

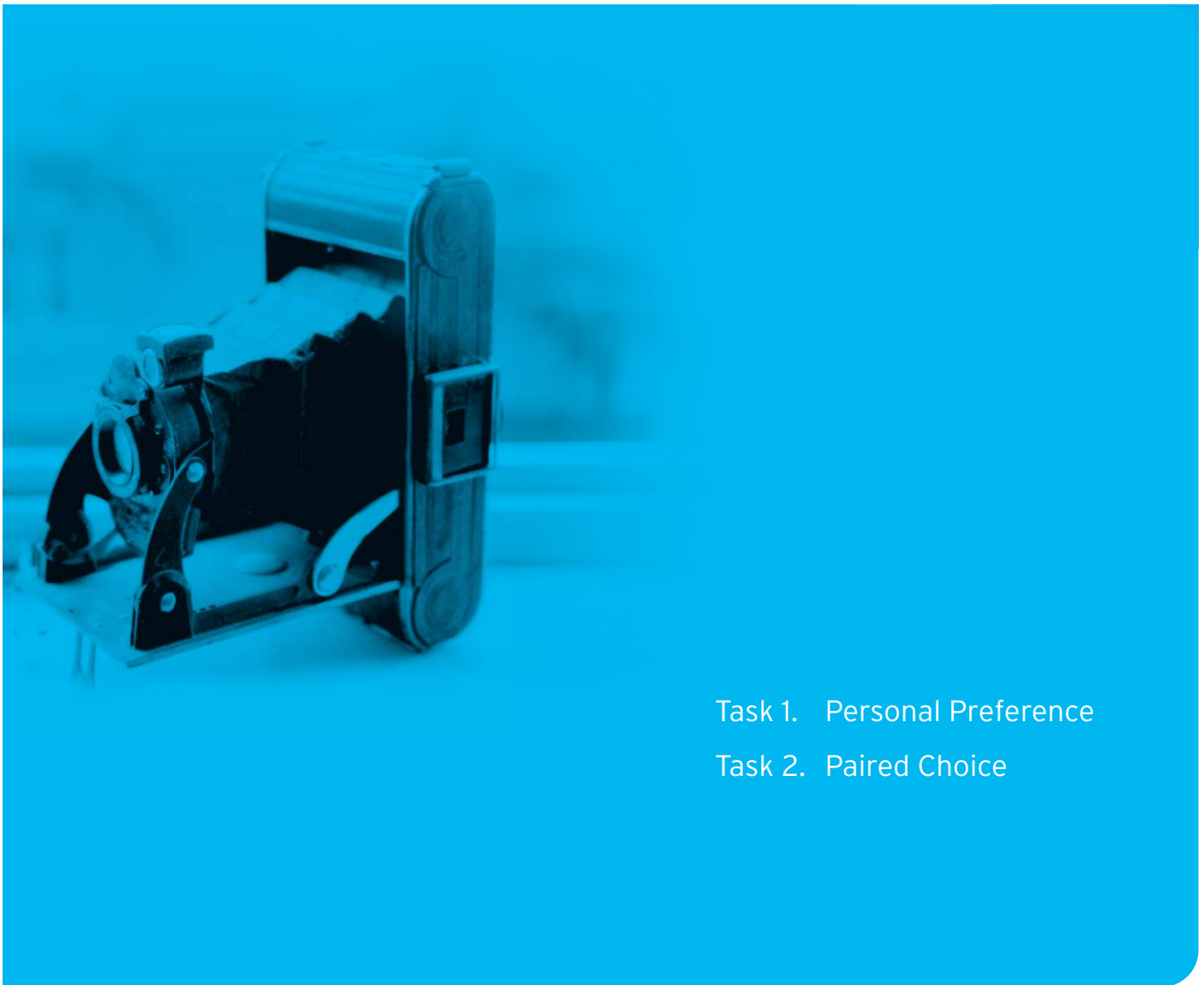
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# Independent Tasks



Task 1. Personal Preference

Task 2. Paired Choice

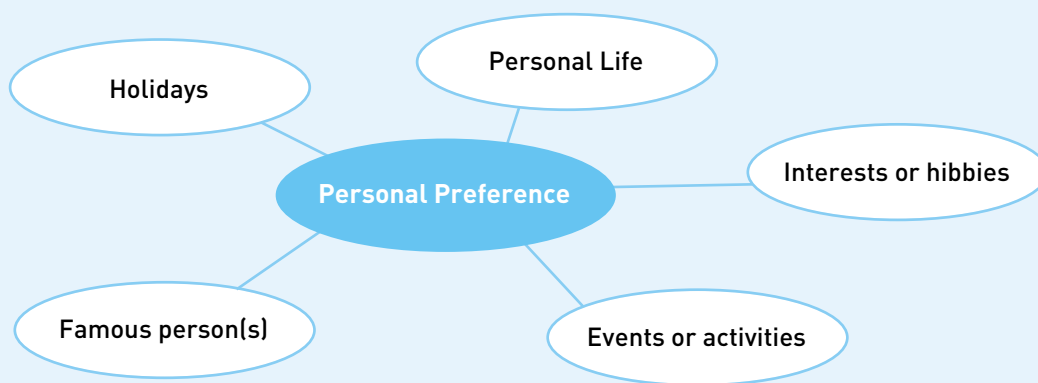
# Independent Speaking Tasks

In the section, you will be able to demonstrate your ability to discuss a variety of topics. You will have task 1 & task 2 in this Independent Speaking section. You don't need to do any reading or listening in order to solve these Independent Speaking tasks. Here, you only need to read the questions and respond to the questions from your experiences or with your thoughts.

