

ENGLISH CONVERSATION











Speaking practice test 1

In the Speaking test, you will have a discussion with a certified examiner. It will be interactive and as close to a real-life situation as a test can get.

How to practise

This practice material is designed for two people working together. Find a study partner to help you practise. This might be a teacher or a friend.

Take the three parts of this practice test one after another without a break to make your practice as realistic as possible.

Remember, you need to speak fluently, clearly and accurately. It is important to say as much as you can and to be spontaneous. Do not prepare answers in advance.

Record yourself if you can so that you can go back and chere of or or our performance.





Review your Speaking test

Listen to your recordings and discuss your test with your study partner. Think about how you spoke. Were you fluent? Did your speech sound natural? Were you able to express yourself clearly?

Use the audio recordings and transcripts in each section to gain an insight into the test format. Note that these are not model answers, so do not try to imitate them.

There are no 'answers'. You and your study partner will need to assess how well you do.









Speaking part 1

In part 1 of the Speaking test the examiner will introduce him or herself and ask general questions on familiar topics.

The examiner will ask you to confirm your identity.

He or she will then ask general questions on familiar topics such as home, family, work, studies and interests. Part 1 of the test will last 4-5 minutes.

How to practise

You will need a study partner to practise the Speaking test. Ask your study partner to interview you using the questions below. Record yourself if you can.









Speaking test part 1: questions

- Let's talk about your home town or village:
- not what kind of place is it?
- so what's the most interesting part of your town/village?
- so would you say it's a good place to live? (why?)
- Let's move on to talk about accommodation:
- so tell me about the kind of accommodation you live in?
- ∞ how long have you lived there?
- not do you like about living there?
- so what sort of accommodation would you most like to live in?









In the IELTS speaking part 2 test you will be given a task card on a particular topic, and this will include key points that you should talk about.

- This section of the Speaking test gives you the opportunity to speak for longer on a topic.
- You will be given one minute to prepare to talk about the topic on the task card. A pencil and paper will be provided for you to make notes.

You will have to talk for 1-2 minutes, and then the examiner will ask you one or two questions on the same topic. Part 2 takes 3-4 minutes in total.









How to practise

Ask your study partner to listen while you speak about the task card topic. You should talk for 1-2 minutes.

Your study partner should then ask you one or two questions on the same topic using the rounding off questions.









Speaking test part 2: candidate task card

- Describe something you own which is very important to you.
- You should say:
- where you got it from
- how long you have had it
- what you use it for; and
- explain why it is important to you.
- You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes.
- You have one minute to think about what you're going to say.
- You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

Rounding off questions

Tell me

is it valuable in terms of money?

would it be easy to replace?









Speaking part 3

In part 3 of the Speaking test the examiner will ask further questions which are connected to the topics discussed in part 2.

This part of the test is designed to give you the opportunity to talk about more abstract issues and ideas. It is a two-way discussion with the examiner, and will last 4-5 minutes.

How to practise

Ask your study partner to prompt your practice test discussion using the questions below. Try to speak as naturally and fluently as possible.









- Let's consider first of all how people's values have changed. What kind of things give status to people in your country?
- ∞ Have things changed since your parents' time?
- ∞ Finally, let's talk about the role of advertising.
- Do you think advertising influences what people buy?



