

8.6 Speaking

Giving a presentation

I can give a presentation on a natural wonder.

1 In pairs, follow the instructions.

- Make a list of well-known natural wonders.
- Compare your list with another pair.
- In groups of four, discuss which of the places you have visited or would like to visit.

2 Look at the photo and describe it using the words in the box.

cave/cavern crystal minerals
geologists underground

3 CD-3.30 MP3-127 You are going to listen to a presentation about the Giant Crystal Cave. How will the information below relate to the topic? Listen and check.

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| 1 the year 2000 | 4 58 degrees Celsius |
| 2 half a million years | 5 10 minutes |
| 3 55 tons | |

4 CD-3.30 MP3-127 Complete the SPEAKING FOCUS with the words in the box. Then listen again and check.

aware during free familiar
realise wondered

SPEAKING FOCUS

Introducing the topic

Have you ever thought about/considered/

1 _____ how/why/what ... ?

2 _____ my/this presentation, I plan to tell you about ...

You may be wondering why I've chosen to talk about ... today. Well, let me explain ...

Introducing familiar information

We are (probably) all ³ _____ with ...

You may be ⁴ _____ that ...

You may already know that ...

Perhaps you have heard of/about ...

Introducing surprising information

Most people aren't aware/don't ⁵ _____ ...

... but, did you know that ... ?

You might not know that ...

Finishing your presentation

OK, that's all from me.

Thank you for listening.

I hope you found the presentation interesting.

If anyone has any questions, please feel ⁶ _____ to ask now.



Giant Crystal Cave

5 Complete the extracts from presentations with words and phrases from the SPEAKING FOCUS.

- 1 You may be _____ why I've chosen to talk about Ha Long Bay in Vietnam today. Well, let me explain.
- 2 You may already _____ that Komodo, an island in Indonesia, is home to the famous Komodo Dragon, the biggest lizard alive on the planet today.
- 3 Perhaps you have _____ of Table Mountain in South Africa. It rises high above the city of Cape Town.
- 4 We are probably all familiar with the Amazon River, in South America, but most people aren't _____ that it was chosen as one of the new Seven Wonders of the World in 2011.
- 5 Thanks for listening. If _____ has any questions, please feel free to ask now.

6 Which of these are good tips on giving presentations? Tick one sentence in each pair. Then compare with a partner.

- 1 a Speak with a clear voice at a natural speed.
b Speak quickly and quietly.
- 2 a Don't look at the audience.
b Make eye contact with the audience.
- 3 a Ask the audience questions to keep them involved.
b Don't ask the audience questions.
- 4 a Write a script and read out every word when you present.
b Have some notes with you but don't read them out.
- 5 a If you forget something, keep going. No one will notice.
b If you forget something, say sorry and finish the presentation.
- 6 a When you finish, sit down as quickly as possible.
b When you finish, thank the audience and invite questions.

7 Prepare a presentation on a natural wonder. Follow these steps.

- 1 Select a natural wonder that interests you.
- 2 Do some research and plan your presentation.
- 3 Find some interesting photos to illustrate the presentation if possible.
- 4 Select useful language from the SPEAKING FOCUS.
- 5 Study and practise your presentation.
- 6 Give your presentation to the class. Follow the advice in Exercise 6.