

Describe your partner B2 First speculating and comparing practice

Use the phrases on the cards below to speculate about your partner. You can use more than one card each time. Your partner will say if you were correct, then tell you if they are surprised by your level of certainty or uncertainty.

Possible Cambridge First Speaking topics to speculate on

English language exams, including FCE	Studying English (including self-study)
Using English	Work
Arts and media	Daily routine
Food and drink	Free time/ Hobbies
Friends and family	Health and fitness
Home	Other languages
Other studies	Technology
Transport and travel	Personality
Appearance	Ages

Useful phrases for doing the activity

“That’s correct/ That’s right.”

“Good guess!”

“Actually,…”

“I’m surprised you think that.”

“Not really/ Not exactly.”

“I think you could be more certain/ confident about that.”

“What makes you so sure about that?”

Cards to cut up

...seem(s)...	both
...look(s) (like)...	neither
I guess...	like
I imagine...	unlike
...obviously...	whereas
...probably...	too
...might/ may/ maybe/ perhaps...	(quite/ fairly/ very/ completely) different

...clearly...	(quite/ fairly/ very) similar
I'm not sure exactly but...	(slightly/ somewhat/ quite a lot/ a lot/ far far)... er
...appear(s)...	(a bit/ a great deal/ much much) more...
I reckon.../ I suppose...	contrast
I'm fairly sure...	in common
I get the impression that...	compared to
My initial impression is...	(more or less/ exactly) the same
...almost certainly...	but
...must...	as well
...could (possibly)...	not (nearly/ quite) as... as
I'm pretty confident that...	differ(s)
I expect...	resemblance
I know for sure that...	and
I know for a fact that...	but

Brainstorm useful phrases for comparing and speculating, compare with the cards, then use similar language to compare and contrast Speaking Part Two photos.