

Introductions.

Speaking part 2 should be viewed as a 'presentation' These have introductions, bodies, and conclusions.

This document deals with introduction. Introductions should come in 2 parts.

General Introduction > Specific Introduction.

The section below deals with general ways to introduce topics. this is followed by specific ways.

The introduction sentences are in blue.

Topic > people.

When asked to describe people they descriptions will be grouped into 3 types:

1. People in your family.
2. Famous people in your country (or outside)
3. People outside your family (friends, etc....)

Things such as people who; have influenced you, you admire/respect, make you laugh, you have met, creative person, a person you lived with, a person you like to spend time with, a leader,

Group 1 could be family members.

1. - people who; have influenced you, you admire/respect, make you laugh, creative person, a person you lived with, a person you like to spend time with, a leader (this can refer to their character).

Group 2 could be famous people.

2. - have influenced you, you admire/respect, make you laugh, you have met, creative person, a leader.

Group 3 could be people outside of you family (co-workers, boss, friends, etc....)

3. - have influenced you, you admire/respect, make you laugh, you have met, creative person, a person you lived with, a person you like to spend time with, a leader.

Introductions therefore can be selected, and used for each or all groups depending on the topic.

Example on the next page:

1. Most of us know someone who; has influenced us/make us laugh/we admire/respect, is creative, is a leader, we like to spend time with.

2. In every family there is someone who; has influenced us/make us laugh/we admire/respect, is creative, is a leader, we like to spend time with.

3. The person I am going to talk about today is someone who; has influenced me/makes me laugh/I admire/respect, is creative, is a leader, I like to spend time with.

4. We all have famous people who; have influenced us, we admire/respect, make us laugh, are creative, are leaders.

These are 4 different generic introductions which can be used to introduce anyone, Both famous people and family or friends.

Places.

1. You have visited
2. You would like to visit.
3. You go regularly.
4. A journey / trip
5. A country
6. Something in your hometown.

- 1. There are many/a few places which I have visited.**
- 2. There is 1/several place(s) that I would like to visit.**
- 3. I have a place/a few places which I like to regularly go to.**
- 4. I have been on journeys/trip. Some good and some bad.**
- 5. Some of us dream of working in/visiting foreign countries.**
- 6. There are many things I can tell you about my hometown.**
- 7. There are many places for people to visit both in one's country and abroad.**

All of these can be adapted for the topic you are given.

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Celebrations/traditions/occassions.

1. Weddings.
2. Parties.
3. Festivals.
4. Birthdays
5. Graduations.

1. In my country we have certain events/traditions/occasions which we celebrate.
2. Most families have occasions which they like to celebrate together.
3. One of our most popular activities is to celebrate occasions, whether they be family or national, or even with friends.
4. The marking of events in my country is very important.

Times

1. When you were busy
2. when you were late.
3. When you had to use your imagination
4. When you disagreed
5. When you were angry
(there are more..)

1. We have all had times when we were; busy, late, had to use..,disagreed, angry.....
2. I am sure all of us can think of times when we were; late, angry, disagreed, busy.....
3. Most of us have been in a situation where we were; busy, had to use our imaginations, angry, disagreed with.....

Objects

1. We were given
2. We use
3. Were bought for someone
4. In our home.

1. Most of us like to give/receive gifts.....
2. I am sure we all have something we cannot do without.....
3. Most of our homes today have electronic and electrical items.....

A book/movie/TV program/song/music.

- 1. We all watch movies/read books/ watch TV/listen to music**
- 2. Most people have a favourite TV program/movie/book/song/music.**
- 3. I really love watching movies/reading books/ watching TV/listening to music.**

Something you would like to do.

1. A meal
2. Have a small business.
3. A course.
4. Learn a skill

- 1. There is 1 thing that I have always wanted to do.**
- 2. I am sure most of us have things we want to do in the future.**
- 3. One thing thing which I really want to do at some point is...**

Something you did before(in the past)

1. with people
2. an activity
3. A sport
4. A skill you learnt (eg:piano)

- 1. I have done many interesting things in the past/in my life....**
- 2. Looking back at some of the things I have done before.....**
- 3. One of the things I have done before is.....**

THESE SHOULD COVER MOST OF THE TOPICS YOU WILL HAVE TO INTRODUCE.

These are the examples of General Introductions.

The next page deals with specific introductions.

Now we move on to specific introductions.

After introducing our topic we move on to be more specific. We now tell the examiner what we are going to talk about.

1. Today, I am going to talk about....

2. I would like to tell you about.....

3. I would like to share with you.....

4. I am going to tell you about.....

Any one of these 4 specific introductions can be chosen.

These are added to the general introduction so that:

The examiner knows the general topic of the talk, then he/she hears the specific nature of the talk related to the topic.

Example:

Describe a place which you have visited which you really liked.

There are many places for people to visit both in one's country and abroad. I am going to share you with my experience of visiting a local restaurant.....

Describe an object you received as a gift.

We all love to receive gifts. I am going to tell you about a wonderful gift I received.

Describe your favourite book.

I love reading and I have several books which i really love. Today i am going to tell about one of them....

Learn to adapt your introduction to the topic you are going to speak about. This helps to structure your talk and shows the examiner that you can speak in a structured manner, with beginning, middle and ending.