B1 Preliminary speaking practice

Two discussion tasks to practice, written for this page

Task A: a present for a friend who is moving abroad (the practice below)
A friend of yours is moving to another country next week. You want to give your friend a present. Ideas: a photo album / a small travel bag / a book about your city / a warm scarf / a pair of headphones. You: I think a photo album is a good idea, because your friend can remember you. What do you think? Partner: Maybe. How about a travel bag? It's useful for the trip. You: That's a good idea, but I prefer the album. It's small and easy to carry.

Task B: a day out with your class
Your English class wants a day out together on Saturday. You are talking about what to do. Ideas: a museum / a day at the beach / a picnic in a park / a film / a bike ride. You: Let's go to the beach. It's fun, and we can swim. Partner: Good idea, but it might rain. What about the museum? You: Why not? We could have the picnic first. Shall we do both?

1. Answer four questions about yourself

Where do you live?	I live in Lisbon. It's a big city near the sea.
Do you work or do you study?	I study. I'm at university, and I study engineering.
What do you like doing in your free time?	I like playing football and watching films with my friends.
What did you do last weekend?	I went to my grandmother's house. We had lunch, and then I watched a film.

I live in a small town.

I study at a university. / I work in a shop.

In my free time, I like...

Last weekend, I went to...

2. Say which present you suggest and why

Which present do you suggest?	I think a photo album is a good idea. Your friend can remember you. What do you think?

I think a photo album is a good idea.

Why not a travel bag?

I'd choose the scarf, because...

What do you think?

3. Answer his different idea

How about the travel bag? It's useful for the trip.	That's a good idea, but I prefer the album. It's small and easy to carry.

Maybe, but I prefer...

That's a good idea, but...

I'm not sure.

Yes, I agree.

4. Choose a present together

Which present shall we choose?	Shall we choose the photo album? It's a nice memory, and it's not expensive.

Shall we choose the photo album?

How about the album?

Okay, let's choose that one.

5. Answer two general questions

Do you like giving presents? Why?	Yes, I do. I like to see people happy when they open a present.
What was the last present you gave to someone?	I gave my sister a book for her birthday. She loves reading.
Do you prefer to buy presents or to make them?	I prefer to buy them, because I'm not good with my hands. But a made present is more special.

Yes, I do. I like to see people happy.	Not really. I never know what to buy.	The last present I gave was...

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