

How the exam runs: live & one-to-one with **two examiners** — you read and talk **to them, not a computer**. ~5 min alone to prepare (read the passage + study the photo) → read aloud → conversation on the photo.

Answer frame for the conversation: Opinion → Reason → Example → Extension. Two to four sentences — never one word.
e.g. "Yes, I think children should help at home, **because** it teaches responsibility. **For example**, I wash the dishes every weekend, and now I do it without being asked."

Top 2 quick wins 1 · **Reading Aloud:** read the **situation** first, then match your **tone**. 2 · **Conversation:** add a **"because..."** and a **"for example..."** to every answer.

Reading Aloud 15 marks

- ▶ **Read the situation FIRST** → match the tone.
Announcement = **loud, clear, confident**; story = warm; not a flat robot.
- ▶ **Steps:** prepare silently → rehearse in your head → read aloud to the examiners.
- ▶ Don't drop word endings — **-ed, -s, plurals**.
- ▶ **Pause** at full stops and commas. Don't rush.
- ▶ Stress key words; questions rise, statements fall.
- ▶ Use the 5 min: spot hard words, mark pauses.

Stimulus Conversation 25 marks

- ▶ **Describe Q1:** what you see (place, people, action) + **one feeling** ("It looks like they're enjoying it").
- ▶ Then talk about the **topic**, don't just describe the photo.
- ▶ Every answer: **opinion + "because..." + "for example..." + extension**.
- ▶ Answer **"Have you...?"** directly (yes/no) first, then example + feeling.
- ▶ **No right or wrong answer** — observe closely, be logical; unsure? **"It seems to me..."**, **"It looks like..."**, **"Perhaps..."**.
- ▶ **Never memorise scripts** — examiners follow up.

Where marks leak

- ✗ One-word / undeveloped conversation answers.
- ✗ Flat, rushed reading; dropped endings.
- ✗ Describing the photo instead of the topic.
- ✗ Freezing into silence.
- ✗ Rehearsed answers that break on a follow-up.

Two-week home plan

- 1 **Read aloud daily** — record & replay one passage.
- 2 **Answer frame** on any photo; parent asks the 3 Qs.
- 3 **Follow up** with one more "why?" each time.
- 4 **One timed run** a week — 5 min prep, both parts.