



Learning Resource Network

LRN ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (ENTRY 2) (CEF A1)

LEVEL A1

SPEAKING

SAMPLE PAPER

Duration: 12 minutes

EXAMINER'S INSTRUCTIONS

The following assessment is a **strict rubric** that cannot be changed. Sentences or vocabulary items **must not** be reformulated while attempting to communicate activities and concepts to candidates. Structures and vocabulary used have been carefully written to cover Entry Level 2¹ and correlated to The Common European Framework of Languages (CEFR) from CEFR A1.

Examiners are advised to use a variety of non-verbal and naturally occurring communication prompts such as pointing, nodding, smiling, pausing / allowing enough time for candidates to produce sufficient responses.

Examiners must stay within the rubric and facilitate candidates who may be performing below or above the level expected through using the support prompts in the rubric. For those candidates above or at the required level, support prompts must only be used when required.

Examiners must assess ability in line with the Mark Scheme.

¹Entry Level 1 = level A1 / Beginner on the CEFR

Warm up Stage

Duration: 3 minutes

Examiner: Good morning / Good afternoon. My name is

To Candidate A: What's your name?

Where are you from?

To Candidate B: What's your name?

Where are you from?

Examiner: In this part of the exam, I would like to ask you some personal questions.

The Examiner asks each Candidate one or more questions about at least one of the following topics.

- family/friends
- your home
- your possessions
- objects in the house or classroom

Prepared Topics – Individual Talks

Duration: 5 minutes

Examiner: In this part of the Test, each of you is going to talk for **1 minute** about the topic you have already prepared for. After you have finished your talk, I will ask you some questions about what you have presented and then your partner/partners can express their points of view on the same topic.



The Examiner shows the candidates the list of topics and asks them which one they have prepared to talk about.

List of prepared topics:

1. Talk about your home.
2. Talk about your family or friends.
3. Talk about the things you like and don't like.
4. Talk about your possessions.

Examiner to Candidate A: Which topic are you going to talk about?

Candidate A speaks for **1 minute**

The Examiner asks Candidate A questions on what he/she has said.

Examiner's question(s): **1 minute**

Examiner to Candidate B: Which topic are you going to talk about?

Candidate B speaks for **1 minute**

The Examiner asks Candidate B questions on what he/she has said.

Examiner's question(s): **1 minute**

Examiner: Thank you.

Describing and comparing pictures, and Interaction

Duration: 4 minutes

Examiner: I'm going to give both of you some pictures. I'd like you to **talk about them**.

Each of you is going to talk for **45 seconds** about the picture I'll give you. After 45 seconds, your partner will ask you one question about the picture.

Examiner to Candidate A:

- Here is your picture. *Give picture to candidate A.*
- *Candidate A name*, please **tell us about your picture**. Tell us what you can see.
- *Candidate B name*, please listen to *candidate A name* and **ask one questions at the end**.

After a short pause:

- I'll say that again. *Examiner repeats task instructions.*
- *Candidate A name*, are you ready? Please start.

Candidate A speaks for **45 seconds** describing the given picture.

After 45 seconds, or after an extended silence of 15 seconds during the allocated time, the Examiner brings the turn to an end.

- Thank you.

Examiner to Candidate B:

- Please **ask name candidate A one question** about his / her picture.
- Thank you, *to candidate B.*

Examiner to Candidate B:

- Here is your picture. *Give picture to candidate B.*
- *Candidate B name*, please **tell us about your picture**. Tell us what you can see.
- *Candidate A name*, please listen to *candidate B name* and **ask one question at the end**.

After a short pause:

- I'll say that again. *Examiner repeats task instructions.*
- *Candidate B name*, are you ready? Please start.

Candidate B speaks for **45 seconds** describing the given picture.

After 45 seconds, or after an extended silence of 15 seconds during the allocated time, the Examiner brings the turn to an end.

- Thank you.

Examiner to Candidate A:

- Please **ask** *name candidate B* **one question** about his / her picture.
- Thank you, *to candidate A*

Examiner: Thank you both. This is the end of the exam.



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A1 PICTURE PROMPTS

Candidate A



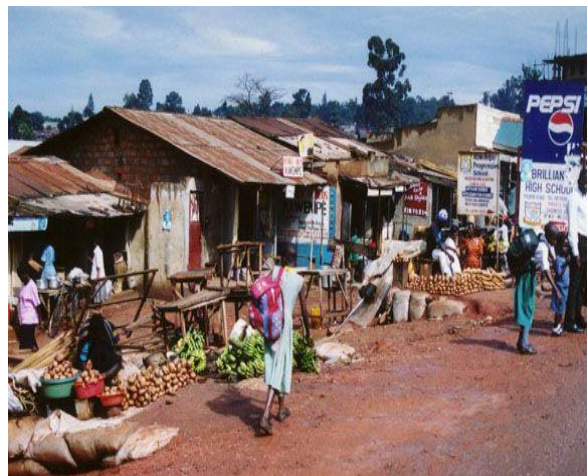
Candidate B



Candidate A



Candidate B





A1 PICTURE PROMPTS

Candidate A



Candidate B



Candidate A



Candidate B

