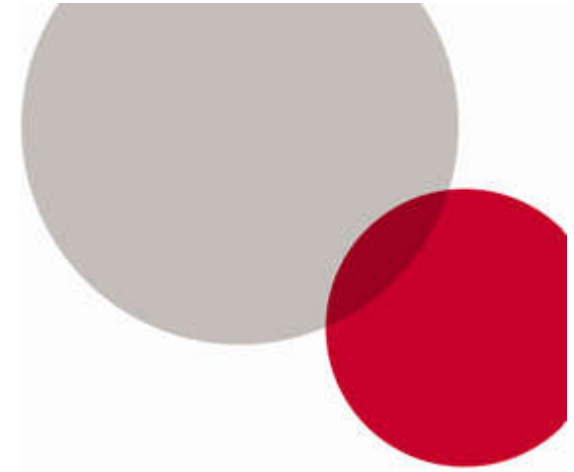


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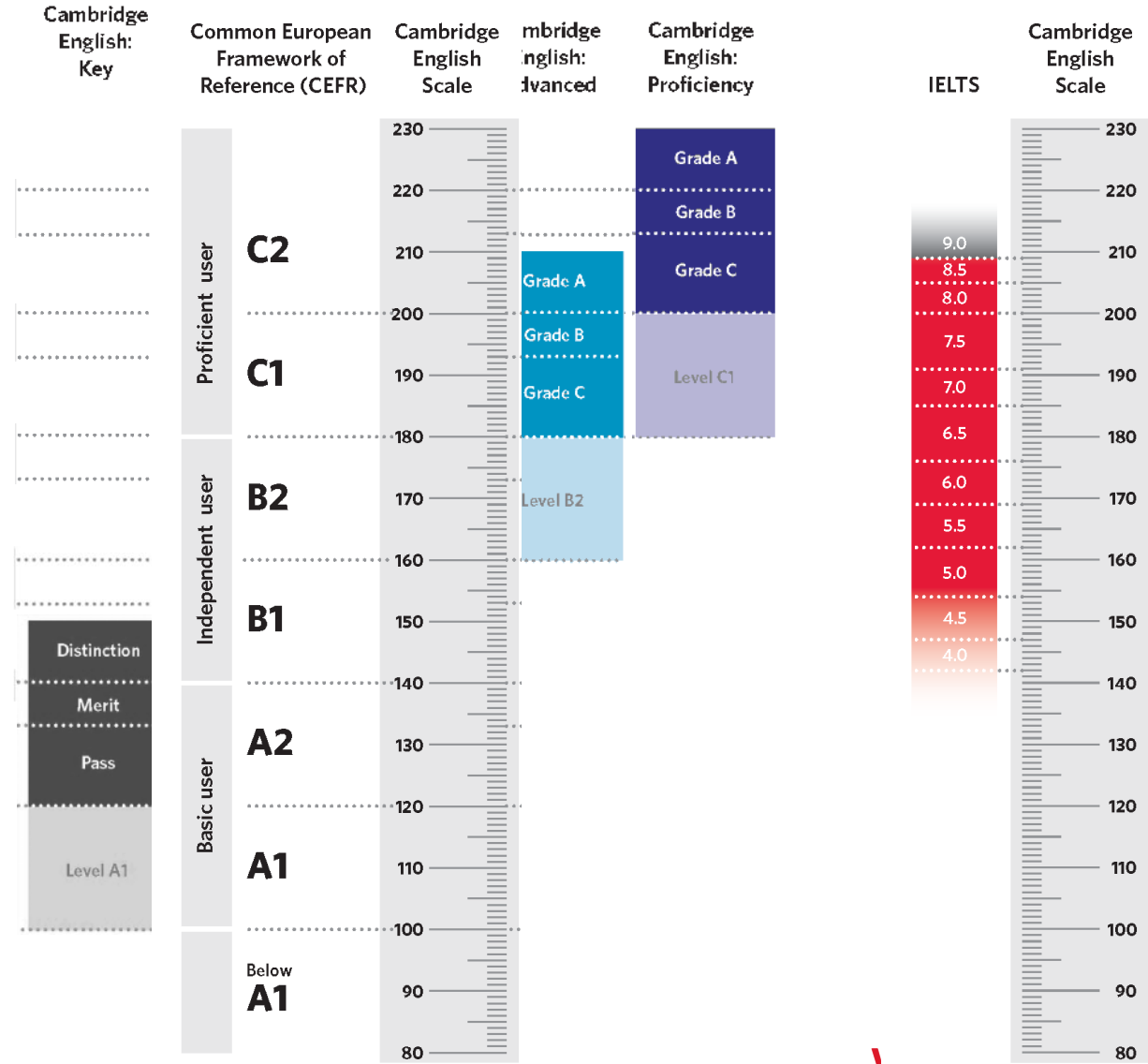
- How many words in the English dictionary?
- How many words does the average native speaker know?
- How many does a native speaker use in everyday language?
- How many do our students know?

