

C1 Advanced Speaking test

Watch the video of Teresa and Antonio doing a Speaking test and read the examiner comments.

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Information about the **format** is here: [C1 Advanced exam format](#).

Grammatical Resource

Teresa

Shows a good degree of control of a range of simple and some complex grammatical forms:

- It's very well connected to the rest of Europe and also to America (part 1)
- His family is encouraging him to do the best he can (part 2)
- The water isn't as clean as it used to be (part 2)
- It's how you are and how it characterizes you (part 3)
- The world is very cruel. (part 4)

There are occasional lapses of control, but these tend not to affect meaning:

- They are connected to all sorts of technology and they don't spent quality time together (part 2)
- I think it's useful to have your family while you're doing a sport. (part 2)
- I don't think they much need advice from this subject (part 1)
- You have an idea how it's like (part 3)
- Be able to put them on practice on your everyday life (part 4)

Antonio

A strong degree of control of a wide range of simple and some complex grammatical forms:

- If you are going to make an investment, for example, it's something you need to be really sure of doing because you cannot just go blindly towards it. (part 3)
- If you've done something badly before, it enables you the opportunity to do it better the next time. (part 4)
- If everyone organized themselves correctly, they would have the time to do everything they wanted. (part 4)

Lexical Resource

Teresa

Teresa uses a range of appropriate vocabulary to give and exchange views on a familiar and unfamiliar topics:

- In this day and age... quality time... do the best you can... encourage... (part 2)
- ...question their advice (part 3)
- People own how they are... give an insight... organization is crucial... cruel... management of time... make the right decisions (part 4)

Antonio

Antonio uses a wide range of appropriate vocabulary to give and exchange views on familiar and unfamiliar topics:

- ...get distracted... (part 1)
- a boost of energy... gives them a bad image... hydrated... sweating (part 2)
- Money matters... (part 3)
- letting them go... given you a lot of insight... (part 4)

Discourse Management

Teresa

Teresa produces extended stretches of language with very little hesitation:

- ...waterfall needs to be really careful because the water he is drinking can have a negative effect as the water isn't as clean as it used to be, so he really needs to see what he is drinking... (part 2)

Teresa's contributions are consistently relevant and there is a clear organization of ideas:

- The school doesn't actually prepare you for that type of world and how you're going to divide it. I think they could really use some advice there. (part 3)
- They try to find a way to for them to not make mistakes they made and actually know what it's like. (part 4)

There is a range of cohesive devices and discourse markers are used (actually, reference pronouns, linkers) though some answers lose cohesion:

- The water he might be drinking...er...can't have negative effects (part 2)

Antonio

Antonio develops and extends his answers consistently throughout the test:

- Being guided and having someone to tell you what's the best thing, and what's safer, it also really helps (part 3)

All answers are relevant, though there is some loss of relevance when he talks about 'control':

- ...and maybe they feel they need to be so, um, control of everyone else (part 4)

Antonio appropriately uses grammar, related words and phrases and discourse markers to link between concepts:

- ...you have your own opinion... but... points you to one... to look at one way... get the same opinion... (part 4)
- It's going to be so hard for them because they've always been used to being with you, and not being with you makes them crazy (part 4)

Pronunciation

Teresa

Teresa is intelligible throughout the test. Sentence and word stress is accurately placed, and she occasionally uses sentence stress to enhance meaning:

- It can go into the negative effects of the money matters. (part 3)
- It's about management of time, not about not having the time to do something. (part 4)

Most individual sounds are articulated clearly. Some that are less so tend not to affect intelligibility.

Antonio

Antonio is intelligible and shows good continuing and closing intonation, especially in longer turns:

- In this picture, where they're collecting rubbish from the beach, I think they're... (part 2)
- Maybe it's for him to drink it, and he needs to keep himself hydrated... (part 2)

Antonio's word and sentence stress are all appropriately and are effectively used to convey clear meaning. His speech can sometimes seem a little staccato, particularly in part 2, however, all sounds are clearly articulated.

- You... don't like... how it looks... (part 2)
- Animals... have... a better environment (part 2)
- Really... sure... of... doing (part 3)

Interactive Communication

Teresa

Teresa initiates and responds appropriately. She also often links her contributions to her partner's:

- So, the same direction. (part 4)
- Yeah, the organization is crucial. (part 4)

Development of ideas is mainly of her own points, and sometimes after her partner's turn. She does develop some of her partner's points appropriately in part 4 when talking about learning from mistakes.

Antonio

Antonio interacts with ease, linking his contributions to his partner's appropriately throughout the test:

- (in response to his partner) I think it's something you need to be really sure of doing (part 3)

He develops topics effectively, and widens the scope of interaction, as well as negotiating with his partner towards an outcome:

- ...there's also someone who points you... (part 4)

Global Achievement

Teresa

Teresa handles communication on a range of topics that are both familiar and unfamiliar with very little hesitation, interacting naturally and linking her own contributions to those of her partner's throughout the test. She uses appropriate linguistic resources to express her ideas and, although there are occasional errors, overall coherence is not impeded.

Antonio

Antonio handles communication on a wide range of topics, including unfamiliar and some abstract ones with very little hesitation. He uses extended discourse to express his ideas and concepts mainly accurately and appropriately using appropriate pronunciation, however, when his rhythm slows down, he finds it difficult to maintain appropriate features of connected speech.

Scores

Teresa

Grammatical Resource: 3.5

Lexical Resource: 4

Discourse Management: 4

Pronunciation: 4

Interactive Communication: 4

Global Achievement: 4

Antonio

Grammatical Resource: 4.5

Lexical Resource: 4.5

Discourse Management: 4

Pronunciation: 4.5

Interactive Communication: 4.5

Global Achievement: 4.5

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