

Oral Exam Practice
A Picture description

Techniques	Examples
1 Describe where things are in the picture.	
2 Don't be too certain.	
3 Paraphrase, if you don't know.	
4 Give your opinion / use hesitation words.	
5 Ask for clarification / correct yourself.	

B Conversation

1 Questions

2 Discussing a given topic

I Some useful phrases – give each group a heading

As far as I'm concerned ...

I think ...

In my opinion ...

As far as I know ...

In my view ...

I don't think ...

I don't believe that ...

Well, if you ask me ...

If you want my honest opinion ...

I totally/fully/partly agree.

I agree/don't agree with you.

I wouldn't say that ...

I don't think so.

You're right up to a point.

You could be right.

That can't be right.

I don't agree at all.

That's right/wrong.

What do you think?

What's your opinion?

Would you like to say something?

What do you mean?

What are your ideas?

What are you trying to say?

I'm sorry but...

Can I add something?

Sorry to interrupt, but...

II Discussion Topics

Every woman should have the right to decide whether she wants a home birth or to be in a hospital.

The trade with human organs should be legalized.

Couples should have the right to choose the sex of their baby.

It is cruel to talk to a grieving family about donation.