

Part 3: Open-ended Discussion (4 minutes)

The examiner will introduce this part of the test as follows:

*“In this part of the test, we will have a discussion of about 4 minutes about **flooding in Thailand.**”*

“Please start the discussion by responding to the question below the photo on this task card. I will then ask you some follow up questions.”


“Here is your task card.”

The examiner will then hand the test taker the task card. The test taker will be given time to read the question, then the examiner will ask them to begin speaking.

“Could you begin speaking now?”

Task Card

Thailand Floods in 2011



What kind of problems did flood victims face in 2011?

When the test taker has answered the question on the task card the examiner will ask a number of follow up question to continue the discussion. Please read the examples below.

Sample follow-up questions:

- Which groups of people were most at risk?
- How did the floods affect business and the economy?
- Do you think the Internet can be helpful in such disasters? (How?)
- What recommendations would you like to make to the government about flood prevention?

When the time is up, the examiner will bring the exchange to a close with the following words:

“Thank you very much. That is the end of the speaking test”