

**C2 Proficiency Speaking Part 2 open cloze  
with typical answers from C2 Proficiency Use of English Part 2**

Fill each gap below with one word (preferably one typically used in Use of English Part 2).

**Getting started (without any silence)**

Shall we start \_\_\_\_\_ this one?/ Let's start with this one, shall we?

How about \_\_\_\_\_ about this one first?

**Speculating**

It's clearly/ obviously... (or something \_\_\_\_\_ that).

It appears to be/ seems to be a rugby pitch (\_\_\_\_\_ something of that sort)

I guess it is some kind of/ some sort of model. (\_\_\_\_\_ it could also possibly be...)

(Looking \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ of the photo,) I think we can (safely) assume that...

I get the impression \_\_\_\_\_ the people are fairly happy.

It looks \_\_\_\_\_ a typical British High Street.

**Inviting your partner to comment/ Allowing your partner to speak**

What do you \_\_\_\_\_?/ What do you reckon?

It looks like a university. \_\_\_\_\_ not?

Did you want to say \_\_\_\_\_ (about this)?

Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ talk about the next one (first)?

That's okay, you \_\_\_\_\_ first./ Please \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.

**Interrupting**

Sorry to interrupt, \_\_\_\_\_ can I just add that...?

Sorry, before you \_\_\_\_\_ on, can I just say that...?

**Making sure you are talking about the right things**

Actually, I \_\_\_\_\_ we are supposed to talk about...

I don't think we need to talk about \_\_\_\_\_ photo (at this stage), only...

(I could be wrong but) (\_\_\_\_\_ I understand it) we only need to think about...

\_\_\_\_\_ to what the examiner said, we only have to discuss...

**Agreeing strongly**

\_\_\_\_\_ 's (exactly/ just) what I think.

I can't argue \_\_\_\_\_ that.

That's just what I was \_\_\_\_\_ to say./ You took the words right out of my mouth.

I couldn't agree with you \_\_\_\_\_.

I'd \_\_\_\_\_ thought about it that way before, but that's a good point.

No kidding!/ \_\_\_\_\_ a doubt!

\_\_\_\_\_ do I. (I also don't think that...)

**Agreeing weakly**

Sure, why \_\_\_\_\_?

I feel more \_\_\_\_\_ less the same way.

**Disagreeing softly/ politely**

I see why you would say that, but \_\_\_\_\_ my (personal/ humble) opinion...

That's possible, \_\_\_\_\_ I'd be inclined to say that...  
I see what you mean, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't feel (quite) the same way.  
I agree to some \_\_\_\_\_, but I would be \_\_\_\_\_ inclined to say that...  
Sure, but \_\_\_\_\_ we look at it \_\_\_\_\_ another point of view, you could also say that...  
We could choose that, \_\_\_\_\_ we could select... instead (because...)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I understand your point of view, it seems to me that...  
I don't really think \_\_\_\_\_.

### Disagreeing strongly

I really don't think \_\_\_\_\_?  
Do you really think \_\_\_\_\_?

### Moving through the task/ Not getting stuck on one thing

(I can't add \_\_\_\_\_ to that,) so next we have to...  
(Well, we seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ agreement about...,) so the next thing is...  
(Okay, you've convinced me/ changed my \_\_\_\_\_ / persuaded me,) so let's turn to...  
(We seem to agree on that.) So, the \_\_\_\_\_ thing we were supposed to talk about is...  
(It looks \_\_\_\_\_ we can't agree on that,) so shall we have a look at...?  
(I think we're running out of time,) \_\_\_\_\_ shall we move onto talking about ...?  
\_\_\_\_\_ of why they were taken, I think this one...  
I wish we had \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss this, but we also need to talk about...  
(I guess we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ left and) we still need to discuss...  
I think we have a \_\_\_\_\_ time left, so maybe we should comment on...  
I think time is nearly \_\_\_\_\_, so let's turn our attention to...

