



MICHIGAN PROFICIENCY NEW SPEAKING TEST

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Asking Yes/No Questions about interests and likes

Are you interested in/ keen on ...?

Do you like/enjoy ...?

Do you take much interest in ...?

Do you have any favorite ...?

Have you got any favourite ...?

Answering Yes/No Questions about interests and likes

Yes, actually/ as a matter of fact I do/I am

Oh, I love ... !

Well, as a matter of fact ... / actually.../ to be honest ...

I prefer ...

I am rather more into/ interested in ...

No, I don't particularly enjoy ...

Asking WH- Questions about interests and likes

What are / is your favorite ...?

What kind of ... do you like (best)?/ enjoy most?

What kind of ... interested in?/ are you keen on?

Answering WH-Questions about interests and likes

I am rather interested in ...

I am quite keen on ...

I rather like ...

I quite enjoy ...

Oh, I like ... very much.

Asking for clarification

Could you explain what you mean by ... ?
What do you mean?
I'm sorry but I'm not clear about ...
I'm not sure I understand that/follow you.

Giving clarification

Well, what I'm trying to say is that ...
What I really meant was ...
What I'm really saying/trying to say is ...
Sorry, let me explain it more clearly ...
Let me put it in another way ...

Expressing Agreement

I couldn't agree more.
I agree entirely.
That's exactly what I think.
I'd go along with you on that.
I think you have an interesting point.

Expressing disagreement

I honestly don't see why ...
I don't think there is any need to ...
I'm not sure I quite agree/I'll go along with you there/on that.
I don't think it would be advisable to ...
Yes, but on the other hand ...
Yes, but you've got to remember that ...
Well, to be quite honest ...
I am afraid that ...
Isn't it possible that ...?
What will happen if ...?

Expressing doubt

I take/see your point but ...
I see what you mean but ...
I agree with you on the whole but ...
But don't you think/see that ...?
That's true I suppose but ...
That's an interesting point of view/comment but ...
Well, you have a point there but ...
Might it not also be true that ...?

Dealing with doubts and objections

You needn't worry about ...

Look at it in another way ...

This may seem impossible/improbable to you but ...

Introducing a point

I'm sure/convinced that ...

It seems quite clear/obvious that ...

Wouldn't you agree/admit/say that ...

The first/basic problem seems to be/ is ...

Introducing an opposite point

I take/see your point but ...

Possible/True, Yes, but ...

On the other hand ...

Looking at it from another point of view ...

Buying time: fillers

Well ...

Um ... / er ...

Actually ...

You know/ see ...

I see.

I/ you mean ...

As a matter of fact ...

Let's see (now).

Now let me think/see.

I'll have to think about it.

Frankly, ...

To be (quite) honest/frank, ...

In fact, ...

I wonder ...

The thing is ...

It's like this, you see ...

What I'm trying to say is ...

What I would say is ...

Let's put it this way ...

I'll tell you what ...

Saying things in other words/ Defining

People

It's a person who works in ...

someone you can find in ... somebody who is known for ... who ...

Places

It's a place where ...

Time

It's the time when ...

Things

It's something similar to .../ like ... /made of ...

It's a kind/ type of ...

It's a thing that is used to ...

People use it to ...

Giving Reasons

This is why we have decided . . .

The main reason is . . .

Another equally important reason ...

Our decision is ...

Therefore, we strongly believe ...

Highlighting

In fact, ...

As a matter of fact ...

In particular / Particularly ...

Pinpointing the reference

You mentioned ...

Could I go back to the point you made about ... ?

I was interested in your comments on ...

You stated that ...