

## Asset Languages: for the World of Work French Speaking Test

**PRELIMINARY**

On the following pages there is an example of one task for each part of the Speaking test.

Speaking packs will include a number of different topics for Part 1. The teacher selects the most appropriate for each candidate and allows one week for the candidate to prepare for Part 1 of the test.

Part 2 consists of a pre-prepared presentation.

Speaking packs will also include an introduction which gives further guidance and support to teachers. The introduction includes information on how to conduct the test, assessment criteria and guidance on marking as well as other useful information.

All text in *italics* indicates where target language appears in the paper

## Situation A

**Task preparation sheet:** to be given to the candidate one week before the test.

This sheet will help you to prepare for your test. You may take it into the test with you.

During the test you will be given a task information sheet which you will need to look at.

You must not make notes on this task preparation sheet.

### **Part 1: Task 1**    2½ – 3 minutes

**You work in the sales office for a construction company.**

You are going to take part in a conversation with a possible buyer (your interviewer) at a development of new flats. A French person is interested in buying a property in England, but does not speak English.

- find out at least 3 pieces of information about the possible buyer (e.g. his / her name, his / her address, how many bedrooms he /she wants etc.)
- look at the task information sheet and give the price of the flat he / she is interested in
- look at the task information sheet and tell the buyer about the flat

### **Part 1: Task 2**    1 – 1½ minutes

The buyer will ask you about your job in the sales office.

- answer the questions the buyer asks you about your job in the sales office

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**Task information sheet:** to be given to the candidate during the test.

You must not make notes.  
Dictionaries must not be used.  
You have 30 seconds to read the information below.

### CA Construction New homes

01592 – 445122  
[www.cacon.co.uk](http://www.cacon.co.uk)



#### Prices

1 bedroom flats	£100,000
2 bedroom flats	£150,000
3 bedroom flats	£200,000

internet  
connection



central heating



shower



garden



parking



super-modern kitchen



10 minutes from station



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**Introduction**

Centre [number]. French Preliminary Asset Speaking Tests.  
Candidate [number]. [Candidate name].

Hello. Come in and sit down. We're going to do your French Speaking test.

In this part of the test you are going to take part in a conversation, using the task information sheet to help you. First you have 30 seconds to look at the task information sheet.

[Hand candidate task information sheet and wait 30 seconds.]

Let's begin. *Vous travaillez au Bureau de Vente et je voudrais acheter un appartement.*

Suggested prompts and questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ find out at least 3 pieces of information about the buyer</li> </ul>	<p>Greet the candidate and allow him/her to ask you at least 3 pieces of information. If necessary, offer information as follows:</p> <p><i>Je m'appelle .....</i>  <i>Ça s'écrit .....</i>  <i>Voulez-vous mon adresse/numéro de téléphone ?</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ give the price of the flat he / she is interested in</li> </ul>	<p>Specify which flat you are interested in. If the candidate does not offer the price, ask for it.</p> <p><i>Combien coûte un appartement avec une chambre/deux chambres/ trois chambres ?</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ tell the buyer about the flat</li> </ul>	<p>Allow time for the candidate to talk about the flat. If necessary, ask questions from the list below:</p> <p><i>Comment est l'appartement ?</i>  <i>Est-ce qu'il y a un jardin ?</i>  <i>Qu'est-ce qu'il y a d'autre dans l'appartement ?</i>  <i>L'appartement est-il loin de la gare ?</i>  <i>Qu'est-ce qu'il y a comme boutiques à proximité ?</i></p>

**Part 1: Task 2      1 – 1½ minutes**

Suggested prompts and questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ answer the questions the buyer asks you about your job in the sales office</li> </ul>	<p>Ask questions to help elicit a 1 – 1½ minute conversation about the candidate's job, as given on the task preparation sheet. Again, prompt where necessary. Questions should ask for basic, factual details, or very simple opinions.</p> <p><i>A quelle heure commencez-vous à travailler/terminez-vous de travailler ?</i>  <i>Comment est-ce que vous allez à votre travail ?</i>  <i>Votre travail est-il intéressant ? Pourquoi (pas)?</i></p>

**Part 2:      2 minutes**

<p><b>Presentation</b></p>	<p>Right, let's speak in English again. Now I'd like to hear your presentation, and then I'll ask you two questions.</p> <p>Bon, maintenant en français.</p> <p>Je t'écoute. Tu peux commencer maintenant ?</p> <p>Merci.</p> <p><i>[Ask 2 questions]</i></p> <p>Let's finish in English. That's the end of your speaking test.</p>
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