

## Prepare for exam success: A2 Key for Schools self-access learning

### Speaking

#### Summary

1. Learn how to say more when you answer questions.
2. Play 'Question tennis' with a friend to practise asking and answering questions.
3. Identify ways to agree and disagree.
4. Talk about things you like and don't like with a friend or family member who knows some English.

#### Getting started

Match the questions to the pictures:



What sports do you play at weekends?  
Who's your best friend?  
What subjects don't you like at school?  
What's your favourite food?  
Tell me about your home town.



Check the **Answer key**.

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**Tip! Get ready for your speaking exam**

Practise talking about these topics to help you to get ready for your speaking exam:

Family and friends, school, your home or home town, free-time activities, likes and dislikes.

**Task: Say more!**

**How to...improve your speaking**

Try not to say only "Yes", "No" or one word.

Give a reason for your answer.

Look at these examples. How could the students say more? Write your ideas in the bubbles.

What's your favourite sport?

Football.

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Do you like shopping?

No.

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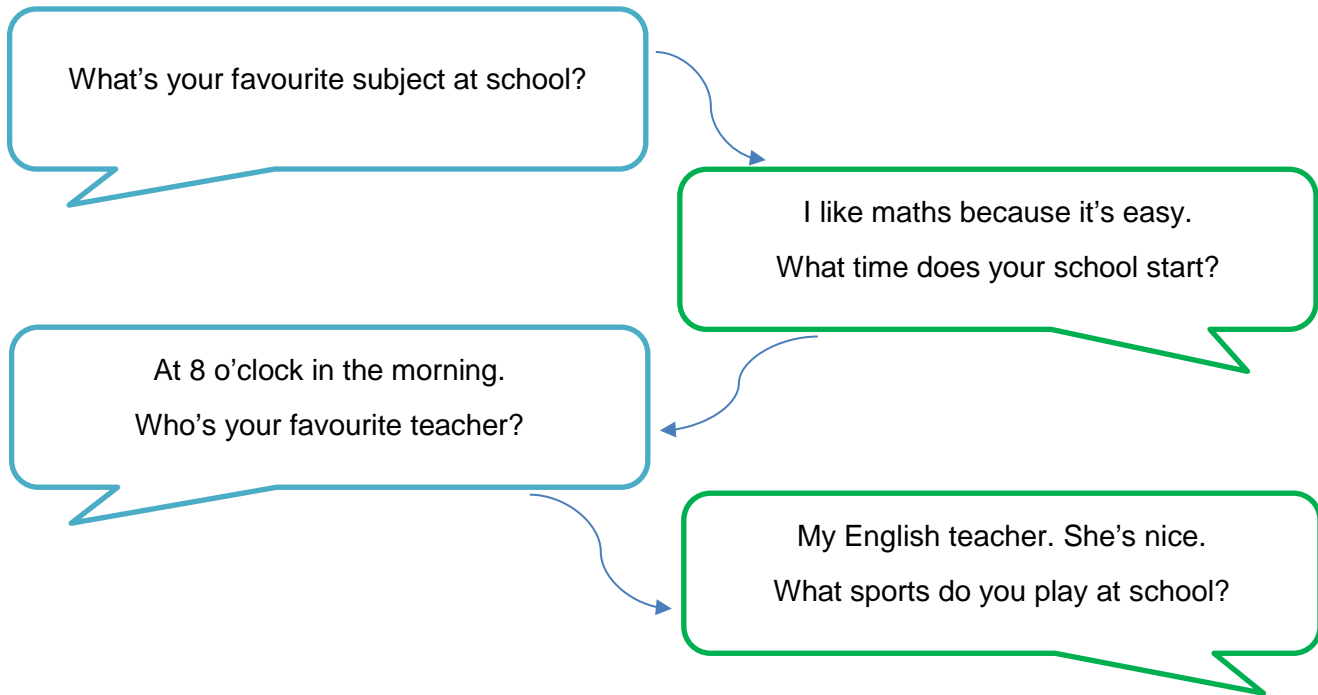
### Task: Questions tennis

1. **Choose** one topic from: family, school, home town, free-time activities, likes and dislikes.
2. **Think** of 5 questions on this topic. You can use the questions from **Getting started**, or write your own questions.
3. Use a mobile device and **record** yourself asking one question.
4. **Send** the recording to your friend/family member. Ask them to record:
  - their answer
  - a different question for you to answer.
5. **Listen** to their recording.
6. **Answer** their question, and send them a different question.

Keep going like this for as long as you can! You can change to a different topic, if you like.

