

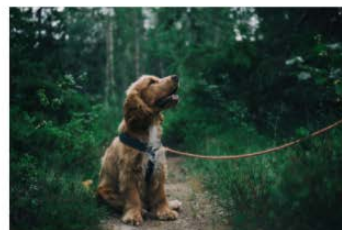
ISE II – The Topic Task

A. Look at the list of language functions and identify the ones that you should know for B2.

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| 1. Giving advice | 7. Highlighting advantages and disadvantages |
| 2. Summarising | 8. Eliciting further information |
| 3. Expressing agreement/disagreement | 9. Describing past actions |
| 4. Speculating | 10. Justifying an argument |
| 5. Giving reasons, opinions and preferences | 11. Establishing common ground |
| 6. Deducing and inferring | 12. Initiating and maintaining a conversation |

B. Of the functions above, which are most relevant to the Topic Task of the Speaking exam?

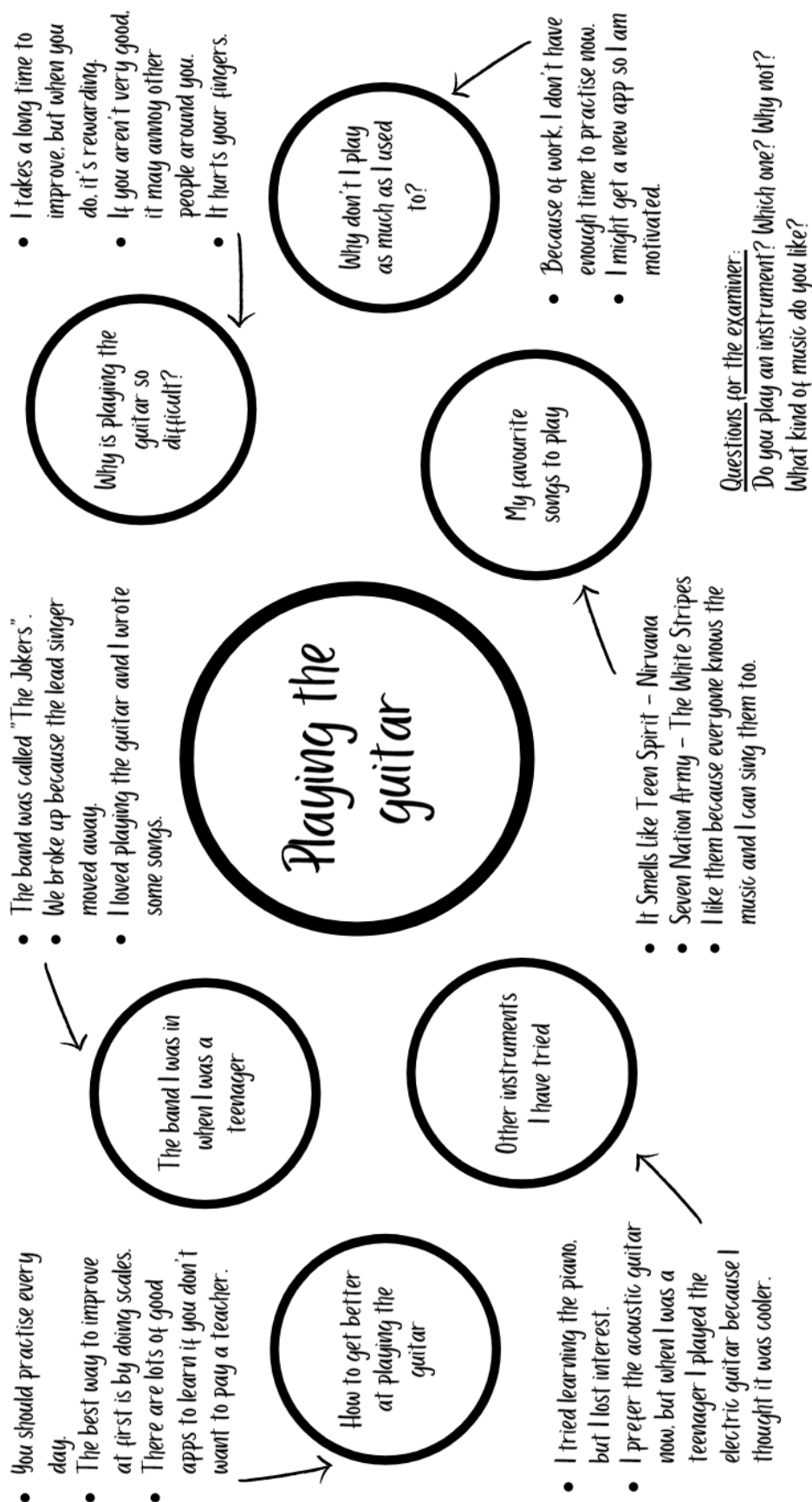
C. Use the pictures below to generate ideas of possible topics. Make a list.



