

**HELPFUL  
HINTS FOR  
STUDENTS  
FOR PART 3**

**Ask for clarification** if you are unsure about what to do, but remember that your partner can also help you with the task.

**Begin immediately;** don't waste time thinking about what you are going to say.

**Remember that** the task is written on the paper for you to refer to.

**Don't panic** if you don't know the word for something – paraphrase it, or ask your partner if they know the word.

**Say as much as you can** about each visual in relation to the task before you move on to the next one. Try to use a variety of language if you can.

**If you have no opinion** about one of the visuals, ask your partner or speculate about the picture in relation to the task.

**Remember** to work together with your partner. You use different types of language when you speak by yourself and when you speak with another person, so working together with your partner will allow you to use a greater range of language.

**Try to take it in turns** to initiate discussion – don't just respond to what your partner says.

**You are not being assessed** on what you say, but the way you say it. This is a language exam, not a test of general knowledge.

## ■ Useful phrases

Below are some useful phrases which may be helpful for students when doing this task, but students should take care not to overuse them.

<i>Initiating/focusing on the task</i>	So we have to . . . There are several possibilities for . . . Let's talk about . . . first, shall we? Let's see what the good points are, shall we? I think they/we will/would need to . . . We have to choose . . . We have to decide which . . .
<i>Expressing opinions/ views/ideas</i>	What do you think about . . . ? It seems to me that . . . I think . . . What do you think? From what I know . . . In my opinion . . . As far as I'm concerned . . . Personally speaking . . . Could I just add that . . . ? If I might come in here . . . Don't you think . . . ? I've heard . . . I'm sure . . .
<i>Agreeing/disagreeing</i>	That's a good point. I couldn't have put it better myself. I couldn't agree more. I'm sure you're right. I hadn't thought of that. What a good idea! Exactly! I see what you mean, but don't you think . . . ? Yes, but isn't it true that . . . ? I'm sure that's wrong. I don't think I would go along with that . . . You have a point there, but I think . . . I think that might be a bit difficult if . . . I'm sorry but I can't agree. That's a good point but . . .
<i>Concluding</i>	So, if we summarise . . . So, what shall we decide? So, what do you think? I think we agree. So, what shall we say? Right, so you think . . . and I think . . . Can we agree . . . ? Don't we agree . . . ? So, shall we agree to disagree? Is that how you see it? So if I've understood correctly, we've decided on . . . so far.