

**LanguageCert
Access A2
Entry Level 2
International ESOL (Speaking)
Practice Paper 2**

Interlocutor's Instructions

CHECK THAT THE RECORDER IS ON AND WORKING

Test time: 9 minutes

I = Interlocutor C = Candidate

PART 1 (2 minutes)

- I: LanguageCert International ESOL, Speaking, Access level, *(give today's date)*.
- (Give candidate's full name.)* Exam begins.
Hello. My name's *(give full name)*. 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. Now, Part One. I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself.
*(Choose **up to five** questions, one from each of the different topic areas, as time allows. Name the topic; eg 'Now, **Region**'.)*

Topics

Region

- Describe the area you live in.
- What do you like about your area?
- What do you **not** like about your area?
- Describe a visit to another area in your country.

Daily life

- Describe what you do at the weekend.
- What things do you have to do at the weekend?
- When was the last time you went out? Where did you go?
- For you, what is the best part of the weekend?

Music

- How important is music in your life?
- Do you prefer to work or study with music playing? Why/ Why not?
- What kinds of music do you like and what kinds don't you like? Why?
- When did you last see a music concert? Describe it.

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Travel

- How do you get to school/ work?
- How long does it take to get to school/ work?
- What's the best way to travel in your country?
- What's the most expensive way to travel in your country?

Languages

- When did you start learning English?
- Why do you think English is important?
- How many hours a week do you study English?
- What other languages would you like to learn?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: *(Interlocutor makes **brief** responses and/or comments.)*

I: Thank you.

PART 2 (2 minutes)

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

- I'm a friend of your family. The last time we met was a year ago. I start.
Hello [candidate's name]! How good to see you again!
- We're friends waiting for another friend outside the cinema. He's late. I start.
I don't know where Matt is. What can we do?
- I'm a stranger in the street. I start.
Excuse me. I'm trying to find the nearest post office?
- I'm your neighbour. I'm having a party tomorrow, but you're busy then. I start.
Hello. Would you like to come to my party tomorrow?

C: (*Responds.*)

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

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

B

- I'm your boss. I asked staff to tell me which month they would like for their holiday. You start.
- We're friends. You come into the room. I'm listening to loud music. You start.
- We're friends. I'm not feeling well and have a temperature. You start.
- We're friends. I'm just leaving your house, but it's starting to rain. You start.

C: (*Initiates.*)

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

I: (*Role-play a third situation from A or B if time allows.*)

I: Thank you.

PART 3 (2 minutes)

I: Now, Part Three. Here's a picture of a picnic. *(Hand over candidate's copy of the task.)*
I also have a picture of a picnic. Some things are different. You and I must find the differences. All right? I start.

Interlocutor's Task Sheet



I: Thank you. *(Retrieve candidate's task sheet.)*

Candidate's Task Sheet (Interlocutor's copy)



PART 4 (3 minutes including follow-up questions)

I: In Part Four you are going to talk about something for one minute. You are going to talk about (*choose topic for candidate*).

Topics

A Your favourite clothes

B A special evening out

C How to be healthy

I: (*Hand over piece of paper and pen/pencil.*) You now have thirty seconds to write some notes to help you. You are going to talk about (*repeat topic*). (*Withdraw eye contact for thirty seconds. Leave recorder running.*)

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.*)

Follow-up questions

Your favourite clothes

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

A special evening out

- What did you celebrate that evening?
- What was the best part of the evening?
- How did you go back home and at what time?
- Where would you like to go for another evening out?

How to be healthy

- How important is it to exercise?
- Do you do any sort of exercise? (What?)
- Do you prefer to play sports or go to the gym?
- What type of food is healthier to eat?

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

Candidate's Task Sheet (Candidate's copy)

