Brainstorming B2 First Speaking Part One questions
Brainstorming typical Cambridge First Speaking Part One topics and tenses
FCE Speaking Part One/ FCE Speaking Part Two/ speculating/ first lesson

Write at least one present and one past or future question for these possible exam topics. As in the exam, the questions should be ones that anyone can answer with one or two sentences. You can use language like that above to discuss how likely they are to actually be exam questions.

- Other languages
- Using English
- Studying English (including self-study)
- English language exams
- Other studies
- Free time/ Hobbies
- Work

Look at another group's questions and say how likely they are to be in the exam, using phrases like those in the box below.

Useful language for speculating
…seems…/ …looks…
I guess/ I imagine…
…is obviously…
…probably…
…might/ may/ maybe/ perhaps…
…clearly…
I'm not sure exactly but…
…appears…/ …looks like…
I reckon…/ I suppose…
I'm fairly sure…
I get the impression that…/ My initial impression is…
…is almost certainly…
…must…
…could (possibly)…
I'm pretty confident that…
I expect…
I know for sure that…/ I know for a fact that…

Compare all of those questions to the suggested questions below, then discuss how likely your questions are in the real test.

Use the exam questions below in exam format with one examiner and two or three candidates being asked a mix of the same question and different questions.

Use the speculating language to describe some FCE Speaking Part Two photos (just single photos to start with).

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Suggested questions
Other languages
Do any of your friends speak other languages?
Is there a language which you would really like to learn in the future?

Using English
Do you use English on holiday?
Tell us about the last time you used English outside the classroom.
Would you prefer to have a job where you could use English more often?

Studying English (including self-study)
Do you study English every day?
Do you use the internet to study English?
Do you spend a lot of time studying English?
Tell us about the last English language book you bought.
Do you have any plans to study abroad in the future?

English language exams
Do you prefer to study English for exams, or just for pleasure?
Do you plan to take any other English language exams?

Other studies
Do you like studying any particular subjects?
How do you prefer to study?
What was your favourite subject when you were younger?
Is there anything you would really like to study in the future?

Free time/ Hobbies
What's the most interesting thing about your main hobby?
Do you have the same hobbies as your parents?
Do you think you will have more time for your hobbies in the future?

Optional extension
Underline typical FCE Speaking Part One question stems above.

Use those question stems to write similar questions about these topics, then discuss how likely those questions are to be in the test:
- Arts and media
- Daily routine
- Food and drink
- Friends and family
- Health and fitness
- Home
- Technology
- Transport and travel

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