

Asset Languages: for the World of Work 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 (target language nationality) 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

Situation A

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



internet
connection



parking



central heating



super-modern kitchen



shower



10 minutes from station

Prices

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



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Information for the teacher

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Introduction

Centre [number]. (Target language) Preliminary Asset Speaking Tests.
Candidate [number]. [Candidate name].

Hello. Come in and sit down. We're going to do your (target language) 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. *You are working in a Sales Office and I am a possible buyer.*

Candidate tasks	Suggested prompts and questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> find out at least 3 pieces of information about the buyer 	<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>My name is</i> <i>It is spelt</i> <i>Would you like my address/ phone number?</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give the price of the flat he / she is interested in 	<p>Specify which flat you are interested in. If the candidate does not offer the price, ask for it.</p> <p><i>How much is a one/two/three bedroom flat?</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tell the buyer about the flat 	<p>Allow time for the candidate to talk about the flat. If necessary, ask questions from the list below:</p> <p><i>What is the flat like?</i> <i>Is there a garden?</i> <i>What else does the flat have?</i> <i>How far is the flat from the station?</i> <i>What shops are in the area?</i></p>

Part 1: Task 2 1 – 1½ minutes

Candidate task	Suggested prompts and questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> answer the questions the buyer asks you about your job in the sales office 	<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>What time do you start/finish work?</i> <i>How do you travel to work?</i> <i>Is your job interesting why (not)?</i></p>

Part 2: 2 minutes

Presentation	<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><i>[ask two questions]</i></p> <p>Let's finish in English. That's the end of your Speaking test.</p>
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