### Getting back to the (main) topic/ Getting back on track

Anyway, getting \_\_\_\_\_ to the photos, ...  
Good point, \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ to what I was saying...  
\_\_\_\_\_ were we? Oh yes, ...

### Answering the last question (choosing, etc)

For that \_\_\_\_\_, my number one choice would be...  
\_\_\_\_\_ of that, I'd be inclined to go with...  
\_\_\_\_\_ all that, I guess we have no choice but to select...  
So, now we need to \_\_\_\_\_ up our minds about which...  
Choosing just one from \_\_\_\_\_ of the photos is tricky, but my top choice would be...  
\_\_\_\_\_ I had to select one, it would probably be...  
I think the... est ( \_\_\_\_\_ far) is...  
When it \_\_\_\_\_ to choosing a photo, the best choice is (definitely)...  
\_\_\_\_\_ this purpose, I think we have to select...  
I \_\_\_\_\_ we can ignore/ eliminate...  
( \_\_\_\_\_ what you said earlier,) I guess you would (probably) choose...

### Summarising/ Checking agreement

So, we have decided \_\_\_\_\_ the best choice is probably...  
Right, (I think) \_\_\_\_\_ means we've agreed on the top two, namely...

**Mixed answers**

Use the mixed answers below to help with the gapfill task above. Other answers not below are also possible, but make sure that you put all the words below into at least gap above.

about	
according	all
anything	as
at	back
because	but
by	comes
extent	every
for	from
given	go
going	guess
however	if
in	like
little	
long	
longer	
make	
mind	
more	
neither	
never	
nor	
not	
or	
other	
part	
reason	
so	
something	
speaking	
talking	
that	
think	
to	
up	
where	
while	
with	
without	

Check your answers as a class or below.

### Suggested answers

Many answers not below are also possible, so please check if you wrote anything different.

#### Getting started (without any silence)

Shall we start \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ this one?/ Let's start with this one, shall we?

How about \_\_\_\_\_ speaking/ talking \_\_\_\_\_ about this one first?

#### Speculating

It's clearly/ obviously... (or something \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ that).

It appears to be/ seems to be a rugby pitch ( \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ something of that sort)

I guess it is some kind of/ some sort of model. (However/ But \_\_\_\_\_ it could also possibly be...)

(Looking \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ part \_\_\_\_\_ of the photo,) I think we can (safely) assume that...

I get the impression \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ the people are fairly happy.

It looks \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ a typical British High Street.

#### Inviting your partner to comment/ Allowing your partner to speak

What do you \_\_\_\_\_ think \_\_\_\_\_?/ What do you reckon?

It looks like a university. \_\_\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_\_\_ not?

Did you want to say \_\_\_\_\_ anything/ something \_\_\_\_\_ (about this)?

Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ talk about the next one (first)?

That's okay, you \_\_\_\_\_ go \_\_\_\_\_ first./ Please \_\_\_\_\_ go \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.

#### Interrupting

Sorry to interrupt, \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ can I just add that...?

Sorry, before you \_\_\_\_\_ go \_\_\_\_\_ on, can I just say that...?

#### Making sure you are talking about the right things

Actually, I \_\_\_\_\_ think/ guess \_\_\_\_\_ we are supposed to talk about...

I don't think we need to talk about \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ photo (at this stage), only...

(I could be wrong but) ( \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ I understand it) we only need to think about...

\_\_\_\_\_ According \_\_\_\_\_ to what the examiner said, we only have to discuss...

#### Agreeing strongly

\_\_\_\_\_ That \_\_\_\_\_'s (exactly/ just) what I think.

I can't argue \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ that.

That's just what I was \_\_\_\_\_ going/ about \_\_\_\_\_ to say./ You took the words right out of my mouth.

I couldn't agree with you \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_.

I'd \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ thought about it that way before, but that's a good point.

No kidding!/ \_\_\_\_\_ Without \_\_\_\_\_ a doubt!

