



Topic 2

TASK I: TALKING ABOUT A TOPIC

In this first task you are going to give a short talk on a topic. You should talk about only 3 or 4 of the points suggested. The talk should last from 3 to 4 minutes. When the teacher signals you to stop, you should bring your talk to a conclusion.

At the end of your talk your companion will comment briefly on something you have said.

You should not interrupt your companion during his / her talk, but at the end of your companion's talk you should also make a brief comment.



TOPIC 2: COMMUNICATION

Communication has changed tremendously in the last decade. Like E-mail, which has reduced the usage of letter, fax and memo communication, on-line chat is steadily replacing the telephone as the means of office and home communication.

'The telegraph is a kind of very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is mewing in Los Angeles. Radio operates in exactly the same way, except that there is no cat.' - Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955).

- Is the internet a better source of information than traditional encyclopaedias?
- Are we better communicated nowadays than before?
- Chatting on-line. If you've got a story to tell would you rather send an e-mail than chat away?
- E-mails save or waste time.
- Are you texting your mates more than talking on the phone?
- Mobile phones: use and abuse.
- Face-to-face relationships, what's happened?
- What do you think of e-books?

