A1 English speaking test: free sample

These are original practice questions with example answers at A1 level. They follow the style of the published formats, not any real paper. Your own answers should be true for you. Example answers are one way to answer, not the only way.

Tests covered by the format of these samples: Trinity GESE Grade 2, LanguageCert A1, IELTS Life Skills A1, PTE Home A1, PSI Skills for English A1. Results from SELT Practice are estimates. This is not immigration advice.

Practice questions and example answers

Going to the doctor

Q. Talk about going to the doctor.

A. My doctor is in the town centre. I go there by bus. It is twenty minutes. I go when I am ill. I see Dr Ahmed. He is very kind. He says, "Drink water and rest."

Q. Do you go to the doctor often?

A. No. I go one or two times a year.

Q. Do you like going to the doctor?

A. No, I do not like it. But the doctor is nice.

Warm at home in winter

Q. Is your home cold in winter?

A. Yes, it is cold in the morning.

Q. Is the heating expensive?

A. Yes, it is very expensive.

Q. What is best?

A. I think a jumper and a hot drink.

My new home

Q. Tell a friend about your new flat.

A. My new flat is near the park. It has three rooms. In the kitchen there is a fridge and a cooker. My favourite room is the living room. I live there with my husband.

In the evening

Q. Talk about what you do in the evening.

A. In the evening I cook dinner at six o'clock. We eat at seven. After dinner I wash the dishes. Then I watch TV with my husband. Sometimes I call my mother. I go to bed at ten o'clock. The evening is my favourite time.

Q. Do you like the evening?

A. Yes, I like it. It is quiet.

Q. Do you go out in the evening?

A. No, I stay at home.

Free time

Q. What do you do in your free time?

A. I watch TV and I cook.

Q. Do you like football?

A. Yes, I like football. I play on Sunday.

Q. What do you do at the weekend?

A. I go to the market with my wife.

Q. Where do you go?

A. I go to the park.

Asking my neighbour a favour

Q. You are going out. Talk to your neighbour.

A. Hello, Mrs Brown. Can you take a parcel for me, please? I will be home at six o'clock. Thank you. Goodbye.

Music, rooms and the doctor

Q. Please spell your family name for me.

A. My family name is Santos. S-A-N-T-O-S.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I am from Cebu, Philippines.

Q. Do you like music?

A. Yes. I like singing.

Q. How many rooms are in your home?

A. There are three rooms.

Your best friend

Q. Do you have a best friend?

A. Yes, I do. His name is Imran.

Q. Where does your friend live?

A. He lives in Bradford.

Q. How often do you see your friend?

A. I see him every weekend.

My home country

Q. Where are you from?

A. I am from Pakistan. I live in a city called Lahore.

Q. What food do you eat in your country?

A. We eat rice, bread and chicken. I like biryani very much.

Weather in your city

Q. What is the weather like in your city?

A. It is hot and dry.

Q. What is it like in winter?

A. It is cool. It is not cold.

Q. Do you like the weather in the UK?

A. No, I don't. It rains too much.

What I am doing now

Q. What are you doing now?

A. I am answering questions on the computer.

Q. What is your family doing now?

A. My family is at home. My mother is cooking and my brother is watching television.

Three tips

1. Answer the question you were asked, in a short sentence. “Yes, I have two sisters” is stronger than just “Yes”, and it is easy to say.

2. Keep to simple present-tense patterns you are sure of: “I live…”, “I have…”, “There is…”, “I like…”. Do not reach for grammar you have not practised.

3. Talk about your real life. True answers about your family, home and day are easier to remember and sound more natural than invented ones.

Now practise out loud

Reading answers is not the same as speaking them. Open seltpractice.com/a1-english-test and answer each question out loud with the AI examiner, then check your estimated result.