

Speaking Sample – Stage 2

Stage 2 is a presentation led by the student and will take 3-5 minutes to complete

You will be asked to consider challenges and prepare a short presentation on the topic – see examples at the end of the document.

Your presentation must:

- Include an argument in-favour and an argument against
 - Include a personal reflection
 - Be between 3 - 5 minutes long
1. **The examiner might ask you to briefly introduce the topic of your presentation and give them the code of the task, but after that they will not assist or interrupt you in any way.**
 2. **The presentation must be between 3 and 5 minutes.**
 3. **You can use notes, but do not read your presentation directly from a script or screen.**
 4. **Please address the examiner directly.**
 5. **Do not read your presentation as your speaking level cannot accurately be assessed and this will have a negative impact on your score.**
 6. **Please begin your presentation by saying, 'I will now begin my presentation' and end it by saying, 'thank you for your attention'.**

-See example challenges below-

Example challenges

Tourism

Popular destinations such as the Canary Islands, Málaga, and the Balearic Islands have all seen massive protests against the excesses of tourism over the last year. *(Source: The Conversation)*.

What are the pros and cons of tourism for popular places? Do you think tourism should be limited in some areas? Give your opinion and explain why.

Watching vs doing sports

A TV show about Formula 1 was in the top 10 of the most-watched shows in over 60 countries in 2024. *(Source: skyscanner.net)*

Watching sport can be just as exciting as doing sport. How much do you agree? Discuss both sides of the argument and give examples from your own experience.

Littering

Some believe that people who litter (throw trash on the ground) should have to pay very large fines. Others believe it would be better if they have to clean parks and natural areas. *(Source: The Guardian)*

Which do you think is the best way to stop people from throwing trash on the ground? Discuss both options and say which you think is more suitable and why.

Sleep apps

A recent study found two in five people in the UK have experienced sleep problems. Some people are now using sleep tracking apps to help. *(Source: The Guardian)*

What are the advantages and disadvantages of using an app to track your sleep? Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Social media use by children

A survey showed that 97% of children over 12 years old use social media. *(Source: The Guardian)*

Do you think there should be a minimum age for using social media? Why or why not? Use what you've seen or know to help explain.

Keeping pets

More and more people today say that keeping pets is wrong because animals cannot really live well in a human home. *(Source: The Guardian)*

Do you think it is right or wrong to keep animals as pets? Discuss both sides of the issue using what you've seen or know to help explain.

Phone design

Apple will make fewer iPhone Air phones after poor sales, as customers seem to prefer the more traditional iPhone 17. *(Source: fortune.com)*

What are the pros and cons of companies paying a lot of attention to design when they make new products? What is important for you when you choose a new phone?

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