

Speaking Sample Questions

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Art

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Part One:

- Do you like art? [Why? /Why not?]
- How do you feel about art?
- What form of art do you like the most?
- What kind of art are you best at?
- In your childhood, what experience of art did you have?
- What experience of art did you have when you were younger?
- Did you do any artistic activities when you were a child?
- Did you learn any artistic activities when you were a child?
- Did you ever do any artwork when you were a child?
- Did you ever produce any artwork (or, works of art) when you were a child?
- Do you ever buy (or, have you ever bought) a painting?
- Do you think art is an important part of life?
- What benefits does (participating in) art bring to people?
- How important do you think art is in the lives of people?
- Why do you think people like to have a painting (or other artwork) in their homes?



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Part Two:

Talk about a foreign movie that you saw

You should say:

- What was it about?
- What did you like about it?
- Why did you remember that movie?

Talk about a painting you would like to have in your home.

You should say:

- what is it
- how you know about it
- how much it would cost you

And explain why you want to have it in your home.

Describe a comic actor who is popular in your country.

You should say:

- who the actor is
- how you know him/her
- what kind of person he/she is

And explain why he/she is popular in your country.



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Model Answer for the THIRD CUE CARD.

I'd like to tell you about a well known actor who is very funny, his name is Rowan Atkinson, he's probably best known worldwide for his funny character Mr. Bean. I first saw him in a movie on DVD and I thought he was really hilarious. Later I discovered some other old DVDs of TV shows he had done in the past. I think I've watched nearly all of the shows he's done now. In fact I watched a movie of his just a couple of weeks ago with a friend... it was a spoof spy movie like the James Bond movies but he was useless at everything and it was very funny. I hadn't seen it for years but my friend found the old DVD and we decided to watch it.

He's funny because he is so ridiculous and yet loveable at the same time. He always seems to have the best intentions but he gets himself into terrible problems and funny situations just doing normal things. The things he does are very simple, but very funny and I think it's because most of his comedy is based on real life everyday situations that lots of people can relate to it and just how easy it would be for it to happen in real life. His style of comedy is very clever.

He's popular not only in my country but all around the world. As I said I think that people like him because it's not complex humor – it could happen to anyone, but it normally doesn't, however, it always seems to happen to him. Another thing that's different to many other comic actors is that he doesn't normally speak a lot, he's funny because of his facial gestures and body movements... the comedy doesn't rely on smart or witty dialogue... just on the silly situation or events that he's involved in. That's something that makes him appealing to a very wide audience.

Part Three:

- How (or why) do some actors/some comedians become famous?
- Do many young people (or, children) try to imitate film stars (e.g., imitate) (If yes, how, why?)
- What forms of entertainment are most popular in your country?
- Do you think men and women have different tastes in entertainment?
- What kinds of entertainment do young people like?
- What kinds of entertainment do children like?
- Do you think children (or young people) can learn anything from entertainment?
- What makes a good painting?
- How has art changed in the last few decades in your country?
- What kind of things gives status to people in your country?
- Have things changed since your parents' time?
- Do you think advertising influences what people buy?

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