

## SPEAKING: AN INTERVIEW

### CLARIFYING AND ASKING FOR REPETITION

- ★ I'm not sure what you mean.
- ★ What exactly do you mean by...?
- ★ Do you want me to ...?
- ★ Do you mean ...?
- ★ Sorry?
- ★ Pardon me?
- ★ Could you repeat that, please?
- ★ Could you please say that again?
- ★ Sorry, I didn't hear you. Would you mind repeating?

### GAINING TIME TO THINK

- ★ Well, let me think ...
- ★ That's an interesting question. I suppose ...
- ★ I've never thought about that before. Let me see ...
- ★ I'll have to think about that a minute.

### LIKES AND DISLIKES

- ★ I love / really like / enjoy ...
- ★ I can't stand / hate / dislike ...
- ★ I really / absolutely detest ...
- ★ I really / absolutely can't bear / can't stand ...
- ★ I prefer ... to ...
- ★ I would rather ... than ...
- ★ I don't mind ...
- ★ It's great / terrible when ...
- ★ I'm very fond of (+ing).
- ★ I'm very / really interested in (+ing).
- ★ I'm very / really keen on (+ing).
- ★ I find ... (+ing) really ... Interesting / enjoyable / relaxing / fascinating / exciting, etc.
- ★ I find ... (+ing) a bit / rather boring / dull / tiring.

### COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- ★ What's your name?
- ★ What's your surname?
- ★ Where do you live?
- ★ Where were you born?
- ★ How long have you lived in this area?
- ★ What do you think of this area?
- ★ How far do you have to travel to school / work?
- ★ How long have you been studying English?
- ★ What is difficult about learning English?
- ★ What's your family like?
- ★ What do you do in your free time?
- ★ What did you do last weekend?
- ★ What do you do when you're with your friends?
- ★ What are your favourite school subjects?
- ★ Have you ever been abroad?
- ★ Have you got any plans for the summer?
- ★ What would you like to do when you leave school?
- ★ Have you thought about a career?
- ★ Would you like to go to university?