Linguaskill Speaking

Speaking test advice for the candidate

Before the test

- On the Linguaskill website, look at the sample test and read the information in the test format and task types section, so that you are familiar with each part and how to move through the test
- Watch the tutorial video

During the test

- Make sure you keep the microphone the same distance from your mouth throughout the test
- Try not to touch the microphone part of your headset because this can create noise/interference
- Try to keep your voice at the same volume level throughout the test

General advice

- Wait until you hear the beep before you start speaking
- Try to speak for all the time available
- The green bar shows you how long you have left to speak
- Make sure you use any preparation time to think about what you’re going to say
- Use a pencil and paper to make notes on what you’re going to say

Advice for Part 1

- The first two questions in the test are not marked. They are an opportunity to practice giving your answers to a computer
- Try to answer the questions as fully as possible. Try to give examples, expand on your points and where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary etc.)
- Don’t worry if you get interrupted before the end of your answers – you won’t be penalised for this

Advice for Part 2

- Try to read the sentences out loud as naturally as possible
- You don’t need to read each sentence out loud more than once
- You won’t be penalised if you don’t use all the time available for this task to read the sentence out loud

Advice for Part 3

- Try to answer the question as fully as possible. Try to give examples, expand on your points and where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary etc.)
- Make sure you use the preparation time to think about what you’re going to say
- Use a pencil and paper to make notes on what you’re going to say
- Don’t worry if you get interrupted before the end of your answer – you won’t be penalised for this
Advice for Part 4

- Don’t worry about talking about everything you see – you can pick out what you think are the most important things to talk about
- Try to answer the question as fully as possible. Try to give examples, expand on your points and where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary etc.)
- Make sure you use the preparation time to think about what you’re going to say
- Use a pencil and paper to make notes on what you’re going to say
- Don’t worry if you get interrupted before the end of your answer – you won’t be penalised for this

Advice for Part 5

- Try to answer the questions as fully as possible. Try to give examples, expand on your points and where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary etc.)
- Use the preparation time to look at the bullet points and think about the topic, what questions you could be asked and the vocabulary you will need to use
- Use a pencil and paper to make notes on what you’re going to say
- Don’t worry if you get interrupted before the end of your answer – you won’t be penalised for this