

Worked Examples 101-102

IC feature(s) in focus	
Concise checklist	1. Initiate new ideas b) Right time for new ideas: Contribute new ideas after the current idea has been adequately discussed Feedback: when to introduce a new idea
Full checklist	1.2 Contribute new ideas Initiate a new idea abruptly

Example 101: P09

Task: A friend is given some money to spend before going on holiday. Discuss 1) the different ways to spend the money and 2) decide which way is the best.

1. K: So I think heeee he can spend money for mm buy sunglasses? If he
2. go you know the (.) place with a lot of sun
3. N: Yeah
4. K: like Australia country or
5. N: Yeah. Maybe he has to buy some luggages uh for uh for the the
6. travel, aaaand, maybe he have he has also to buy some books
7. to read the [during the travel
8. K: [during the travel.

Guiding questions

- At lines 1-2, K makes a suggestion to spend the money by buying sunglasses for the holiday. How does N respond?
 - (*'Yeah' at lines 3 and 5*)¹
- Has N said anything else about K's suggestion of buying sunglasses?
 - (*No, she doesn't say why she agrees or not, or the pros and cons of spending the money on sunglasses*)
- What does N do instead (lines 5-6)?
 - (*She introduces a new idea, suggests spending the money to buy new suitcase(s)*)
- What is N doing in the second part of her turn ('and, maybe...' lines 6-7)?
 - (*She initiates yet another new idea 'buy some books'*)
- What has happened to the idea of buying suitcases ('luggages') that N has suggested?
 - (*It is not discussed any further by N or K, i.e. the topic ends soon after being initiated*)
- If you were the examiner, do you think N introduces new ideas after current ones have been discussed enough?
- What would you do differently?

#TooEarly
 #SayMoreBeforeMovingOn
 #DevelopOwnIdea
 #DevelopPartnersIdea

¹ Italicized words in parentheses are suggested answers or notes for teachers

Example 102: P01

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tqeI9t4x9E> (06:39)

Task: Imagine that a town wants more tourists to visit. Talk to each other about why these ideas (in the pictures) would attract more tourists to the town.

1. F: Well I think all ideas on the uh on the booklet are quite
2. good actually. I think holiday flats will attract more
3. tourists because there're- it's just more space? Uh for the
4. tourists to live in while they're on holiday?
5. And, what do you think about that?
6. M: Mm well uh I agree with you? But, maybe, providing parks is
7. much better?

Guiding questions

- Which idea about attracting more tourists is F talking about (lines 2-4)?
 - *(Holiday flats)*
- How does F end her turn (line 5)?
 - *(Asking M 'what do you think about that [the holiday flats idea]'?)*
- What does M do in the next turn (lines 6-7)?
 - *(M answers F's question briefly with 'I agree with you'. She then however says 'but' and introduces a new idea of her own – providing parks.)*
- If you were the examiner, is there anything in M's turn you would say is problematic?
 - *(One of the examiners commented that M has abruptly changed topics, and her 'I agree with you' looks like a learned, formulaic response when she immediately introduces another idea.)*

#AbruptChangeOfTopic

#YesBut

#FormulaicExpressions

Lesson learned

It is important to introduce new ideas at the right time. In Example 101, N introduces new ideas before current ones have been adequately discussed. They could have talked more about K's sunglasses idea (e.g. when sunglasses will / will not be needed, or how sunglasses may be expensive), or N's idea of buying new suitcases (e.g. what kind of suitcase to buy, what size). Here, however, N and K never got to talk about sunglasses and suitcases again.

In Example 102, M's introduction of her new idea sounds abrupt because it comes right after F has asked what she thinks of the current idea of 'holiday flats'. The partner (and the examiner) may be left wondering if M actually agrees with the 'holiday flats' idea, and why she quickly changes the topic.

So, make sure you introduce new ideas after you and your partner have explored the current one, and don't change topics abruptly.