

Speaking Test

Part 4



Task 4. Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- give a brief description (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say in what way the pictures are different
- say which kind of life you'd prefer
- explain why

You will speak for not more than 2 minutes. You have to talk continuously.

I would like to compare and contrast these 2 pictures...

1. **Let me start with the 1st picture. This picture shows** a family which are enjoying their leisure time at the seaside. In the foreground we can see all its members playing with the sand. In the background there is beautiful turquoise sea. **The second picture depicts** a family which are spending their free time in the mountains. In the foreground we can see all its members beating through high grass. In the background there is a picturesque view of the towering mountains.
2. **These pictures have pretty much in common. First of all,** in both pictures we can see how families spend their free time together. **Secondly,** these families are quite big in size. There are five embers in each family. **And finally, it is obvious** that it is summer time and most probably both families are on vacation.
3. **These picture are also different in many ways.** The families are involved into different activities. **In the first picture** parents with kids are building a sand castle **while** in the second picture the family is hiking in the mountains. **Also,** they are dressed differently, the people in the 1st picture are wearing colorful swimming suits **whereas** in the second one the people are dressed in shirts and shorts and are wearing backpacks, **most probably** full of food and water.
- 4-5 **When it comes to** how I like spending my holidays and what I would prefer, **to be blunt I would prefer to** be in the first picture, **as** I associate my holidays with the seaside which does not require a lot of effort from my side, I can lie on the beach, get tanned, swim, dive and enjoy my life.

That's all I've got to say.

What to compare and contrast

- People
- Location
- Place
- Action
- Your impression/ atmosphere
- Age
- Clothes
- Time/ period/ season
- surroundings

- **Picture description**

- In the first/ second/ next picture ...
- The second picture displays/ shows/ reflects ...
- In the foreground/ background ...
- The present picture relates to ...
- On the right/ left/ in the middle/ center of the picture there is/are ...
- In the upper/ lower left/ right-corner we can see/ there is ..
- Right in the middle we can see
- At the bottom ...
- At the top ...

You do not know the word for something

- I do not know what you call it in English ...
- This is used to ...
- It's kind of / sort of ...

Uncertainty

Opinion

- If you ask me
- Personally ...
- From my point of view ...
- I am strongly concerned
- I strongly disagree ...
- I can't quite make it out but I guess this is ...
- It's not very clear but probably ...
- They seem to be exercising
- I suppose this is related to
- I assume ...

1.



2.



I would like to compare and contrast these 2 pictures.

1. Let me start with the 1st picture. This picture shows 3 people who are having a meeting and discussing something vividly. **The 2nd pictures depicts** a gentleman who is working on his laptop and is most probably trying to solve a difficult task.

2. These pictures have a lot in common. Firstly, both pictures show people who are smartly dressed. **Secondly, it is obvious** that people in both pictures are at work.

action/ place/ age/ clothes/ atmosphere/ emotions/ when/ surroundings

3. These pictures are also different in many ways. The atmosphere is different. In the first picture employees are laughing and they seem to be enjoying what they are doing, **while** in the second picture the man looks tired and worried about something. He is in bad spirits which makes the atmosphere very gloomy. **Also, ...**

action/ place/ age/ clothes/ atmosphere/ emotions/ when/ surroundings

4. As for me, I would prefer to be in the 1st picture. I believe it is important to enjoy what you are doing, especially when it comes to work. People spend most of their day at work and this time should bring good memories.

That's all I've got to say.