

FCE Speaking Part One and Needs Analysis First lesson

Write your partner's name in the top box above, then ask them questions about all the boxes below and write notes in each place.

Name			
Topic	Present	Past	Future
Using English			
English classes			
English exams			
Self-study			
Strengths and weaknesses / Priorities			
The best way to learn English and get a good score in the FCE			

What could the questions be for each of the boxes above?

Compare your ideas with the questions below and then ask your partner any questions that you haven't used so far.

Topic	Present	Past	Future
Using English	How often do you use English? What things do you have to do in English?	Have you ever lived abroad?	Do you think you will use English more in the future? How important will English be for your future?
English classes	Why are you taking this class?	Is this your first class in this school? How long have you been studying English?	Do you want to study abroad?
English exams	Why do you want to take the FCE?	Have you taken any English language exams? Have you taken the FCE before?	When are you going to take the exam? Do you want to take any other exams?
Self-study	Do you have any FCE self-study books? What else do you do to learn English?	Have you ever tried studying grammar on your own? Have you ever seen a film with no subtitles?	What else are planning to do to help pass the exam?
Strengths and weaknesses / Priorities	What is the most difficult part of English/ FCE for you? Which part of your English do you most need to improve?	What part of English did you least like at school?	Will your priorities change in the future?

Brainstorm past, present and future questions for the typical FCE Part One topics below.

Topic	Present	Past	Future
Other languages			
Education/ Studies			
Work			
Family			
Home			
Free time			



Compare your questions with the list of typical FCE Speaking Part One questions below

Languages

Do you know any other foreign languages?

What languages did you study at school? (Was that a good choice?)

What do you enjoy most about learning another language?

Do you plan to learn another language in the future?

Which other languages do you think will be most useful for you to learn?

Education

What was your favourite subject when you were in primary school?

Are you studying anything at the moment?

Do you find it easy to study where you live? (Why? /Why not?)

Is there something new you'd really like to learn about? (Why?)

Would you like to study full time?

Family

Do you have a large family?

How many brothers and sisters do you have?/ Do you have any brothers and sisters?

What do the other members of your family do?

Would you like to have a large family? (Why/ Why not?)

Which member of your family are you closest to?

Do you take after your mother or your father?

Did you get on with your brothers and sisters when you were young?

Home

How much time do you spend at home? (What do you enjoy doing there?)

What kind of work do the majority of people in your town do?

Where are you from?/ Where do you come from? (Is it a good place to live?)

Did you have to travel far to get here today?

Do you live near here?

Were you born in (Tokyo)?/ Are you from Tokyo?

Would you like to live in your hometown when you retire?

Tell us something about the area where you live.

How would you describe your local area?

Do you live in a house or a flat?

Do you live with your parents?

What is there to do for entertainment in the evenings in your town?

What type of work do people do in your area?

What is there for young people to do in your area?

Tell us something about the place where you are living at the moment.

What type of house would you like to live in, in the future?

Where do you live? (Can you tell us what it is like? Would you like to live anywhere else?)



Free time

Do you have any hobbies? (How did you first become interested in that/ those things?)
What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
Has your choice of free time activities changed over the years?
What do you enjoy doing at weekends?
What did you do last weekend?
What are your hobbies or interests?
Do you prefer to spend time on your own or with other people?
Do you like going to parties? (Tell us about a good party you've been to.)
Who do you spend your free time with? (What sort of things do you do?)
Does anyone you know have an interesting hobby? (What does he/she do?)
Have you got any plans for this weekend? (What are you going to do?)

Work

Are you working, or are you still a student?
Do you have any ambitions?
What would be your perfect job?
Do you work or do you study?
Can you tell us something about the place where you work or study?
What type of work would you like to do in the future?
What qualifications do you think you'll need in the future?
What job do you hope to do in the future?
Are you happier doing mental or physical work? (Why?)
Do you prefer working on your own or with other people? (Why?)

Take turns asking each other questions from above in the test Part One format below:

"Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is and this is my colleague
. And you are?"

First of all we'd like to know something about you.
I'd like to start by asking you about (*name of topic*)
(ask two to four questions about that topic, starting with the present and moving on to the past and/ or future)

Now I'd like to move on and ask you about (*name of topic*)
(ask two to four questions about that topic, starting with the present and moving on to the past and/ or future)

I'd also like to ask you some questions about (*name of topic*)
(ask two to four questions about that topic, starting with the present and moving on to the past and/ or future)"