- How many words in the dictionary? 80,000
- How many words does the average native speaker know? 20,000
- How many does a native speaker use in everyday language? 2,000
- How many do our students know? 2000 - 5000

Aims of workshop

- To raise awareness of the need to produce a wide range of vocabulary and grammatical structures in speaking and writing tests
- To suggest some ways of practising this in the classroom

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What is C1/C2 Vocabulary?

- No prescriptive lists for IELTS and CAE
- English Profile Vocabulary lists
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English Vocabulary Profile



British English | American English

Choose level:

- A1
- A1-A2
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About the English Vocabulary Profile

Welcome to the pilot version of the full six-level **English Vocabulary Profile**. This version covers levels A1-C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for British and American English. If you have any comments, questions or requests, the EVP team would love to hear from you! **Get in touch** now.

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- Why is the EVP important to me?
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What is the English Vocabulary Profile?

The EVP shows, in both British and American English, which words and phrases learners around the world know at each level - A1 to C2 - of the CEFR. Rather than providing a syllabus of the vocabulary that learners *should* know, the EVP project verifies what they *do* know at each level. CEFR levels are assigned not just to the words themselves, but to each individual meaning of these words. So, for instance, the word *degree* is assigned level A2 for the sense TEMPERATURE, B1 for QUALIFICATION, B2 for AMOUNT and C2 for the phrase *a/some degree of (sth)*. The capitalized guidewords help the user to navigate longer entries, and phrases are listed separately within an entry.

[Find out more about the CEFR.](#)

	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	General English
Proficient user	C2 Mastery	CPE
	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency	CAE
Independent user	B2 Vantage	FCE
	B1 Threshold	PET
Basic user	A2 Waystage	KET
	A1 Breakthrough	

What characterises C1/C2 vocabulary

- Less general, more precise and varied lexis
- Modifiers
- Phrasal verbs
- Lexical chunks
- Idiomatic language
- Appropriacy of register and style



Describing personality

generous

discreet

reliable

good fun

clever

hard-working

open-minded

outgoing

laid-back

self-assured

selfish

impatient

blunt

judgmental

nosy

over-sensitive

ambitious

stingy

lazy

disorganised

The importance of modifiers

B: Describe someone you don't like:

She's so, really, rather terribly
not very

He tends to be

She can be rather



A new year warmer

I can be rather judgmental

I tend to be

I'm terribly judgmental so this year I'm going to try to be more open-minded

What about you?



Importance of using lexical chunks

an important commercial
centre ...

a vibrant cultural centre

a major tourist attraction

a sprawling metropolis

gridlocked , rush-hour traffic

one of our best-kept secrets

accessible open spaces

run-down estates

affluent suburbs

steeped in history

densely populated

friendly and welcoming

seriously polluted

difficult to get around

Personalising phrasal verbs and idioms

I don't get on very well with

I've always looked up to

I'm no longer in touch with

I would be sorry if I fell out with.....

I've grown apart from

I take after

My ... and I grew up together

I think I'll always be close to



Techniques to use more varied tenses

The PPF Strategy

Present

Past

Future

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Worksheet – PPF Strategy – Speaking Part 2

You can use the PPF strategy to help you think of more things to say in Part 2 of the Speaking test.

Look at the task card below and some extracts from how a candidate answered the question. **What do you think PPF stands for?**

Describe a memorable trip you took.

You should say:

when you took the trip

where you went

what you did

and explain why this trip was memorable for you.