D. Choose two of your topics and develop them. Think of 6 talking points for each one.

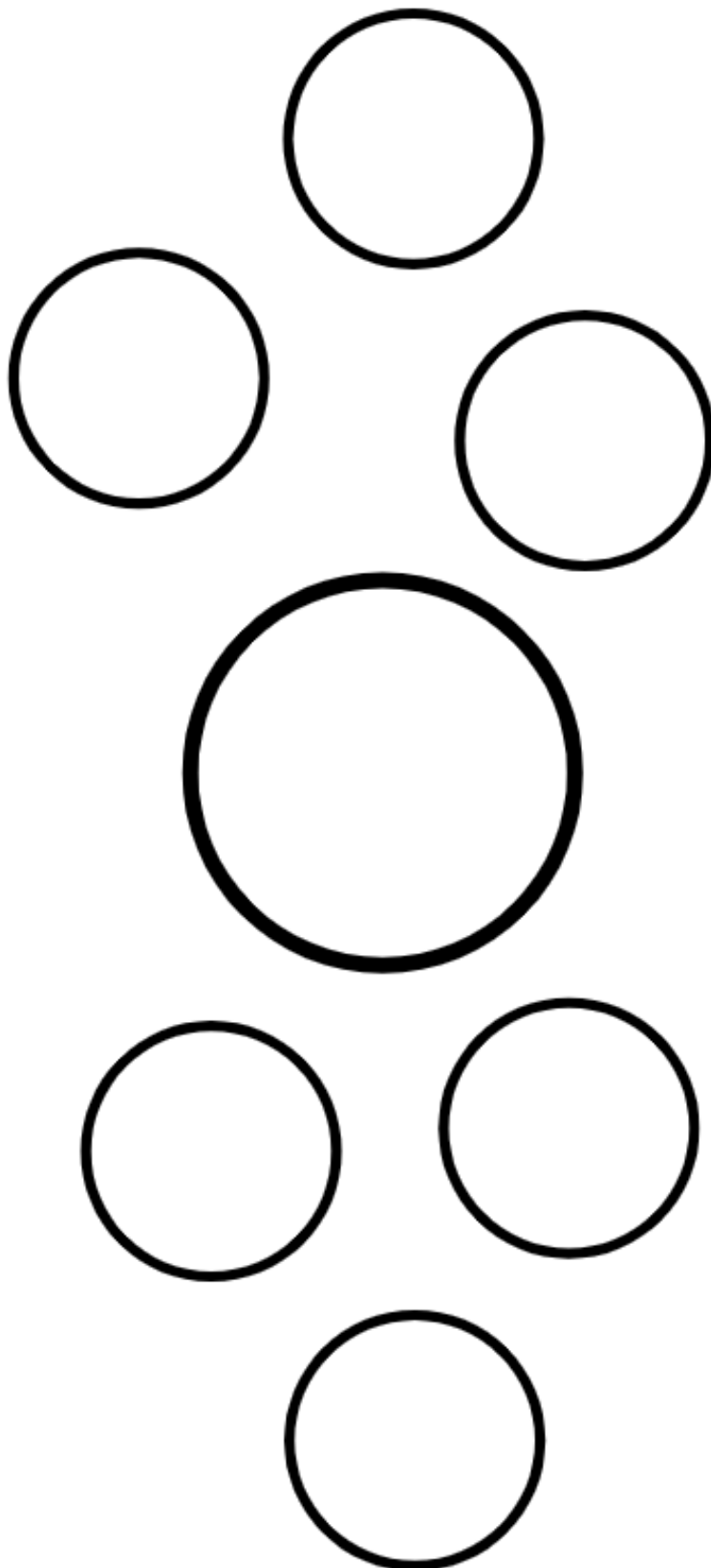
E. Which topic was easier to develop? Which talking points connect best with the language functions from A?

F. Look at this completed topic task. What are the talking points for each section? What language functions have been used?



G. Make your own topic plan. Use an idea from C or invent a new one.

Remember that for the exam, you can't have extensive notes, but you can take a mind map with talking points to discuss. Use this to remind yourself of the language functions you need to use.



ANSWER KEY**A. B2 language functions**

Giving advice*
Expressing agreement/disagreement
Speculating*
Highlighting advantages and disadvantages*
Eliciting further information
Establishing common ground
Initiating and maintaining a conversation*

B1 language functions – You should also be able to use these

Giving reasons, opinions and preferences*
Describing past actions*

C1 language functions – These are not expected from B2 candidates

Summarising
Deducing and inferring
Justifying an argument

B. Functions marked with * above are most relevant to the Topic Task.