Speaking Part 2: a cue card

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Understand the idea

Think about your listener and purpose. Use clear words, meaningful pauses and a relevant example.

Example: Make a polite request: Could you help me, please?

Prepare for 1 minute. Make brief notes, then speak for up to 2 minutes. Afterwards, use the separate Part 3-style discussion prompts below. Models are examples, not scripts to memorise.

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Try it yourself

1. Describe a useful skill you learnt from another person.

Say what the skill was, who helped you, how you practised it, and why it has been useful.

2. Part 3-style discussion 1: How can a community help people learn from one another?

3. Part 3-style discussion 2: Is personal experience always more useful than formal instruction?

Academic Writing Task 1

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Plan before you begin

Check the audience, purpose and required length. Organise your ideas, write or speak, then check meaning and accuracy.
Example: A clear paragraph has one main idea with useful supporting detail.
Spend about 20 minutes. Write at least 150 words. Summarise the main features and make relevant comparisons. Do not give reasons that the table does not provide.

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Transport	2015	2025
Bus	30%	35%
Bicycle	10%	20%
Car	60%	45%

Try it yourself

1. The table shows the percentage share of journeys by three forms of transport in a fictional town in 2015 and 2025. Write your report.