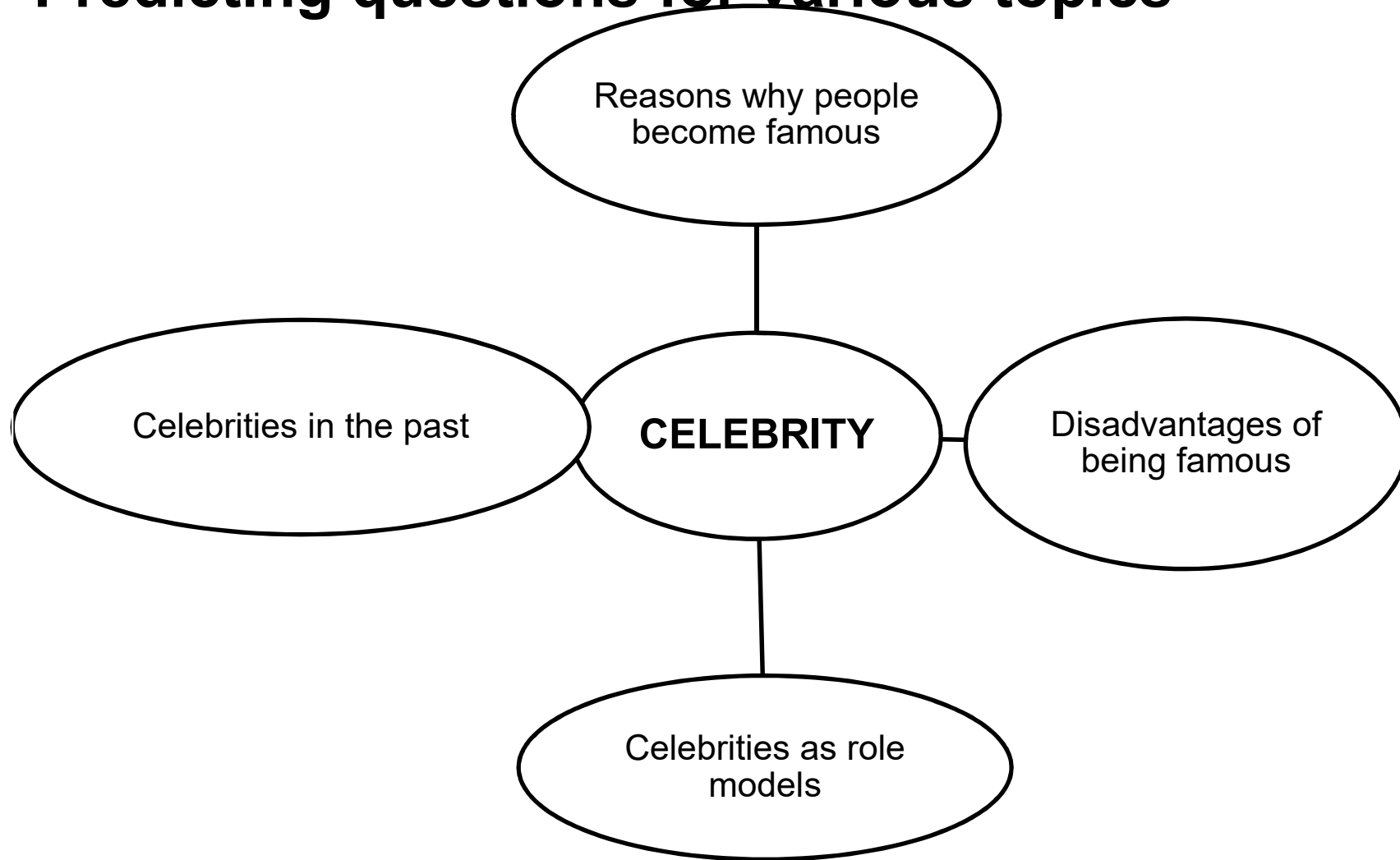
P _____ *"It was definitely far more exciting than any holiday I'd been on before. I'd only been to Europe so Asia was a completely different experience for me..."*

P _____ *"I've got some photos from the trip on my computer. They come up as screensavers after my computer hasn't been used for a while, so I look at them and start dreaming about going back there..."*

F _____ *"Actually, I'm planning to take my girlfriend there next year but we're going to stay at a beach resort this time because I've heard there are some lovely places by the sea. We'll probably just take day trips to cities and temples. I can't wait!..."*

Now think about your most memorable trip and make some notes about what you could say for each category below.

Predicting questions for various topics



Think

Compare the present with the past

Predict how things will change in the future

Speculate about and analyse the issues

Discuss these topics with your partner as the
assessor/examiner


The media

Advertising

Food

Modifying language

- Quantifiers: *some, many, most*
- Verbs: appear, seem, tend
- Frequency adverbs: *sometimes, often, rarely*
- Modal verbs: *can, could, may*
- Probability adverbs: *possibly, probably, perhaps*
- Expressions:
- *It is said that, It is possible, In some circumstances*

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