**Remember** – **say more** than one word! Give a reason for your answer!

Here's an example:



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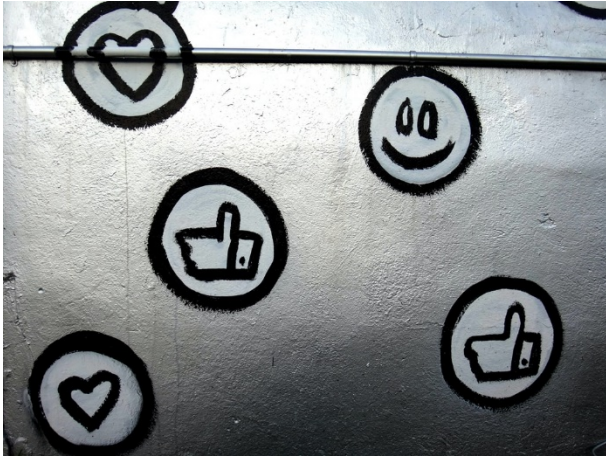
In Part 1 of the speaking exam, the examiner will ask you questions like this. Practise asking and answering questions to prepare for the exam.

## Think: likes and dislikes

Think of 5 things you like and 5 things you dislike (for example, food, hobbies, animals, school subjects).

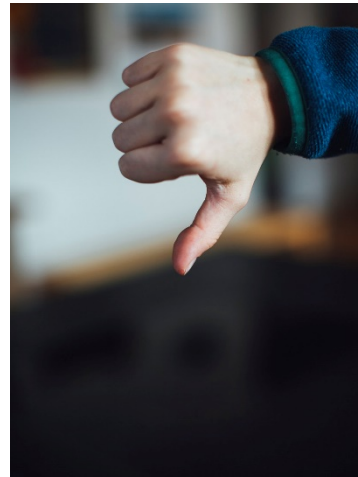
Write them in the boxes.

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I like

I don't like



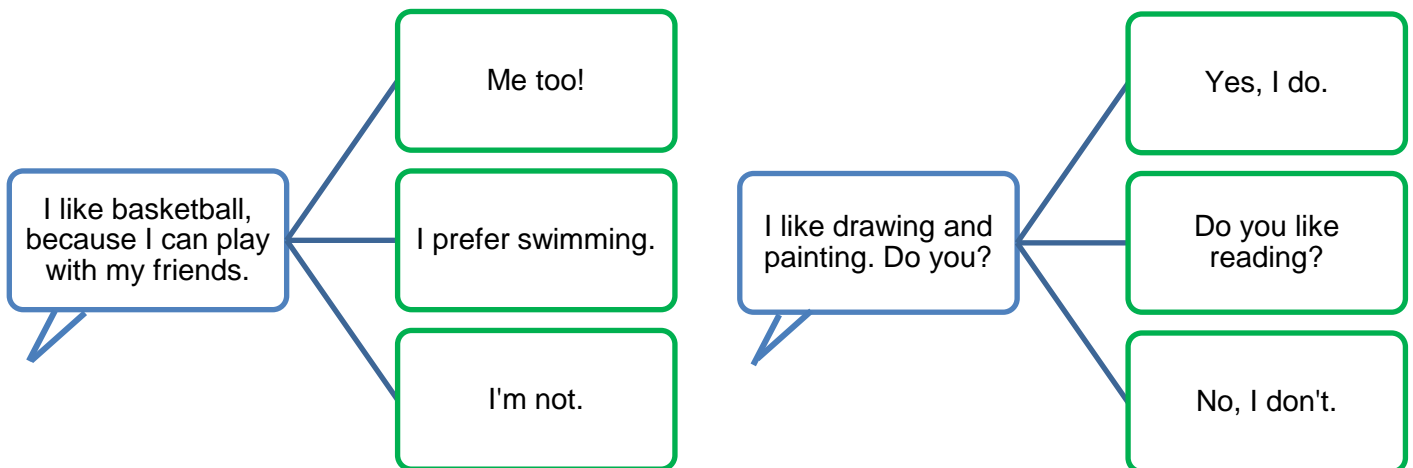
Think about why you like them, or don't like them. You're going to talk about some of these things later.

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## Task: say the right thing

Two students are talking about things they like and don't like.

Look at the blue box. Then look at the green replies. ~~Cross out~~ the reply which is not OK.



Check with the **Answer key**.

### Tip! Listen to your partner

In Part 2 of the speaking exam you will talk with another student about what you like and dislike.

Listen to what your partner says so you can say the right thing in reply!

## Task: Likes and dislikes

1. Go to an images website, like Unsplash.com or Google images.
2. **Find**
  - a. 3 pictures of things you like
  - b. 2 pictures of things you don't like.

You can choose the things you wrote in *Likes and dislikes* or you can choose something else.

