

EPS 104 /114 (B1)

IN-TERM SPEAKING TEST FORMAT

- The test should last about 15 minutes.
- Students are interviewed in pairs.
- All tasks are assessed.
- The interlocutor interviews the students and gives a global mark.
- The assessor assesses the performance of students using the criteria provided and does not take part in the interviews.

Task 1 Lead-In (3 minutes)

(T →S)

Students are asked 2 general questions about the topics they have focused on in class. The target language should be appropriate to the level.

Student A

- Do you use the Internet a lot? Why / why not?
- What do you usually use the Internet for?

Student B

- What kinds of sports are popular among young people?
- Why do they prefer these?

Task 2 Extended Turn (7 minutes) (S)

(1 minute for preparation + 2.5 minutes talking time per student)

In this task, each student is given a slip of paper with an argument and expected to give their opinions about it and give their reasons to support their opinions. Students are not prompted even if they cannot speak at all.

Student A:

- Modern technology has many disadvantages. What do you think?
- What kind of problems do people face?
- What can we do to reduce these problems?

Student B:

- People should do a sport that is suitable for their personality. What do you think?
- How can they become successful in this sport?
- What can make them more motivated?

Task 3 Interaction (4 .5 minutes) **(S →S)**

(1 minute for preparation + 3.5 minutes interaction)

In this task, the interlocutor introduces a problem based on an imaginary situation and students are expected to find possible solutions for the problem. The students are asked to discuss solutions and consequences of the solutions. The discussion should include stating their opinion(s) about how to solve the problem with reasons, and agreeing/disagreeing. Students are not prompted even if they cannot speak at all.

Sample Problem Card

David has been offered a job that would give him three times the salary he's getting now. The only problem is that he would have to move to a small town in a new county. Also, his wife and two sons have said they would prefer not to go.

What should he do? What would you suggest?