

Speaking Part 2

People Description

Practice

Answer these questions

1. Describe a person you admire

You should say:

- *who the person is*
- *what he or she is like*
- *and why you admire him or her*

2. Describe a teacher who has influenced you in your education

You should say:

- *Where you met him/ her.*
- *What subject s/he taught.*
- *What was special about him /her*
- *and explain why he/she has influenced you.*

3. Describe a person you have seen who is beautiful or handsome

You should say:

- *where you saw this person*
- *when you saw this person*
- *what the person looked like*
- *why you think this person is beautiful or handsome*

Key

Sample answer

1. I'm going to talk about my father because he has been a major influence in my life.

My father was always a good role model for me as I was growing up. He's hard-working, patient and understanding; he's also got a good sense of humour and seems to get on well with everybody. Hopefully I've inherited some of these traits.

I admire my father because I think he brought me and my brothers/sisters up well; he was quite strict but always fair, and he has always been someone I can turn to for advice. I think my father set a good example by working hard and having a positive outlook on life. I remember that he used to leave for work early and come home quite late, but he always made time for me and my brothers/sisters.

2. I consider myself lucky to get several very good teachers throughout my academic years. Among them, I'd like to talk about Mr Smith who was an extraordinary teacher, a really good mentor and who has a great influence in my education. I met Mr Smith when I was in class 4 and he was our math teacher. Initially, we thought that he would be a moody teacher and we would have to be very polite in front of him. This impression came mostly because of his serious face and tidy dress-up. But soon we found that he is a very friendly person and teaches us very well. He never made things complicated and tried over and over again to explain something to us. He had a unique way of teaching. Seems like he would start an interesting story and later we would find that he would relate the math to the story. Thus everything we learned from him was interesting and that's why we remember most of the theory and techniques of math he taught us. I'd say he has a great influence in my education because he made a very strong foundation on Mathematics. Later on, I studied Science and Mathematics was the most important subject. I have always been good at math and that's mainly because of Mr Smith who had a major role in making the subject interesting to me. Before I learned math from Mr Smith, my impression on math was not good and I considered mathematics to

be a very difficult and uninteresting subject. But his teaching and influences changed my way of thinking about math and later on math became my one the most favourite subject.

3. Irene, a friend of my elder sister, is both beautiful and handsome whom I know for a long. Her full name is Irene Chemo and she works in a multinational company as a senior executive. She is 5 feet 9, has a slender body and a great complexion. On top of that, she has a great fashion sense and her intelligence and amiable personality make her even more handsome. As I heard from my sister, Irene once won an award for the extraordinary performance in a fashion design competition. In my opinion, she is a rare combination of beauty, intelligence, fashion sense, sense of humour and kindness. Irene is my sister's school friend and I know her from my early childhood. She often comes to our house and I have been to her house on several occasions. She lives with her parents and three other siblings. She is 26 and last year she finished her graduation. Now she is working full full-time in a large company and planning to establish a small coffee shop near her house. She has asked my sister to be her business partner. Irene is undoubtedly a beautiful person - both in appearance and in thoughts. She has got the kind of look that can be described as unique and elegant. I guess she could have easily become a renowned model in our country. Her sense of fashion is quite fabulous and most importantly, her higher IQ makes her stand out of the crowd. Furthermore, she is kind and helpful and her amiable and affectionate behaviours make her even more likeable. Her innocent look and the distinctive fashion sense are worth noticing. For all these reasons, I like her very much and have picked her for this cue card topic.