

Preparation for both tasks: 4 minutes

Topic: Risk
Our attitude to risk

You read the following text in a news article:

Risk taking has a mixed reputation. On one hand, it is celebrated for its links to human discovery and endeavour. Astronaut Neil Armstrong famously proposed that “there can be no great accomplishment without risk”. On the other hand, we are wary of risk. Cultures that emphasise, and perhaps exaggerate, the control we have over our lives regard risk with a strong degree of caution.

(adapted from www.theconversation.com)

During a conversation with Candidate B at a psychology seminar that you are both attending, you decide to inform them about the article you have read and explain your opinion about it.

Speaking time for task 1: 2 minutes max.

Task 1: Mediation

Talk about the following points:

- Explain in your own words what you have just read.
- Identify the main idea of the article.

Speaking time for task 2: 2 minutes max.

Task 2: Production

Talk about the following points:

- express your own opinion about the role of risk in our lives
- make predictions and speculate about how we will deal with risk in the future