

Birmingham City University

English Proficiency Test

Speaking

The speaking test comprises three parts and lasts for around 11 – 13 minutes. It consists of a one-to-one interview between you and the examiner.

Part 1: you will be asked some general questions about yourself, where you are from, your interests etc. This part lasts 3-4 minutes.

Part 2: you will be given a topic to prepare and talk about. There is 1 minute to think about this and note down some ideas, and then you are expected to talk for around 1 to 2 minutes.

Part 3: the examiner will ask you some questions to elicit more detailed discussion on the topic. This part should last about 5 minutes.

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Sample Questions:

PART 1 (5 – 7 MINUTES)

- What is your full name?
- Can I see your ID?
- Where are you from?
- Do you work or study?
- Can you describe your home town or village:
 - What kind of place is it?
 - Is it famous for anything?
 - Do you think it is a good place to live? (Why? Why not?)
- Let's talk about health:
 - Do you do anything to look after your health?
 - What kinds of foods are good for our health?
 - Describe a healthy meal that you enjoy.

PART 2 (4 – 5 MINUTES)

You should talk for about one and a half minutes about the topic below.

Before you start talking, you have 1 minute to think about what you are going to say and make some notes.

When I ask you to start, you should start talking and keep talking until I ask you to stop. After this, I will ask you one or two more questions related to this topic.

YOUR TOPIC:

Describe something you own which is very important to you.

Describe it and say why it is so important.

PART 3 - Follow up questions (2 to 3 minutes)

- Do you own anything that is important to you, but not worth any money?
- Do you think that people are too focused on owning lots of things?
- In your country is it more usual for people to buy or rent their home? Which would you prefer?