

FCE Part 2

- **Starting your comparison**
 - *Both of these pictures show...*
 - *These two pictures show...*
 - *The two situations in these pictures are...*
- **Talking about similarities**
 - *These two pictures/situations are similar because/in that...*
 - *In both pictures we can see...*
 - *One similarity between these two pictures/situations is that...*
 - *Another similarity might be that...*
 - *One thing that these two pictures/situations have in common is that...*
 - *One thing that these two pictures share is that...*
 - *The most obvious similarity is that...*
 - *These two pictures share the fact that...*
 - *Both pictures (...) in the same way.*
- **Talking about differences**
 - *One of the most obvious differences (between these two pictures) is that...*
 - *Another difference is that...*
 - *Something that makes these two pictures different is...*
 - *What makes these two situations (so/completely) different is...*
 - *While the first picture ..., the second one...*
 - *The first picture.... However, the second one...*
 - *The first picture... whereas the second one...*
 - *Although the first picture..., the second one...*
 - *On the one hand, the first picture shows... . On the other hand, the second one...*
- **Introducing the answer to the question**
 - *As for + paraphrased question*
 - *As to + paraphrased question*
 - *In relation to the question,...*
 - *In response to the question, I'd say that...*
 - *As regards the question,...*
 - *Regarding the question of the task,*
 - *With regard to + paraphrased question*
- **Speculating**
 - *possibly, probably*
 - *might be, may be, could be*
 - *it's likely that, it's possible that*
 - *I guess, I imagine, I suppose*
 - *maybe, perhaps*
 - *seems, looks like*

How important is it to help people in these situations?

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*I'd like you to compare the photographs, and say **how important it is to help people in these situations.***

Candidate A's response

***Both of these pictures show** people getting some help; **the first one shows** a football player who seems to be injured and **the second one is** an Asian tourist getting help from a policeman.*

(similarities + differences) **Although both situations involve** someone helping a person, they are very different. **In the first one**, the football player needs help because he's had an injury and, probably, he can't walk properly. **On the other hand, in the second picture**, the tourist is probably asking for directions because he might be lost. **Also**, the footballer is likely to be in pain, **while** the tourist may only be a little nervous.

(question) **As for** how important it is to help these people, I'd say it's important in both situations. **However**, I strongly believe that the footballer needs more help than the tourist, as his situation is obviously more serious.

Examiner's follow-up question for Candidate B

(Candidate B), do you find it easy to ask for help when you have a problem?

Candidate B's response

Well, it depends on the problem, but normally I do. Whenever I have a serious problem, I ask my mum or my dad for advice. It's not easy, but I do it. With other problems, I always ask my friends first, because they normally know what to do.

Useful phrases for follow up question

- As far as I'm concerned,...
- The way I see it,...
- If I had to choose one of these two (...), I would (definitely) go for...
- In my experience,...
- In my case,...
- Well, it's not an easy choice, but I think I'd prefer to...
- I would (...) no doubt.
- I would definitely prefer/choose...
- I believe that it's more important to...