

FCE Speaking Part One on the topic of mind

FCE Result Unit 10

Take turns being the examiner and asking questions from below. Make sure you mix up how you ask the questions, e.g. asking different people first people each time and asking some questions to just one person.

- Are any of your friends bilingual or multilingual?
- Are you generally optimistic?
- Do any of your friends have unusual ways of learning?
- Do you do anything to keep your mind active every day?
- Do you have an active imagination, would you say?
- Do you have any time management techniques?
- Do you have the same personality as your parents?
- Do you like any educational TV programmes?
- Do you like to reminisce?
- Do you plan to learn anything new in the future?
- Do you prefer to cram just before exams or spread your study out more?
- Do you spend a lot of time worrying about things?
- Do you use any methods to make sure you can concentrate when you need to?
- Do you usually remember your dreams?
- Has how you learn changed since you were a child?
- How artistic are you?
- How do you prefer to learn vocabulary?
- How do you usually prepare for exams?
- Is there anything that you would really like to learn in the future?
- Tell us about the last time you had a bad dream.
- Were you afraid of anything when you were younger?
- What did you like about your favourite subject at school?
- What is your favourite way of memorizing things?
- What sort of exam do you prefer?
- What subjects were you best and worst at when you were a child?
- What were you good at when you were a child?
- What's the most interesting thing about the last thing you studied?
- Would you describe yourself as optimistic?
- Would you prefer to improve your overall intelligence or gain one special ability?
- Would you say that you have a good memory?

Most of the questions above are similar to real exam questions. Underline parts of the questions above which could be used as stems to make other questions.

Suggested question stems

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What is wrong with the following answer?

"Do you spend a lot of time worrying about things?" "No"

How could you slightly improve it?

What can you add to make it even longer? (There are at least two kinds of information).

Take turns asking a single question above over and over again, with your partner trying to give a longer answer each time. Stop when one of their answers is shorter than a previous one, then discuss what the best length probably was.

Do the same with more questions using the question stems, on the same topic if you can.