

FCE (First Certificate in English) Speaking- Phrases to speculate about and compare with your partner

Use the phrases to speculate about your partner, choosing from the list or the cards you have been dealt. You can use more than one each time. Your partner will say if you were correct, then tell you if they are surprised by your level of certainty or uncertainty.

...seem(s)...	both
...look(s) (like)...	neither
I guess...	like
I imagine...	unlike
...obviously...	whereas
...probably...	too
...might/ may/ maybe/ perhaps...	(quite/ fairly/ very/ completely) different
...clearly...	(quite/ fairly/ very) similar
I'm not sure exactly but...	(slightly/ somewhat/ quite a lot/ a lot/ far far)... er
...appear(s)...	(a bit/ a great deal/ much much) more...
I reckon.../ I suppose...	contrast
I'm fairly sure...	in common
I get the impression that...	compared to
My initial impression is...	(more or less/ exactly) the same
...almost certainly...	but
...must...	as well
...could (possibly)...	not (nearly/ quite) as... as
I'm pretty confident that...	differ(s)
I expect...	resemblance
I know for sure that...	and
I know for a fact that...	but

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Possible topics (typical ones in FCE Speaking)

- English language exams, including FCE
- Studying English (including self-study)
- Using English
- Work
- Arts and media
- Daily routine
- Food and drink
- Free time/ Hobbies
- Friends and family
- Health and fitness
- Home
- Other languages
- Other studies
- Technology
- Transport and travel
- Personality
- Appearance
- Ages

Useful phrases

That's correct/ right.

Good guess!

Actually,...

I'm surprised you think that.

Not really/ exactly.

I think you could be more certain/ confident about that.

What makes you so sure about that?

Use similar language to compare and contrast Speaking Part Two photos.