B2 First speaking practice

Two part 3 tasks to practice, written for this page

Task A: free time for young people (the practice below)
A town wants to help young people spend their free time well. Talk about how useful each idea would be. Ideas: a sports hall / a music studio / a cheap bus pass / a youth market / a free study room. Then decide which one the town should start with. Partner: I think the bus pass is the most useful, because it helps young people go anywhere. What do you think? You: That's true, but a place to meet could matter more. A bus pass is no use if there is nothing to go to.

Task B: a better workplace
A company wants to make its office a better place to work. Talk about how much each idea would help the staff. Ideas: a rest room / flexible hours / a garden / free lunch / a gym. Then decide which two the company should choose. You: Shall we start with flexible hours? People could plan their day and avoid the rush hour. Partner: Maybe, but not every job allows that. What about the rest room? You: Good point. How about choosing the rest room and the flexible hours, then?

1. Answer three questions about yourself

Where do you live, and what do you like about it?	I live in Lisbon, near the river. I like it because there's always something to do, and the weather is nice.
What do you usually do in your free time?	I play football with friends and I watch a lot of films. At weekends I try to go out of the city.
Is there something you are learning at the moment?	Yes, I'm learning to play the guitar. It's difficult, but I practice every evening.
Tell me about a place you would like to visit.	I'd love to visit Japan. I'm interested in the food, and I'd like to see the mountains.

I live in a small town near the coast.

What I like most about it is...

At the moment I'm learning to...

2. Give your first idea on the task and ask for her opinion

Which idea is the most useful, do you think?	Let's start with the sports hall. It would give young people somewhere to meet. What do you think?

Let's start with the sports hall.

I think it would be useful because...

What do you think?

Do you agree?

3. Answer her polite disagreement

I'm not sure. Sports halls are expensive, and not everybody likes sport.	That's true, but I don't completely agree. It could also have a café and a room for games.

I see your point, but I'm not sure.

That's true, but I don't completely agree.

I'd say it depends.

That's a good point. I hadn't thought of that.

4. Decide together which idea to choose

So, which one should the town start with?	Shall we choose the sports hall? It's good for health, and it brings people together.

Shall we choose the sports hall?	How about starting with the bus pass?	So, are we agreed?
Let's go with that, then.		

5. Answer two discussion questions

Do you think young people today spend too much time online?	I think so, but it depends. Online time is useful for study and for keeping in touch, but it's a problem when it takes the place of sleep.
Is it better to learn new skills in your free time, or just to relax?	I think we need both. After a long week I need to relax, but learning something new makes me feel good too.
How much should a town spend on things for young people?	In my opinion, quite a lot. Young people who have things to do are less bored, and the whole town benefits.

In my opinion, ...	I think so, but it depends on how people use it.	On the one hand... on the other hand...

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