## Task 1

### What does the question ask?

It asks you to talk about your personal hobbies, choices, interests, or events.



### How much time do I have?

60 seconds



## Question Types for Task 1

- If you could only take one entertainment item with you on vacation, what would it be and why would you take it? Include details and examples in your response.
- Describe your favorite mode of transportation and why it is your favorite. Please include details and examples in your response.
- If you could change one policy at your school, what policy would you change and why would you change it? Include examples and details to support your explanation.
- Describe an interesting person you know and explain why you find that person interesting. Please include examples and details in your response.

## Responding Process of Task 1

**Understand the question**



**Brief brainstorming**



**Outline**



**Speak**

## Strategies for Task 1

- Quickly understand what the question asks you to do
- Choose one of the two options as quickly as you can
- Produce many ideas through a brainstorming process
- Organize the ideas in an outline
- Practice to make key ideas into complete sentences
- Relax and speak your answer clearly with confidence
- Do not hesitate or mumble even when you make mistakes
- Remember your time is limited

### Strategy box

**Q** What was the most **important decision** you made in your life?

Important  
decision



Studying abroad

Going to medical school

Joining the navy

Getting married

playing piano

Going to church

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Making foreign friends

Studying English

Getting a degree in a foreign college

Having lots of experience

Trying foreign foods

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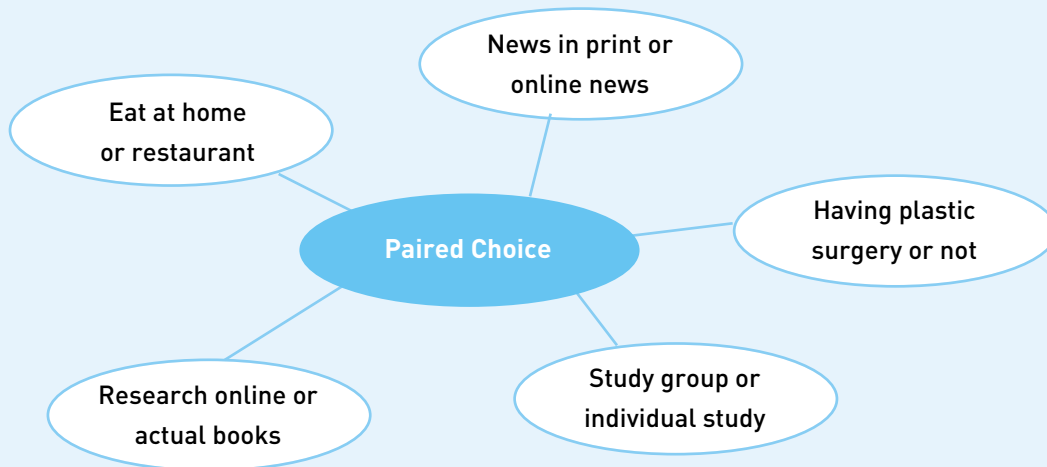


Fluent English, More chances of internships, etc  
Social network, foreign friends, exciting experience, etc

## Task 2

### What does the question ask?

It asks you to choose one of two perspectives on an issue or one of two ways of doing something.



### How much time do I have?

60 seconds



## Question Types for Task 2

- Some people like to do activities (e.g. a picnic, a walk, a short trip, playing a game) on a holiday. Other people prefer to stay home and relax. Which way do you prefer and why?
- Some students prefer living with a roommate, while others prefer to live alone. Which do you prefer and why?
- Some people prefer to do extra work for more money, while others prefer to have more free time and spend less money. Which option do you prefer and why?
- Some people feel that a class grade should be determined by several tests, while others feel that a class grade should be determined by one research paper. Which opinion do you prefer and why?
- Some people feel that surplus food should be given to starving people, while others feel that surplus food should be sold for profit. Which opinion do you agree with and why?

## Responding Process of Task 2

**Understand the question**



**Choose one of the two options**



**Outline**



**Speak**

## Strategies for Task 2

- Quickly understand what the question asks you to do
- Choose one of the two options as quickly as you can
- Produce many ideas through a brainstorming process
- Organize the ideas in an outline
- Practice making key ideas into complete sentences
- Relax and speak your answer clearly with confidence
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### Strategy box

**Q** Some people want to go to the mall with friends and others by themselves. Which of two ways of shopping do you prefer and why?

