

Level 4 / Pre-intermediate A in FACSO

Speaking mid-term

Preparation ideas

A. List of functional language for students to practise before the test.

Giving your opinion I think that (we should go to the cinema.) I'd say ... (a computer is better than a TV.) I'm pretty sure that ... (he would like a new watch.)	Asking your partner What do you think? Do you agree? What's your opinion? Would you like to? Do you think so? Should we?
Agreeing Absolutely Definitely. That's a good point. Good idea. I never thought of that. Yeah, you're right. Me too.	Disagreeing Hmm, I'm not sure. I don't think so. On the other hand, ... A better idea might be ... I think it'd be better if ...

B. Activities to prepare and practice for the test.

Unit 1 Getting Around

Types of transport – Students brainstorm a list of different types of transport. In pairs students discuss advantages and disadvantages of each type of transport, considering these questions:

Which is:

- the most comfortable?
- the most expensive?
- the cheapest?
- the most economical?
- the easiest to use?

Unit 2 Places to stay

- Luxury hotel at the beach
- Cabin in the lake district

- Camping in the mountains
- Renting a room in a private house in an interesting city

Students work in pairs and talk about:

- what they imagine these places to stay are like.
- the advantages and disadvantages of each type of accommodation.

and agree on one to go on together for their next holiday.

Unit 3 What was it like

Odd one out

Dictate the following sets of four words. After each set, pairs discuss which one of the four doesn't belong in the group and why.

1. lemon, grapefruit, grape, lime
2. fridge, cooker, microwave, toaster
3. bacon, eggs, tomatoes, toast
4. bread, cake, pie, biscuit/cookie
5. box, bottle, tin/can, jar
6. cows, chicken, sheep, fish

Unit 4 Facing problems

Pairs choose a situation below and brainstorm a list of advice and then agree on which one is the best advice.

- How to be physically healthy
- How to be happy in life
- How to manage problems with time management at university
- How to live on a small budget