

In speaking exams you may be asked to discuss a topic and give your opinion. Watching other students doing this sort of task will help you learn how to do it too. So, watch the video on our website and then read the tips below to make sure you get top marks in your next exam!



### Do:

- Think about your opinion before the discussion starts.
- Say what you really think about the topic and explain why you think that.
- Listen to what your partner says and say if you agree or disagree.
- Make sure you know the language for agreeing and disagreeing.
- Be polite if you disagree.
- Ask your partner what he/she thinks.
- Use every second you are given to do the task.
- Finish the discussion by summarising what you have spoken about.

### Don't:

- Only give your own opinion but also respond to your partner.
- Worry if you don't agree with your partner. That's fine!
- Talk about things that are not relevant to the topic.
- Let the discussion stop. Keep it going!

### Example discussion topics

You will probably be given a topic that has pros and cons, or advantages and disadvantages. Here are some example topics:

- The internet is the best way to do your shopping.
- Young people under 15 shouldn't use mobile phones.
- All young people should stay at school until they are 18.
- There shouldn't be any advertising on TV during children's programmes.
- Famous celebrities shouldn't complain if the paparazzi take photos of them every day.
- It is the children's responsibility to look after their parents when they get old.
- Dogs should be banned from cities.