

ISE II (CEFR B2) – Sample collaborative task prompts

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The following document contains some sample prompts for the Collaborative task in ISE II. Please note these are example prompts and will not be used in a real examination.

The examiner will introduce the Collaborative task by saying:

For the next part, I'll tell you something. Then, you have to ask me questions to find out more information and make comments. You need to keep the conversation going. After four minutes, I'll end the conversation. Are you ready?

Language functions

- ▶ Initiating and maintaining the conversation
- ▶ Expressing and expanding ideas and opinions
- ▶ Highlighting advantages and disadvantages
- ▶ Speculating
- ▶ Giving advice
- ▶ Expressing agreement and disagreement
- ▶ Eliciting further information
- ▶ Establishing common ground

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1. I have a friend who's studying English. He thinks the best way to improve his language skills is to watch lots of films in English. I'm not sure I agree with him.
2. My nephew's school has just announced that all the students might have to learn three foreign languages. I'm not sure this is a good idea.
3. I am thinking of changing my job so I have looked into various courses. Now I don't know which course to choose.
4. My friend's children are not allowed to use computers or mobile phones. I've been trying to persuade her that she's wrong.
5. My friend takes sport very seriously. He spends all his time either playing in competitions or training. I'm not sure if this is a good idea.
6. At my niece/nephew's school, they are going to introduce a school uniform for all students. I'm not sure it's a good idea.
7. My friend's niece/nephew wants to become an actor when she/he leaves school. Her/his parents aren't sure about this.
8. The college where I work wants to invite a speaker to give a talk to the students about their job. We've got a choice but we can't decide who to invite.