**Student’s Worksheet 1**

**Speaking Part 1 – task summary**

**Look at the descriptions of Part 1 of the Linguaskill Business Speaking test.**

**Are the statements True or False?**

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|  | **True** | **False** |
| There are three topics to choose from |  |  |
| You can bring some notes into the test room |  |  |
| You have to speak for one minute |  |  |
| Talk about all the prompts you see on the screen |  |  |

**Student’s Worksheet 2**

**Giving and justifying opinions**

**Look at these comments about work training courses. Decide whether they are positive or negative comments.**

* I’d say any training course is useful, as it gives staff the opportunity to develop their work skills.
* To my mind, training courses usually have a negative impact on productivity. The reason I say this is because the time taken to do training could be better spent working.
* Since training benefits the company more than the workers, my view is that staff shouldn’t be forced to attend courses.
* Because of that training, I believe I was able to move to a management position.
* A lot of the training courses take place after work, so many employees would rather not attend, and that’s my opinion as well.
* My experience of training courses organised by my company means I have no doubt that they’ll help me in my future career.
* I felt that course was unlikely to help me, due to the poor-quality activities.

**Now underline language for giving an opinion and circle language for explaining an opinion.**

**Student’s Worksheet 3**

**Giving and justifying opinions [Optional, for learners working at C1 and above)**

**Complete the comments about work-based training using the words in the box.**

**Are these expressions used to give an opinion or to justify an opinion?**

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1. No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there were positive elements to the course, but I don’t recall many of them.
2. The company booked this particular course on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it had good online reviews.
3. As for the course itself, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ well be that it was more useful than I realised at the time.
4. I came away with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it was a complete waste of time.
5. To be perfectly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, this course offered very little.
6. Our managers have already re-booked the course in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the positive feedback from attendees.
7. I can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thinking that the same content could have been covered in one day rather than three.
8. We did learn something by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the trainer’s willingness to change the programme to suit our needs.

**Student’s Worksheet 4**

**Linguaskill Business Speaking Part 1 – sample task**

**You will have 1 minute to talk about a topic. First, you have 40 seconds to read the task and prepare what you are going to say. You will then have 1 minute to speak.**

**You can take notes while you prepare. Please speak for all the time you have.**

**Talk about a useful training course you attended for your work.**

**You should say:**

* **what the course was about**
* **why you went on the course**
* **why you think the course was useful.**