A2 English speaking test: free sample

These are original practice questions with example answers at A2 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.

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Practice questions and example answers

My morning and evening

Q. What time do you get up?

A. I get up at six o'clock and then I make tea.

Q. What do you do in the morning?

A. I make breakfast and then I take my son to school.

Q. What do you do in the evening?

A. I cook dinner and then I watch TV with my family.

Q. What time do you go to bed?

A. I go to bed at ten o'clock.

A restaurant you like

Q. Talk about a restaurant you like.

A. I like a small Pakistani restaurant in the town centre. It is near the bus station. They serve chicken karahi, rice and fresh naan bread. I go there with my husband and sometimes with friends. The food tastes like my mother's food, and the owner is friendly. It is also cheaper than other restaurants. We usually go on Friday evenings.

Q. How often do you eat out?

A. I eat out about once a month because it is expensive.

Q. Do you prefer eating out or cooking at home?

A. I prefer cooking at home because it is cheaper and healthier.

Planning a picnic

Q. What is the weather forecast?

A. It will be warm and sunny on Saturday.

Q. What can everyone bring?

A. I'll bring rice and chicken. You can bring drinks.

Q. How will you get there?

A. We can go by bus. It is cheap.

Q. What if it rains?

A. We'll meet at my house instead.

Asking for directions

Q. You are lost in a town. Ask a person on the street.

A. Excuse me, sorry to trouble you. Where is the library, please? Is it far from here? So I go straight, then turn left at the bank? Thank you very much.

What I can do

Q. Can you cook?

A. Yes, I can. I can cook rice and curry, and I can make tea.

Q. Can you swim?

A. No, I can't. I can't swim but I can ride a bike.

Q. Can you speak other languages?

A. Yes, I can speak Urdu and Punjabi, and I can speak a little Arabic.

Q. Can you use a computer?

A. Yes, I can. I can write emails and then I can print them.

A gift you gave or received

Q. Talk about a gift you gave or received.

A. Last year my husband gave me a gold bracelet for our anniversary. He bought it from a small shop near our house. I didn't expect it, because we usually give small gifts. I felt very surprised and happy. We went to a restaurant that evening. I wear the bracelet on special days, and it reminds me of that night.

Q. Do you like giving presents?

A. Yes, I do. It makes me happy to see people smile.

Q. Is it better to give money or a present?

A. I think a present is better because it shows you thought about the person.

Last weekend

Q. What did you do last Saturday?

A. I went shopping with my wife. We bought some vegetables.

Q. Did you go anywhere?

A. Yes, we went to the park in the afternoon.

Q. What did you do on Sunday?

A. I stayed at home. I cooked and I watched TV.

Q. Did you enjoy it?

A. Yes, it was a nice relaxing day.

Talking about a film you watched

Q. You watched a film last night. Tell your friend about it.

A. I watched a film called The Long Road. It was about a family who moved to a new town. The actors were very good. I thought it was a bit slow, but I liked the ending. I think you should watch it.

Town, buses and prices

Q. Please spell your family name for me.

A. My family name is Villanueva. V-I-L-L-A-N-U-E-V-A.

Q. Where are you from?

A. I am from Davao, Philippines.

Q. How do you get from your home to the nearest supermarket?

A. I walk to the end of my street and turn left. The supermarket is on the right, next to the bank.

Q. Which is better for you, the bus or the train? Why?

A. I think the bus is better because it is cheaper, and it stops near my house.

A place near your home

Q. Talk about a place you like near your home.

A. I like the park near my flat. It is five minutes from my home. There is a big grass area and some trees. I can walk there and my son can play football. I go there every weekend when it is not raining.

Q. Can you buy food there?

A. Yes, there is a small cafe.

Q. Do you go with other people?

A. Yes, I go with my son and my friend.

Where I live

Q. Where do you live now?

A. I live in a flat with my husband and two children. It is on the second floor.

Q. How much is the rent for a flat in your town?

A. A flat is about six hundred pounds a month in my town.

Weather and what you wear

Q. Talk about the weather in the UK and what you wear.

A. In the UK the weather changes a lot. In winter it is cold and wet, so I wear a long coat and boots. In summer it can be warm, but it often rains. I carry an umbrella every day. I like sunny days best because I can go to the park.

Q. Do you like winter?

A. No, I don't. It is too dark and cold.

Q. Do you have an umbrella?

A. Yes, I always carry one in my bag.

Shopping and returns

Q. Where do you buy your clothes?

A. I buy my clothes in the market or in a big shop in town.

Q. What do you say to a shop assistant to ask for a different size?

A. I say, "Excuse me, do you have this in a bigger size?"

Three tips

1. Give two or three connected sentences, not one word or one very long sentence. For example: what you do, when, and one detail.

2. Use “because” to give a simple reason: “I like my neighbourhood because it is quiet and the shops are near.”

3. Practise past-tense answers. When you are asked about last weekend or a trip, start with “Last weekend I…” and keep the verbs in the past.

Now practise out loud

Reading answers is not the same as speaking them. Open seltpractice.com/a2-english-test and answer each question out loud with the AI examiner, then check your estimated result.