

CAE Language Upgrader

Speaking Part 1

Talking about where you're from

- I'm Valencian born and bred
- I'm Valencian through and through
- I was born in....., but I moved to for work/school/family etc

1. Where are you from?

Talking about likes and dislikes / free time activities

From FCE...	...To CAE
I like ...	I'm keen on / fond of ...
I like / enjoy + action I like swimming. I like travelling.	I'm a keen / avid + noun I'm a keen swimmer. I'm an avid traveller.
I am interested in cinema / music / history / art / etc.	I'm a (bit of a) film / music / history / art buff .
I like dangerous sports	I'm a bit of a risk taker / adrenaline junkie / daredevil .
I like relaxing at the weekend.	I like to recharge my batteries at the weekend.
I'm addicted to (chocolate, a television series)	I'm hooked on ... a new TV show.

Typical Questions:

1. How do you like to spend your free time?
2. What free time activity do you enjoy the most?

3. What do you do to relax?
 4. What are some of your main hobbies?
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Future Plans

Expressions

Instead of saying "I want to...I hope to..." use the following expressions:

- With any luck, I will probably... be working in the USA.
- I have a burning ambition to... be a doctor.
- I haven't made up my mind yet but I'm leaning towards studying... business and economics.
- I'm torn between studying... and
- In all likelihood I'll study... /work in...
- I see myself working in the field of... teaching/medicine/chemistry

Typical Questions:

1. What are your plans for the future?
 2. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
 3. What are your ambitions?
 4. Are you planning to do any courses in the near future?
 5. What would you like to do after finishing school/university?
 6. What would be your ideal job?
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English/Education

From FCE...	...To CAE
I need English for my course / job.	English is a <u>requirement of my course / job.</u>
I need English for my career	If you want <u>to get ahead in life you need</u> English.
I've been studying English for a long time.	I've been studying English for <u>as long as I can remember.</u>
I speak English every day at Uni / work.	English is an <u>essential / a key part of my everyday life.</u>

Typical Questions:

1. How long have you been studying English?
2. What do you enjoy most about learning English?
3. Why is English important in your life?
4. How will English help you?

Speaking Part 2

Speculating/Hypothesising

Present

- They could/might/may be..... 50/50
- Perhaps they..... 50/50
- They look as if they..... fairly certain
- They must be..... very certain
- They can't be..... certain something can't be true

Past

- They could/might/may have (just) + past participle (very) recent events
- Perhaps they have.....
- They can't have (just) + past participle
- They must have (just) + past participle

- They look as if they have (just).....

Comparing/Contrasting

- In the first picture he looks as if..... In contrast, in the other one.....
- The people in this picture seem to be..... whereas in the other one.....
- I think the people in the top picture are feeling more..... than those in the bottom one.
- The people in this picture seem to be..... On the other hand, in the second photo they could just be.....
- In both photos the people must be...

Speaking Part 3

Agreeing <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We see eye to eye.● Yeah, I'd go along with that.● Absolutely!● You took the words right out of my mouth. I couldn't agree more.● You have a point there.● I'm with you 100% on this one.	Disagreeing <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We don't see eye to eye.● I take your point but...● I tend to disagree with you there. That's not always the case● I beg to differ● Isn't it more a case of...
Starting to make a conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Let's get down to the nitty gritty.● The bottom line is we have to choose one...● It's a tough one, I'm torn between ... and● Shall we go with?	Asking for opinion <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What's your take on....?● Where do you stand on....?● In my opinion...., would you go along with that?● What are your thoughts on this?● What do you reckon about...? Giving your opinion <ul style="list-style-type: none">● As far as I'm concerned,...● From my point of view,...● In my opinion,...● It seems to me that...As I see it,...

Impressive structures for part 4

- It goes without saying that...
- There can be no doubt that...
- It's a fact that...
- Undoubtedly,...
- another point I'd like to add about ... is...It's also worth bearing in mind that...

- Coming back to what (Javi) was saying about I'd also like to point out that...
- I think it's important not to forget that...
- The vast majority of people tend to think that...
- At the end of the day...
- When all's said and done...