

**LanguageCert
Achiever B1
Entry Level 3
International ESOL (Speaking & Listening)
Practice Paper 1**

Interlocutor's instructions

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Test time: 11-13 minutes

I = Interlocutor C = Candidate

PART 1 (1 minute 30 seconds – 2 minutes 30 seconds)

I: Hello. My name's *(give full name)*. And you are *(give candidate's full name)*, right?

C: *(Confirms.)*

I: Thank you. Can you spell your family name for me, please?

C: *(Spells family name.)*

I: Thank you. Where are you from?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: Thank you. Exam begins. LanguageCert ESOL International, Speaking and Listening, Achiever level, *(give today's date)*.

I: Now, Part One. I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself. *(Choose **four** questions, one from each of the different topic areas. Name the topic, e.g. 'Now, Times of the year'.)*

Topics

Times of the year

- Which would be the best time of the year for someone to visit the area where you live? *(Why?)*
- What is the busiest time of the year for you in your work/studies? *(Why?)*
- Which month of the year do you like best? *(Why?)*
- Are there any months of the year you **don't** like? *(Why?)*

Friends

- How often do you go out with friends?
- Where did you meet some of the friends you have now?
- How do you keep in contact with your friends?
- Why are friends so important to people?

Language

- How do you practise English outside the classroom?
- What do you find most difficult about learning a language? *(Why?)*
- How will you use English in the future?
- What have you enjoyed most about learning English? *(Why?)*

Watching films

- What type of films do you enjoy? *(Why?)*
- What was the last film you saw?
- Are there any types of film you **don't** like? *(Why?)*
- Who do you usually watch films with?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: *(Interlocutor responds and/or comments **briefly**.)*

I: Thank you.

PART 2 (1 minute 30 seconds – 2 minutes)

I: Now, Part Two. We are going to role-play some situations. I want you to start or respond.
First situation (*choose one situation from A*).

A

- I'm a tourist in your town. I start.
Excuse me, is there a shopping centre nearby?
- We're friends. I start.
I'm training for a race. Do you want to join me?
- We're strangers. I knock over your drink in a café. I start.
Oh dear. I'm so sorry.
- I'm your boss. I asked you to write a report for me last week. I start.
So, why haven't you given me the report yet?

C: (*Responds.*)

I: (*Role-play the situation with the candidate – approximately two turns each.*)

I: Second situation (*choose one situation from B*).

B

- We're friends. I'm wearing a new jacket. You start.
- I'm a waiter. You've just finished your lunch. You start.
- I'm your boss. You want to take a day off work next week. You start.
- We're neighbours. You're having a party at the weekend. You start.

C: (*Initiates.*)

I: (*Role-play the situation with the candidate – approximately two turns each.*)

I: Thank you.

PART 3 (2 minutes 30 seconds)

- I: Now, Part Three. In this part of the test we're going to discuss something. All right?
- I: My sister is getting married and I can't decide what to buy her as a wedding present. You're my friend and I've asked you to help me. Here are some ideas. Let's ask and answer questions to help us decide what to do. I'll start.

Interlocutor's Task Sheet

The image displays six gift options arranged in a 3x2 grid. A central text box is overlaid on the middle row. Each gift option is shown in a separate panel with its price listed below it.

- Top-left: A modern living room with a teal sofa, two grey armchairs, and a coffee table. Price: €3000.
- Top-right: Two red airplane tickets. The top ticket shows Gate B12, Boarding Time 11:05, and Destination New York. Price: €1400.
- Middle-left: A white front-loading washing machine. Price: €700.
- Middle-right: A framed picture of a red barn and a windmill in a green field. Price: €1000.
- Bottom-left: A blue hotel card with a white tablecloth and a red tablecloth, with the text "DINNER for 2". Price: €300.
- Bottom-right: A gold watch with a black leather strap. Price: €500.

Central text box: *Wedding present for my sister*

- I: Thank you.

PART 4A (3 minutes)

I: In Part Four I'm going to read something. I'm going to tell you about Hiromi and her favourite place to eat out. I'll read it two times. Listen and take notes on your paper. I'll then ask you these questions. *(Allow 10 seconds for the candidate to read the questions.)*

I: *(Read script at an appropriate pace.)*

My name is Hiromi and I love food. I enjoy cooking and my friends say I'm a good cook but, in general, I prefer to eat out at a restaurant. My favourite place is called Planet Earth, and it's the oldest vegetarian restaurant in Osaka. The décor is very simple but the food is nice and not too expensive, so I can go there often, maybe twice a month. We always book a table there if it's a special occasion. The place is really famous for its mushroom soup – it's a best-seller. They have a very old secret recipe for it and they've never shared it with anyone. They also have pizza and desserts on the menu – their vegan cheesecake is the most delicious thing! I sometimes buy their cakes and bring them to the office, which makes my colleagues very happy. Many of them have started going to Planet Earth after trying them!

I: Now I'll read it again. *(Read the script again.)*

I: Questions. *(Ask the following questions, allowing time for the candidate to respond orally.)*

Questions

1. What type of restaurant does Hiromi like? *(vegetarian)*
2. Which dish is the most popular? *[(the) mushroom soup]*
3. What desserts does Hiromi buy to bring to work? *(cakes)*

I: Thank you.

PART 4B (2 minutes 30 seconds to 3 minutes including follow-up questions)

I: Now you're going to talk on your own for one and a half minutes. Your topic is **your favourite place to eat out**. You now have thirty seconds to write some notes to help you. You're going to talk about **your favourite place to eat out**.

I: *(Candidate's name)*, please start.

C: *(Talks.)*

I: *(When candidate has talked for a maximum of one and a half minutes, say, 'Thank you', and then ask some follow-up questions, as time allows.)*

Follow-up questions

- Do you like restaurants where they play live music? (Why?/ Why not?)
- Tell me about a local special dish.
- What can you cook well?
- How important is it to learn to cook? (Why?)

I: Thank you, *(give candidate's name)*. That is the end of the exam.

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Candidate's copy

Task Sheet for Part 3

The image shows a grid of six items for sale, arranged in two columns and three rows. A central text box is overlaid on the middle row. The items and their prices are:

- Top-left: A modern living room with a green sofa, two grey armchairs, and a coffee table. Price: €3000.
- Top-right: Two red airplane tickets. The top ticket shows Gate B12, Boarding Time 11:05, and Destination New York. Price: €1400.
- Middle-left: A white front-loading washing machine. Price: €700.
- Middle-right: A framed picture of a farm with a red barn and a windmill. Price: €1000.
- Bottom-left: A blue hotel card with a white dome and the text "DINNER for 2". Price: €300.
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Central text box: *Wedding present for my sister*

Question Sheet for Part 4A

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