

FCE Speaking Part 2

Candidates are expected to point out similarities and differences between the photographs and then move on to deal with the question, answering it with reference to both photographs.

How important is it to help people in these situations?



Here are some “*wh*” questions to help you when thinking about how to compare these photographs and answer the question.

1. Who are the people in the photos? What is the problem?
2. What is the occupation of the people helping?
3. Where is the situation happening?
4. Why do the people need help?
5. How well do the people in the photos know each other?
6. How might the person needing help be feeling?
7. How quickly will the people be helped?

Here are some examples for each question. Match them to the questions above

- a. Worried about long-term damage/anxious about getting to her destination
- b. Somewhere on a sports field/in the middle of a busy city
- c. It might take a period of weeks or months/it'll probably only take a few minutes
- d. A professional physiotherapist/a police officer
- e. He's just been injured/she's just realized she's lost
- f. He relies on him a lot/she's just met him
- g. A physiotherapist checking an injured football player's leg/a tourist asking a police officer for directions

Now use the ideas to compare the photos you've been given – pointing out similarities and differences.

The listening candidate is also asked to comment briefly (for about 30 seconds) after their partner's long turn. They should not speak during their partner's long turn.

Do you find it easy to ask for help when you have a problem? (Why? / Why not?)

Useful Expressions

Saying which photo you are talking about

The top picture shows.....

In the other photo there are

In the one below it looks as if

Both pictures show.....

In both photos there are

In this photo, they may/might/could be.....

Perhaps/maybe it's.....

Here, It's probably.....

Pointing out similarities and differences

In one respect the pictures are quite similar because.....

They are similar in that both show

Another similarity is

They are alike in another way in that.....

This picture shows....., but/whereas/while/on the hand that one

In both pictures there's, though in this one...

One difference between the photos is that

In some ways the two situations are completely different because....

The biggest difference between them is that this one shows....., but/whereas/while/on the hand the other one

And something else that is different is.....

Another thing that is not quite the same is

They also differ in that.....

Comparing

This looks far more.....than that.

The in this photo look much more than those.

These people are a lot more than those are.

Doinglike that isn't so as

What's happening in this picture is just asas what's going on there.

Giving your opinion

In my opinion,....

I'd say that.....

Well I think that.....

It seems to me that.....

Expressing your preferences

I prefer to (do).....

I enjoymore than.....

I'd rather (do)....

I findmore.....than