

# ESOL for Work

Speaking Test

*Sample Question Paper A*

*Candidate Version*



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## ESOL for Work Speaking Test Sample Materials

There are three parts to the speaking test; in **Part 1**, you will have an **interview**. This will include questions from the sections below:

- all candidates will be asked questions from **Section 1**;
- candidates will then be asked questions from **Sections 2 or 3**;
- candidates will then be asked questions from **one** of the **Sections 4–7**.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

<b>PART 1</b>	<b>Interview</b>
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
In this part you will be asked questions about yourself, where you live and where you study or work.	
<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Current Work</b>
In this part you will be asked more details about what you do in your job.	
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Language Learning</b>
In this part you will be asked about your experience of studying English.	
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>Future Work Plans</b>
In this part you will be asked about your plans for work in the future.	
<b>Section 5</b>	<b>Interests</b>
In this part you will be asked about your hobbies and interests.	
<b>Section 6</b>	<b>Transport</b>
In this part you will be asked about how you travel around.	
<b>Section 7</b>	<b>School</b>
In this part you will be asked about the school you went to.	

## Part 2 Candidate Task

In **Part 2** of the test you will be asked to give a short presentation on one of the three topics.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all THREE topics below carefully.

Choose **ONE** which you feel you will be able to talk about for one minute.

You have one minute to read and prepare your talk.

You may make notes.

### Topic A

Talk about a **job interview** you have had.

You should say:

- how you prepared for the interview;
- what questions you were asked;
- how successful you were.

What was the most difficult part of the interview?

### Topic B

Talk about the **safety training** that staff receive in your workplace.

You should say:

- what safety training there is;
- how long the training takes;
- who gives the safety training.

Do you think more safety training would be a good idea in future? Why?/Why not?

### Topic C

Talk about a **difficult situation** you have had with a customer.

You should say:

- who the customer was;
- what the difficult situation was;
- what you did about it.

What did you learn from this situation?

## Part 3 Task for Candidate

In **Part 3** of the test you will be asked to take part in a communicative activity with the examiner which is made up of an information exchange and a discussion.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

### Waste and Rubbish Collection

### Candidate Task

## Part 3 Task

You have one minute to read through this task.

### Information Exchange

The manufacturing business you work for is looking for a service company to collect and remove the factory waste and rubbish. Your boss has asked you to talk to the manager from a waste collection company. The examiner is the manager of the waste collection company so ask him/her about the company's collection service.

Find out this information:

1. type of service offered
2. times
3. cost

You will then be asked for your opinion on this information.

### Discussion

Now discuss this topic with the examiner.

*What should a company look for when choosing an organisation to provide an essential service?*