Activity 1. Read the questions below and prepare your own answer. Remember to give a direct answer to the question first, then extend your answer by adding extra information in a couple of sentences.

Activity 2. Read the answers below carefully and highlight expressions, vocabulary or idioms that you wish to remember. Make sure you practice them in your speaking, so that you can make use of them in your speaking test.

Part 2. Journey

Describe a journey that you have lots of memories about.
You should say:
how you got there
where you travelled
why you decided to have this journey
and explain what made you remember this journey so clearly

I'd like to talk about a journey that I have a lot of memories about.

It was last year and I had a journey to Croatia. I went there with a couple of my best friends. From my country to Croatia, I took a flight. It took nearly 10 hours for us to get there. When we travelled around Croatia, we took buses and trains to move from one place to another. My friends and I decided to have this journey because of a few reasons. Right before we decided to go to Croatia, I was emotionally very depressed and kind of felt lost in life. I didn't know how to live and what to live for. That was because my grandmother, who raised me when I was young, passed away a few weeks before and what's worse, I was made redundant at work. So, I was experiencing a serious emotional downturn and depression. My best friends were concerned about me and they thought having a trip to Croatia would be a good turning point. Not surprisingly, I found new energy in Croatia after staying there for a month. I was surprised at a new culture, met new people and experienced a new way of life. All of these inspired me and helped me pluck up the courage to carry on my life and look at the bright side of things. This is why I remember this journey so clearly.

Q: Are you planning to visit this place again?

No, not in the near future. I am now busy with my work and I think I won't have time for a trip to Croatia, or anywhere else.

Q: Do you prefer to travel alone or with friends? Why?

I prefer to travel with my friends. It's good to have someone to share a new experience with. Besides, I think I'll feel lonely if I travel alone, having no one I know around me. Also, I think it's safer to travel as a group, especially when travelling somewhere new. Simply, travelling alone is a bit too much to take for me.