3. **Copy** the pictures into a document.
4. **Share** the pictures with a friend or family member and arrange a time when you can talk to them.
5. **Think** about *why* you like or don't like these things before you start your conversation.
6. **Look at** the pictures and talk about them together. Say what you like, what you don't like, and say why.
7. **Record** your conversation (but please check this is OK with your friend).

### Reflect

- Listen to your conversation. Think about these questions. Tick 'Yes' or 'No':
  - Did you talk about all the pictures?  
Yes  No
  - Did you say if you like or dislike them?  
Yes  No
  - Did you give reasons for your answers?  
Yes  No
  - Did you listen and say the right thing in reply?  
Yes  No



- Do the speaking task again, with different pictures.
- Reflect again. Did you do better this time?

#### How to...feel more confident when you speak

The more you practise speaking in English the easier it will feel. Practise with a friend, family member, or even by yourself so that you feel more confident!

### Keep learning

There are lots of ways to practise speaking in English.

- Choose one or two ways you would like to try. Tick the "I'll try it!" column.
- Ask a friend or family member to help you to practise.
- Record your speaking and listen to it.
- When you try an idea, tick "I did it!"

Idea	I'll try it!	I did it!
Phone a friend or family member. Have an English conversation. Think about 5 things you will say before you call!		
Have "English only" time at home, for 5 minutes every day. During this time, you can only speak in English! (You can say things in English and <i>then</i> in your own language if no one in your house speaks English.)		
Practise singing your favourite songs in English. Record yourself and listen.		
Send a voice note to your friend in English. Have a conversation with voice notes (like Question tennis).		
Find a video clip you like. Turn off the sound. Imagine what the people are saying. Use your ideas and say the dialogue. Record the dialogue. Compare your dialogue to the original recording.		
Read a story aloud in English to practise your pronunciation.		

## Have fun and keep learning!

### Answer key

#### Getting started – Answers

What's your favourite food? – picture 5

Tell me about your home town. – picture 4

What subjects don't you like at school? – picture 1

What do you do at the weekends? – picture 2

Who's your best friend? – picture 3

#### Task: Say more – example answers

I like football and my favourite team is Brazil.

My favourite sport is football because it is exciting.

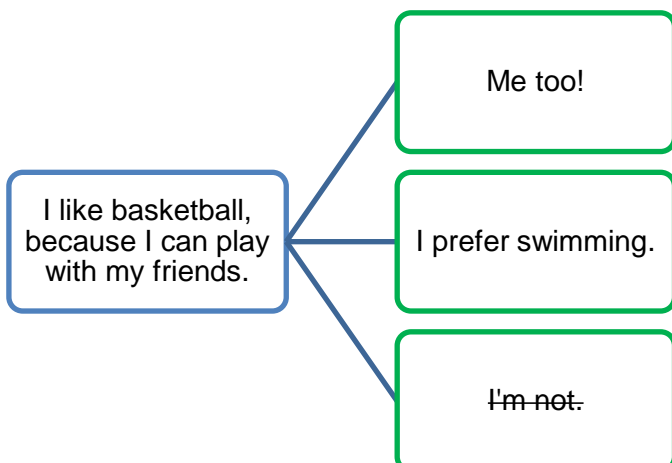
Football. I play it with my friends every weekend.

I don't like shopping because it's boring.

I like shopping for clothes but not shopping in the supermarket.

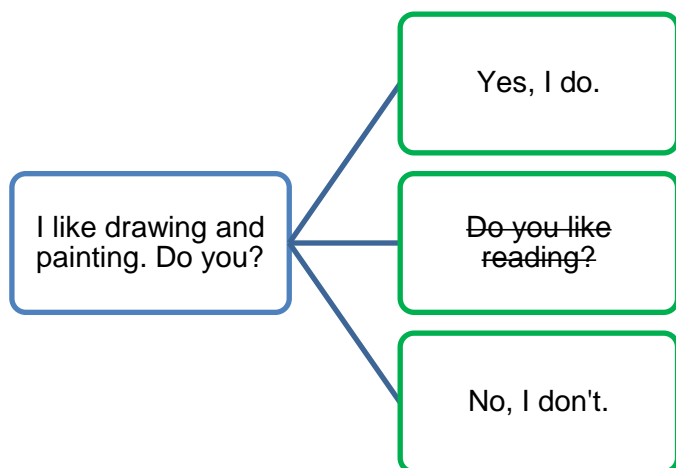
No, because it's boring.

#### Task: say the right thing - Answers



✓ This is a way to agree with someone

✓ If you disagree with what someone likes, you can say 'I prefer...'



✓ Yes, you can answer 'Do you?' like this.

✓ Yes, you can answer 'Do you?' like this.