\_\_\_\_\_ Neither/ Nor \_\_\_\_\_ do I. (I also don't think that...)

#### Agreeing weakly

Sure, why \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_?

I feel more \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ less the same way.

#### Disagreeing softly/ politely

I see why you would say that, but \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ my (personal/ humble) opinion...

That's possible, \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ I'd be inclined to say that...

I see what you mean, \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ I don't feel (quite) the same way.  
I agree to some \_\_\_\_\_ extent \_\_\_\_\_, but I would be \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ inclined to say that...  
Sure, but \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_ we look at it \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ another point of view, you could also say that...  
We could choose that, \_\_\_\_\_ but/ or \_\_\_\_\_ we could select... instead (because...)  
\_\_\_\_\_ If \_\_\_\_\_ I understand your point of view, it seems to me that...  
I don't really think \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_.

### Disagreeing strongly

I really don't think \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_.  
Do you really think \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_?

### Moving through the task/ Not getting stuck on one thing

(I can't add \_\_\_\_\_ anything \_\_\_\_\_ to that,) so next we have to...  
(Well, we seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ agreement about...,) so the next thing is...  
(Okay, you've convinced me/ changed my \_\_\_\_\_ mind \_\_\_\_\_ / persuaded me,) so let's turn to...  
(We seem to agree on that.) So, the \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ thing we were supposed to talk about is...  
(It looks \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ we can't agree on that,) so shall we have a look at...?  
(I think we're running out of time,) \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ shall we move onto talking about ...?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ of why they were taken, I think this one...  
I wish we had \_\_\_\_\_ longer \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss this, but we also need to talk about...  
(I guess we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ long \_\_\_\_\_ left and) we still need to discuss...  
I think we have a \_\_\_\_\_ little \_\_\_\_\_ time left, so maybe we should comment on...  
I think time is nearly \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_, so let's turn our attention to...

### Getting back to the (main) topic/ Getting back on track

Anyway, getting \_\_\_\_\_ back \_\_\_\_\_ to the photos,...  
Good point, \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ back \_\_\_\_\_ to what I was saying...  
\_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ were we? Oh yes,...

### Answering the last question (choosing, etc)

For that \_\_\_\_\_ reason \_\_\_\_\_, my number one choice would be...  
\_\_\_\_\_ Because \_\_\_\_\_ of that, I'd be inclined to go with...  
\_\_\_\_\_ Given \_\_\_\_\_ all that, I guess we have no choice but to select...  
So, now we need to \_\_\_\_\_ make \_\_\_\_\_ up our minds about which...  
Choosing just one from \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ of the photos is tricky, but my top choice would be...  
\_\_\_\_\_ If \_\_\_\_\_ I had to select one, it would probably be...  
I think the... est ( \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ far) is...  
When it \_\_\_\_\_ comes \_\_\_\_\_ to choosing a photo, the best choice is (definitely)...  
\_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ this purpose, I think we have to select...  
I \_\_\_\_\_ think \_\_\_\_\_ we can ignore/ eliminate...  
( \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ what you said earlier,) I guess you would (probably) choose...

### Summarising/ Checking agreement

So, we have decided \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ the best choice is probably...  
Right, (I think) \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ means we've agreed on the top two, namely...

**Brainstorming stage**

*Without looking above, fill the gaps below with suitable phrases for Speaking Part Two.  
Many phrases not above are also possible.*

**Getting started (without any silence)****Speculating****Inviting your partner to comment/ Allowing your partner to speak****Interrupting****Making sure you are talking about the right things****Agreeing  
Agreeing strongly****Agreeing weakly**

**Disagreeing**  
**Disagreeing softly/ politely**

**Disagreeing strongly**

**Moving through the task/ Not getting stuck on one thing**

**Getting back to the (main) topic/ Getting back on track**

**Answering the last question (choosing, etc)**

**Summarising/ Checking agreement**

*Look above for ideas, brainstorm more, then compare your extra ideas as a class.*