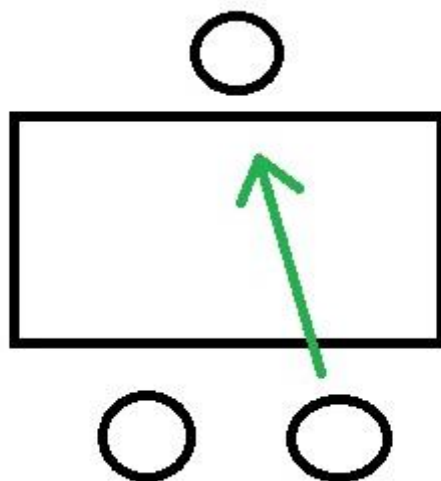


1. INTERACTION DIAGRAM



3. ABC - ALWAYS BE COMPARING

When the examiner gives you the instructions for the task, he or she will always start, 'I'd like you to compare two of the pictures and say...' Comparing is the heart of the task.

If you aren't comparing, you aren't scoring points.

Comparing means saying what is the same in your chosen pictures and what is different. There are many ways you can do that, but the easiest way is to use the magic CAE words:

2. HOW TO AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

You are asked to talk about **TWO** pictures. Choose two and say nothing about the third one.

Weak candidates simply describe the pictures: "I can see a car. The car is red. There is a tree." You aren't asked to describe them. Strong candidates compare the pictures.

Don't waste the first five seconds by explaining which pictures you have chosen. Just start comparing the pictures! (If you feel you have to make it clear, you can point to the pictures you have chosen.)

Dead air ... is still a crime! You get 60 seconds to do this task. Use all of it! When your time is up the examiner will stop you.

The examiner tells you what to do, but the task is also printed on the page with the photos. Refer to that page to make sure you talk about both bullet points.

While you are comparing the photos, try to look at the examiner and the other candidate from time to time. It's hard because you have to look at the pictures, but strong candidates don't talk to the photos - they talk about the photos.

The Three Magic Words

- Both ...
- Whereas ...
- While ...

4. LET'S PUT A START TO THIS SPECULATION

In most of the CAE speaking exam part 2 scenarios, the word 'might' will be in the instructions. 'Say why the people **might** be checking the time'. 'Say how safety **might** be important in this job.' That's because the examiners want to know if you can use speculative language.

Useful speculative phrases include:

- Perhaps
- It seems like
- They might have
- It could be that
- Maybe
- Probably

5. PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

Remember: only two pictures / always be comparing / speculate