

Four practice Speaking test role-plays

These role-plays cover more topics which may feature in the exam.
Student A: You are the examiner. Ask the questions. Try to keep to the times given.
Student B: You are the candidate. Answer the questions.

Speaking test 1

Part 1 (approximately 4 minutes)

In the first part, I'd like to ask you a few questions about yourself. Let's talk about what you do. Do you work, or are you a student?

- If a student: What subject are you studying?
 Why did you choose to study this subject?
 What do you hope to do when you finish studying?
- If working: What kind of work do you do?
 Why did you choose this kind of work?
 What kind of work do you want to do in the future?

Now let's talk about your weekends.

- What do you usually do at the weekends?
- What will you do next weekend?
- How important is it for you to relax at the weekend?
- Do you think you have enough free time for relaxing?

Now let's talk about clothes and fashion.

- Are clothes and fashion important for you? Why? / Why not?
- What kind of clothes do you usually wear?
- Are there some kinds of clothes that you don't like?
- Has the kind of clothing you like changed over the years?

Part 2 (3–4 minutes, including preparation time)

I'm going to give you a topic, and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes.

Before you talk, you have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes if you wish. Here's some paper and a pencil to make some notes. Here's your topic. I'd like you to describe a festival which is important in your country.

Describe a festival which is important in your country. You should say:
 what this festival is
 when it occurs
 what you did the last time it occurred
 and explain what you like and dislike about this festival.

Now, remember that you have one to two minutes for this. Don't worry if I stop you. I'll tell you when the time is up. Can you start speaking now, please?

(After the talk) Do you enjoy festivals in general?

Part 3 (approximately 5 minutes)

We've been talking about festivals in your country, and I'd like to discuss with you some more general questions related to this.

Let's consider first of all the importance of national festivals.

- How important are festivals in your country?
- Are festivals becoming more important or less important in your country?
- Why do you think most places have festivals?

Let's move on from national festivals to private family celebrations.

- What are the main events that families celebrate in your country?
- In some places, people spend a lot of money on celebrating important family events. Do you think this is a good way to spend money?
- Do you think commercial interests influence what happens in family celebrations? If so, how?