

Cambridge ESOL Certificates in Skills for Life
Speaking and Listening Mode
Entry 2 Past Paper 1

Please note: With the exception of the Task Sheet in Phase 2a, this sample test frame will be used only by the interlocutor. It will not be shown to the candidates.

Entry 1

🕒 **4 – 5 minutes**

Phase 1a

[The interlocutor will select questions from those provided in the test pack, in a variety of areas such as name, nationality, work/study, where candidates live, and free time activities.]

Entry 2, Phase 1, Task 1

🕒 **6 minutes**

Phase 1b

In this part of the test, you are each going to talk for about one minute. While you are talking your partner will listen to you. Your partner will then ask you two questions about what you have said.

_____ (Candidate A), **you're going to tell** _____ (Candidate B) **about a group of people who you often meet.**

_____ (Candidate B), **you're going to tell** _____ (Candidate A) **why people give presents in x/your country.**

Now you both have one minute to think about what you want to say. You can make notes if you want to. [Indicate paper and pencil.] If there's anything you don't understand, please ask me.

[Withdraw eye contact to signal start of preparation. Allow one minute for preparation.]

_____ (Candidate A), **are you ready? Please tell** _____ (Candidate B) **about a group of people who you often meet. _____ (Candidate B), listen, and ask two questions at the end. [Allow 1 minute.]**

Thank you. _____ (Candidate B), please ask _____ (Candidate A) your questions now.

Thank you.

_____ (Candidate B), **are you ready? Please tell** _____ (Candidate A) **why people give presents in x/your country. _____ (Candidate A), listen, and ask two questions at the end. [Allow 1 minute.]**

Thank you. _____ (Candidate A), please ask _____ (Candidate B) your questions now.

Thank you.

Entry 2, Phase 2, Task 1

🕒 4 minutes

Phase 2a

In this part of the test, you are going to listen to two recordings and answer some questions.

You hear some people talking. Where are they? [Hand each candidate the booklet open at the correct page.] At an airport, in a taxi or at a bus stop?

Where are they?



at an airport



in a taxi



at a bus stop

Listen to the recordings. [Play CD.]

Listening script 1

- F: Excuse me, is this the right place to get the number 17 to the airport?
M: Yes, it is, but it's a long way from here – it goes to Station Road and then through the city centre. It'll take about 30 minutes.
F: Oh, that's OK. How much is a single ticket, do you know?
M: A single costs about £5. It's a bit cheaper than a taxi, though, and it's sometimes just as quick.

Listening script 2

- F: How much is it to City Road?
M: You'll see the price on the meter, Madam. How much you pay depends on how long it takes. City Road is only about a mile and a half from here and it usually takes about 10 minutes. Which part of City Road do you want?
F: I want to go to Buyrite Supermarket – it's near the bus station. Do you know it?
M: Yes, I know it well. I live near there.... it's on the way to the airport.

_____ (Candidate A), in the **first** recording, where are they? At an airport, in a taxi or at a bus stop?

Thank you.

_____ (Candidate B), in the **second** recording, where are they? At an airport, in a taxi or at a bus stop?

Thank you. [Take back booklets.]

Now listen again, and answer these questions.

_____ (Candidate B), in the **first** recording, where is the woman going, and how much does a single ticket cost?

_____ (Candidate A), in the **second** recording, how long does it take to get to City Road, and where does the woman want to go in City Road?

[Play CD again: scripts as above. At the end of the recording ask each candidate in turn their questions again.]

Thank you.

⌚ 4 – 5 minutes

Phase 2b

Now you're going to talk together about transport in this town/city. Tell each other how it is different to transport in your country.

[Repeat if necessary. Withdraw eye contact to signal start of activity.]

Use prompt questions from the list below only when the interaction breaks down. Adapt if necessary. Encourage candidate-candidate interaction by eliciting agreement or alternative opinions from candidates by asking questions such as "What do you think?", "Tell us what you think.", "And you?"

Transport – prompt questions

How do you travel to college/to the shops/etc?

What is good/bad about transport here?

Do you think transport will be better in the future? Why (not)?

Which is better: x or y ? (e.g. cycling or walking) Why?

Thank you. That is the end of the test.

[Ensure candidates DO NOT leave the room with the Candidate's Booklet.]

Key to Phase 2a – Task 1

Where are they?

Text 1: at a bus stop

Text 2: in a taxi

Candidate B:

Where is the woman going?

To the airport

How much does a single ticket cost?

(about) £5

Candidate A:

How long does it take to get to City Road?

(about) 10 minutes

Where does the woman want to go in City Road?

Buyrite Supermarket