

# Starlight 11 Module 2

## Speaking

**Task 1. Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.**

Many lands that had once been swamps were drained or filled in. There are different reasons why people drained swamplands. Some were drained to fight diseases caused by insects that lived in them. Because swamps were considered unpleasant places in which to live and harmful to health, many people thought that unless they were drained the land was worthless.

Other swamps were drained to make new land. As the population grew and more land was needed, people drained swamps or filled them to make room for more farms and factories, more roads and airports.

Few people thought that it might be harmful to get rid of swamps. As swamps disappeared, other things happened. There were both more floods and more droughts than before. There were also more fires, for swamps had acted as firebreaks. Hunters noticed that there was less wild game. Wild life that once lived in the swamps was dying out, because it had no place to live.

**You are going to take part in extreme holidays and now you are calling to find more information. In 1/5 min you are to ask 5 direct questions to find out the following:**

- Transfer availability to the place of destination
- Activities while holidays
- Age of participants
- Accommodation provided
- Price for a tour



## Task 3. These are photos from your photo album.

### Choose one photo to describe to your friend.

- **You will have to start speaking in 1.5 minutes and will speak for not more than 2 minutes (12–15 sentences). In your talk remember to speak about:**
  - · where and when the photo was taken
  - · what/who is in the photo
  - · what is happening
  - · why you keep the photo in your album
  - · why you decided to show the picture to your friend
- **You have to talk continuously, starting with: “I’ve chosen photo number ...”**



## Task 4. Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- give a brief description of the photos (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say in what way the pictures are different
- say which of the activities presented in the pictures you'd prefer
- explain why
- You will speak for not more than 2 minutes (12–15 sentences). You have to talk continuously.
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