

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH SKILLS TEST

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Speaking Test

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SAMPLE TEST

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

You will answer 3 questions about yourself.

First read questions 1 to 3. You will then have 10 seconds to answer each question.

Question 1

How old are you?

Question 2

What is your favourite day of the week?

Question 3

What is your favourite lesson at school?

PART 1

Now read questions 4 to 6. You will then have 20 seconds to answer each question.

Question 4

What do you like doing in your free time?

Question 5

What did you do yesterday?

Question 6

Do you prefer playing sport or watching sport? Why?

TURN OVER

PART 1 – continued

For questions 7 and 8, before you answer, you have some time to read and think about each question.

OK. Now read and think about question 7. You may make notes if you want to. You will then have 30 seconds to answer.

Question 7

Talk about a movie or TV show you really like.

You can say:

- what it is**
- what it is about**
- why you like it.**

PART 1 – continued

Now read and think about question 8. You may make notes if you want to. You will then have 30 seconds to answer.

Question 8

Talk about a place you want to visit in the future.

You can say:

- where you want to go**
- why you want to go there**
- what you want to do there.**

PART 2

Telling a story

You will tell a story and answer a question.

There are 5 parts.

First, you have some time to read the notes for each part.

Then you will have 70 seconds to tell the story.

Read the notes.

Part 1

Time 8:21 AM – Teenage girl in bed looking at clock – looks shocked!

Part 2

Teenage girl in the street watching friends on school bus pass her – looks worried!

Part 3

Teenage girl outside her house with bicycle – with school backpack wearing helmet.

Part 4

School bus on the road needs new tyre – friends on the bus look worried – teenage girl cycles past.

Part 5

Time 9:10 AM – Teenage girl in class looks happy – school bus friends arrive late – teacher angry!

Now you have 70 seconds to tell the story.

TURN OVER

PART 2 – continued

Now answer this question.

What would you do if your friend was always late?

You have 35 seconds to answer.

PART 3

You will talk about two situations where people are learning to do something new and answer two questions. First you have some time to read a description of the two situations and prepare what you are going to say.

Then you will have 35 seconds to compare the two situations.

Read the two descriptions and prepare what you are going to say. You may make notes if you want to.

Situation 1

A young woman and an older man are making bread. The young woman is telling the man how to do it. They are in a family kitchen. They are holding the bread mix in their hands and putting it into a tray, which has flour in it.

Situation 2

A young man is sitting behind the wheel of a car, with an older man in the seat next to him. The older man is telling him what to do. The young man has both hands on the steering wheel and is looking straight ahead. The car is not moving.

Compare the two situations.

You have 35 seconds to answer.

TURN OVER

PART 3 – continued

Now answer this question.

What do you think might be difficult about learning to do these things?

You have 50 seconds to answer.

Now answer this question.

Do you prefer to have a teacher or to learn by yourself? Why?

You have 35 seconds to answer.

PART 4

**You will talk about a topic and answer three questions.
Read the heading and list of five ways to learn a language.**

WAYS TO LEARN A LANGUAGE

- watching videos**
- studying with friends**
- going to class**
- reading books**
- 1-1 with a teacher**

What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning a language in these ways?

You have some time to think about the question.

Now you have 50 seconds to answer the question.

Now answer this question.

**What do you think is the best way to learn a new language?
Why?**

You have 40 seconds to answer.

Now answer this question.

Do you think children learn languages in a different way to adults? Why? / Why not?

You have 40 seconds to answer.