 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 14: HOLIDAYS AND TRAVELLING

Nowadays travelling has become more accessible to everyone than ever before. What was before the privilege of rich, upper classes, with the reduction of transport and accommodation prices, has now become everyday practice for the masses.
'To travel is to discover that everyone is wrong about other countries.' (Aldous Huxley, an English writer)
'The traveler sees what he sees, the tourist sees what he has come to see.' (G.K. Chesterton, an English writer).

- Would you prefer a palm tree holiday rather than one packed with risk sports or adventure holidays?
- Some people say that they're more tired after their holidays than before. Why?
- What types of holidays are there?
- Would you like to be a travel journalist?
- Space tourists. If you were offered a trip on the space shuttle, would you go?
- Holidays and travel can bring stress as well as fun. Why?
- Does tourism bring more harm than benefit to some places?
- 'Travelling broadens your mind.' Do you agree?