

## Activity 3: Talking about past events

### Hand out: Talking about past events

#### Activity A – Task 2 Preparation

In Level 1 Task 2 the examiner will tell you something that happened to him/her in the past. While they are speaking, you have to **listen**, **make comments** and **ask questions** to show you understand.

With the following example story, insert your choice of comment/question from the list below at a suitable point in the story:

"Last summer, I decided to go camping with my daughter as she was on school half term. So, we checked the weather forecast and it said it would be sunny all week. We packed everything into the car that we needed and set off. Once we'd pitched our tent on the campsite, we decided to relax and then cook our supper. However, at that point the rain started. It didn't stop raining for the next 5 days. I'm not sure what to do next year..."

*Oh no!*  
*Perhaps you could.....*  
*Where did you go?*  
*So, what did you do?*  
*What did you eat?*  
*How old is she?*  
*Oh, that's terrible!*  
*How could you get a more accurate weather forecast?*

#### Activity B – Task 2 Practice

Now work with a partner. Take turns to tell each other a story in the past and try to use the above and some of the following expressions to comment/question each other's stories:

*That sounds nice!*  
*So, what was the problem?*  
*So, what happened next?*  
*What did you do?*  
*So, what happened in the end?*  
*How did you feel about that?*

Activity A – Task 2 Preparation – Suggested answer

“Last summer, I decided to go camping with my daughter as she was on school half term. **How old is she?** So, we checked the weather forecast and it said it would be sunny all week. We packed everything into the car that we needed and set off. **Where did you go?** Once we’d pitched our tent on the campsite, we decided to relax and then cook our supper. **What did you eat?** However, at that point the rain started. **Oh no!** It didn’t stop raining for the next 5 days. **Oh, that’s terrible! So, what did you do?** I’m not sure what to do next year....” **Perhaps you could get a more accurate weather forecast/go to a hotel.**