



Speaking

Part 1


- 1 Read questions a–f below and in pairs brainstorm some ideas and words you might use to answer them.
 - a What's your ideal holiday destination and why?
 - b Are you a fan of new technology? Why/Why not?
 - c Do you enjoy eating out? (Why/Why not?)
 - d Do you judge people by the way they dress?
 - e Tell me about something that went wrong for you recently.
 - f What are your earliest memories?
- 2  Listen to five people answering questions from 1 and answer a–c.
 - a Which question was not answered?
 - b Did you hear any of the words from your list?
 - c What other words gave away which question the speaker was answering?
- 3  Listen again. Match each speaker from 2 to two of the phrases below, one from each language box.

Allowing yourself time to think

Speaker	
.....	I need to think for a moment.
.....	That's an interesting question.
.....	Well, it's difficult to say, really.
.....	Let me see.
.....	It depends what you mean, exactly.

Introducing your answer

Speaker	
.....	I guess the honest answer would be ...
.....	I suppose the simplest answer to that question is ...
.....	If I think about it, I suppose ...
.....	It's hard to generalise, but on balance ...
.....	The best example that comes to mind is ...

 **tip** In the exam, because you will not know what questions you are going to be asked, you may need to give yourself time to think before answering.

- 4 Work in pairs as Student A and B and do the following.
 - Student A ask B three of the questions from 1 and pay attention to the answers.
 - Student B answer two of A's question honestly, but invent the answer to the other. Try to include phrases from 3 in your answers.
 - Student A try to guess which of Student B's answers was invented.
 - Swap roles so that Student B asks three questions.