

LanguageCert
Access A2
Entry 2
International ESOL (Speaking & Listening)
Practice Paper 1

Interlocutor's instructions

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Test time: 9-11minutes

I = Interlocutor

C = Candidate

PART 1 (1 minute 30 seconds - 2 minutes)

I: Hello. My name's *(give full name)*. And you are *(give candidate's full name)*, right?

C: *(Confirms.)*

I: Thank you. Can you spell your family name for me, please?

C: *(Spells family name.)*

I: Thank you. Where are you from?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: Thank you. Exam begins. LanguageCert ESOL International, Speaking and Listening, Access level, *(give today's date)*.

I: Now, Part One. I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself. *(Choose **three** questions, one from each of the different topic areas. Name the topic, e.g. 'Now, Daily life'.)*

Topics

Daily life

- What time do you wake up?
- What did you do last weekend?
- What do you usually do at the weekends?
- How often do you see your friends?

Food and Drink

- Which food is most popular where you live?
- How good are you at cooking?
- What's your favourite food and why?
- Is there any food you really don't like? (Which?)

Travel

- How do you usually travel around?
- What's the best way to travel in your area?
- Tell me about your last holiday.
- What do you always take with you when you go on holiday?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: *(Interlocutor responds and/or comments **briefly**.)*

I: Thank you.

PART 2 (1 minute 30 seconds)

I: Now, Part Two. I'm going to read some situations. I want you to start or answer. First situation (*choose one situation from A*).

A

- We're friends. I start.
I'm going for a walk in the park after work. Would you like to come?
- I work at a restaurant. You phone to book a table for dinner. I start.
Oscar's Restaurant, how can I help you?
- I'm a stranger in the street. I start.
Excuse me. I'm trying to find the nearest bus station?
- We're friends. I start.
I don't know what to do for my birthday next week. Do you have any ideas?

C: (*Responds.*)

I: (*Role-play the situation with candidate - approximately two turns each.*)

I: Second situation (*choose one situation from B*).

B

- We're neighbours. You want me to help you with your garden. You start.
- We're friends. You want to buy a new phone and you want my advice. You start.
- I work at a shop. You bought a laptop here. It doesn't work. You start.
- I'm your boss. We're at a meeting but you need to leave. You start.

C: (*Initiates.*)

I: (*Role-play situation with candidate - approximately two turns each.*)

I: Thank you.

PART 3 (1 minute 30 seconds - 2 minutes)

I: Now, Part Three. Here's a picture of a park. I have a different picture of a park. Let's ask and answer questions about the two pictures. I start.

Interlocutor's Task Sheet



I: Thank you.

Candidate's Task Sheet (Interlocutor's copy)



PART 4A (2 minutes 30 seconds - 3 minutes)

I: In Part Four I'm going to read something. I'm going to tell you about Leo and his favourite clothes. I'll read it two times. Listen and take notes on your paper. I'll then ask you these questions. *(Allow 10 seconds for the candidate to read the questions.)*

I: *(Read script at an appropriate pace.)*

Leo loves fashion and clothes. He doesn't read fashion magazines or blogs, but he watches a lot of fashion TV shows to learn about the latest news and trends. He wants to have his own blog in the future, which will be about his favourite clothes, jeans. Leo loves wearing jeans because he thinks they're comfortable. He wears them almost every day. He has many different pairs, but his favourite one is yellow. It was a gift from his partner for his birthday. On special days, he likes wearing his pair of black jeans, because he thinks it suits him better.

I: Now I'll read it again. *(Read the script again.)*

I: Questions. *(Ask the following questions, allowing time for the candidate to respond orally.)*

Questions

1. How does Leo learn about fashion news? *[(he watches a lot of) TV (fashion) shows]*
2. Why does Leo love wearing jeans? *[(he thinks) they're comfortable]*
3. What does Leo wear on special days? *[(his pair of) black jeans]*

I: Thank you.

PART 4B (2 minutes – 2 minutes 30 seconds including follow-up questions)

I: Now you're going to talk on your own for one minute. Your topic is **your favourite clothes**. You now have thirty seconds to write some notes to help you. You're going to talk about **your favourite clothes**.

I: *(Candidate's name)*, please start.

C: *(Talks.)*

I: *(When candidate has talked for a maximum of one minute, say, 'Thank you', and then ask some follow-up questions, as time allows.)*

Follow-up questions

- How do you decide what clothes to wear?
- Who do you go shopping for clothes with?
- What do you do with your old clothes?
- Do you prefer small shops or malls to shop for clothes? (Why?)

I: Thank you, *(give candidate's name)*. That is the end of the exam.

Candidate's copy

Task Sheet for Part 3



Question Sheet for Part 4A

Questions

1. How does Leo learn about fashion news?
2. Why does Leo love wearing jeans?
3. What does Leo wear on special days?