

Cambridge Proficiency Speaking Part Three on transport, travel and tourism
Proficiency Masterclass Unit 12
CPE Speaking Part Three Examiner's script

"Now, in this part of the test you're each going to talk on your own for about two minutes. You need to listen while your partner is speaking because you'll be asked to comment afterwards.

So, *(name of Candidate A)* I'm going to give you a card with a question written on it and I'd like you to tell us what you think. There are also some ideas on the card for you to use if you like.

All right? Here is your card, and a copy for you *(name of Candidate B)*.

Remember, you have about two minutes to talk before we join in."

(After two minutes) "Thank you."

"(Name of Candidate B) wh.../ how/ do/ are/ is/ should...?" (question about what Candidate A just said)

(Name of Candidate A) "What do you think?"/ "Do you agree?"/ "How about you?"

(After about one minute) "Thank you" (taking back the cards)

"Now, *(name of Candidate B)*, it's your turn to be given a question. Here is your card, and a copy for you *(name of Candidate A)*.

Remember *(name of Candidate B)*, you have about two minutes to tell us what you think, and there are some ideas on the card for you to use if you like. All right?"

(After two minutes) "Thank you."

"(Name of Candidate A) wh.../ how/ do/ are/ is/ should...?" (question about what Candidate B just said)

(Name of Candidate B) "What do you think?"/ "Do you agree?"/ "How about you?"

(After about one minute) "Thank you" (taking back the cards)

"Now, to finish the test, we are going to talk about 'transport, travel and tourism' in general."

CPE Speaking Part Three prompt cards on transport, travel and tourism
Based on real CPE Speaking exam tasks

What helps people to choose the best holiday?

- personal advice
- publications
- professional staff

How important is it for children to experience travelling abroad?

- knowledge
- character
- language

Is it better for teenagers to spend their vacations with their families or not?

- relationships
- experiences
- maturity

What are the advantages and disadvantages of air travel?

- money
- time
- ecology

What can be gained by limiting tourism?

- local way of life
- exclusivity
- the environment

How easy is it for governments to make sure that foreign visitors have a good experience?

- information
- language
- culture

What part does tourism play in promoting international understanding?

- contact
- dialogue
- understanding differences

What are the most important qualities needed to be a good tour guide?

- knowledge
- communication skills
- character

What helps people to get the most out of their holidays?

- choices
- preparation
- mental attitude

How important is it to plan your holidays?

- avoiding problems
- making the most of your time
- enjoying yourself

The first time you go somewhere, is it generally better to see as many places as you can or to explore a more limited area in more detail?

- making the most of the experience
- understanding the place
- preparing for future visits

Ask each other questions about transport, travel and tourism from the list below.

- At what age...?
- Do ... need to...?
- Do you think it is true that...?
- Do you think men and women...?
- How can people...?
- How do... benefit from...?
- How important do you think... is?
- In a global world, should...?
- In the past,... Is this a good thing do you think?
- In what ways do people need to...?
- Is it better to... or...?
- Is it easier to... or...?
- Is it more important for children to... or...?
- Is it more important for... to... or...?
- Is it natural for... to...?
- Is it sometimes good to...?
- Should (all) children be expected to...?
- Some people say that... What do you think?
- Sometimes... What do you think about that?
- Today,... Is this a good thing in your view?
- What can... learn from...?
- What do you think is the best... for...?
- What is the appeal of...?
- What is the best way to...?
- What makes some people...?
- What role does... play in...?
- What... has had the greatest impact on...?
- Why are so many people interested in...?
- Why can...?
- Why do some people prefer not to...?
- Would... be better if...?

Ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand, couldn't make questions out of, or couldn't answer.

Ask each other questions about transport, travel and tourism from the list below.

- At what age would you let a child go abroad without their parents?
- Do tour guides need to be qualified, or should anyone be allowed to do the job?
- Do you think it is true that travel broadens the mind?
- Do you think men and women want different things from their holidays?
- How can people make sure that they don't offend the local people when they go abroad on holiday?
- How do countries benefit from tourism?
- How important do you think tourism is for the economy of your country?
- In a global world, should most school kids be taken on foreign trips?
- In the past, most people spent all their holidays in more or less the same way. Is this a good thing do you think?
- In what ways do people need to plan their holidays?
- Is it generally better to fly or to take a bullet train?
- Is it easier to go on holiday with family or with friends?
- On holiday, is it more important for children to get to know their own country or to get to know new places?
- Is it natural for museums etc to charge local people less than foreign visitors?
- Is it sometimes good to stop all new construction in historical areas?
- Should all children learn how to help foreign visitors?
- Some people say that there are more drawbacks than advantages to package tourism. What do you think?
- Sometimes people say that going on a family holiday is more stressful on work. What do you think about that?
- Today, many people try to go abroad at least once a year. Is this a good thing in your view?
- What can this country learn from other countries about how to appeal to foreign visitors?
- What do you think is the best country for someone going abroad for the first time?
- What is the appeal of backpacking?
- What is the best way to really get to know a country in a short period of time?
- What makes some people object to flats being sublet for touristic purposes?
- What role should thinking about foreign visitors play in school English lessons?
- What kind of tourism has the greatest impact on the environment?
- Why are so many people interested in looking at animals in the wild?
- Why do some people prefer to camp instead of staying in a hotel?

Ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand, couldn't make questions out of, or couldn't answer.

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- Are people in your country generally interested in the history of the places that they visit?
- Are people in your country worried about the negative effects of tourism?
- Are there times when it's better to stay at home during your vacations?
- At what age do you think teenagers should be allowed to go abroad without their parents?
- Can you compare school holidays now to twenty years ago?
- Can you contrast package holidays with backpacking?
- Can you explain why more and more people going abroad on holiday?
- Can you give some examples of the positive effects of tourism?
- Can you think of any bad effects of advertising abroad to bring more foreign tourists? (On balance, do you think it is a good use of government money?)
- Could you describe how people in your country usually spend their summer holidays?
- Do you believe that people your age in your country are becoming more adventurous in their choice of holidays?
- Do you believe that a tax on foreign visitors is a good idea?
- Do you think the experience for visitors to this town is getting better or worse? (What makes you say that?)
- Do you think... is always a good thing?
- Do you think it is okay for ... to...? (Why do you have that opinion?)
- Do you think it is possible for... to...?
- Do you think it's good for... to...?
- Do you think that ...is changing?
- Do you think that... is about right?
- Do you think that the government should...?
- Do you think... should...?
- Do you think there is a danger that...?
- Do you think your government is doing enough to...? (Why do you think that?)
- How has ...changed over the last 50 years in your country?
- How important is..., in your opinion?
- How much do you think the government should get involved in...? (What could they do?)
- How popular is/ are...in your country?
- In what ways do ...benefit society?
- Is... a problem where you live?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of...?
- What are your predictions for ...in the next few years?
- What can be done to stop..., do you think?
- What can be done to...? (Do you think that is likely?)
- What could be the consequences of/ the effect of...?
- What do you think ...will be like in 50 years' time?
- What do you think about ...in your country?
- What is the biggest ...problem facing your country, do you think?
- Why do some people...?