

# The Speaking Test

Time: 11–14 minutes

Format: oral interview between examiner and candidate

Content: 3 parts

## Part 1 Introduction and interview

(4–5 minutes)

The examiner introduces him/herself and asks you to introduce yourself and confirm your identity.

The examiner asks you general questions on some familiar topics, e.g. home, family, work, studies, interests.

## Part 2 Individual long turn

(3–4 minutes, including 1 minute preparation time)

The examiner gives you a card which asks you to talk about a particular topic and which includes points that you can cover in your talk.

You are given one minute to prepare to talk about the topic on the card. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

You talk for one to two minutes on the topic.

The examiner then asks you one or two questions on the same topic to finish this part of the test.

## Part 3 Two-way discussion

(4–5 minutes)

The examiner asks you further questions which are connected to the topic of Part 2.

These questions give you an opportunity to discuss more abstract issues and ideas.

All Speaking tests are recorded.

The practice materials on page 56 give you an example of the kinds of questions and tasks you could be asked to respond to in the Speaking test.

# Speaking Test Practice Materials

## Part 1

Let's talk about where you grew up.

- Describe the town or city where you grew up.
- Do you still live there now?
- Does your family still live there?
- Do you think the place has changed much since you were young?

## Part 2

*Candidate task card:*

**Describe a sports event you enjoyed watching.**

**You should say:**

**what event you watched  
where you were  
who you watched it with**

**and explain why you enjoyed watching it.**

You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes.

You have 1 minute to think about what you are going to say.

You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

*Rounding-off questions:*

- Who won this event?
- Do you play this sport yourself?

## Part 3

Let's consider first of all watching sport ...

- How expensive is it to go to sports events in your country?
- Do you think it's different watching a sports event on TV and going to watch it in person?  
In what ways?
- Do you think there's too much sport on TV? Why?

Finally, let's talk about famous sports people ...

- Why do you think sports people often become media stars today?