go to the cinema?
- What are the advantages of watching films at the cinema?

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CARD B Candidate's Photo card

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- Look at the photo during the preparation period.
- Make any notes you wish to on an additional answer sheet.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to **Travel and Tourism**.



Your teacher will ask you the following **three** questions and then **two more questions** which you have not prepared.

- What can you see in the photo?
- How often do you use public transport?
- Why is it important to use public transport?

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CARD C Candidate's Photo card

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- Look at the photo during the preparation period.
- Make any notes you wish to on an additional answer sheet.
- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to **Life at school**.



Your teacher will ask you the following **three** questions and then **two more questions** which you have not prepared.

- What can you see in the photo?
- What do you do in your break times at school?
- Why is it important to have good friends at school?

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CARD D Candidate's Photo card

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- Your teacher will then ask you questions about the photo and about topics related to **The environment**.



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- What can you see in the photo?
- What do you do to protect the environment?
- Why is it important to reduce pollution?

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- What can you see in the photo?
- What are the qualities of a good education?
- What are the advantages of going to university?

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CARD F Candidate's Photo card

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Your teacher will ask you the following **three** questions and then **two more questions** which you have not prepared.

- What can you see in the photo?
- How often do you use mobile technology?
- What are the benefits of mobile technology?

[15 marks]