

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.

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Task 2. Study the advertisement.

You are going to study abroad for three months and want to find a language school you could attend. You'd like to get more information about this language school. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five questions to find out the following:

- Location of the school
- Languages you can study
- Assessment books
- Price per month
- Tuition centers
- You have 20 seconds to ask each question.





Location of the school



Languages you can study



Assessment books



Price per month



Tuition centers

Task 3. Imagine that you are showing your photo album to your friend. Choose one photo to present to your friend.

You will have to start speaking in 1.5 minutes and will speak for not more than 2 minutes.

You have to talk continuously. In your talk remember to speak about:

- when \ where you took the photo
- what \ who is in the photo
- what is happening
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Task 4. Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- **give a brief description (action, location)**
- **say what the pictures have in common**
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- **say which kind of travelling you'd prefer**
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