

Skills for Life Speaking & Listening Entry 1: Test guidance for teachers



Start: Greet the candidate and start with task 1.

Task 1: Candidate's photo (up to 3 minutes)

Ask the candidate to show their picture (e.g. of their place of work/study, their family/friends, hobbies). The bank of photos is available at: https://resources.trinitycollege.com/esol/photos

- Ask the candidate questions to find out about their picture use open and closed questions.
- Give the candidate the opportunity to speak in longer turns so they can give a description or personal information about aspects of their picture.

| Teacher language for task 1 | Candidate language for task 1 | Criteria assessed in task 1 |
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| A range of yes/no questions: | Simple statements using: | 2.1 – Pronunciation |
| Wh-questions: what, who, | Present simple | 2.2 – Language |
| where, how much, how many | Have got | 3.1 – Short verbal account |
| Present simple | Can for ability | (giving a description or |
| Have got | Common adjectives after be | personal information) |
| Can for ability | Give a description | (See Specifications p9 for full |
| Common adjectives after be | Give personal information | Assessment Criteria) |
| | (See Specifications pp10-12 for | |
| | Amplification) | |

End task 1 and move on to task 2.

Task 2: Teacher's photo (up to 2 minutes)

Show the candidate your photo (e.g. of someone playing a sport, studying, working, cooking etc). Examples are available from: https://learn.trinitycollege.co.uk/sfl/tags/photos

- Tell the candidate who the person in the photo is and, using the present continuous, make one short statement about what the person is doing.
- Tell the candidate to ask you some questions about your photo.
- During task 2, use at least one extended turn to talk about an aspect of the picture/the person in the picture so that the candidate's listening skills can be accurately assessed.

| Teacher language for task 2 | Candidate language for task 2 | Criteria assessed in task 2 |
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| Make simple statements using: | Ask questions using: | 1.1 – Listening |
| Present simple | Present simple | 2.2 – Language |
| Have got | Have got | 4.3 – Make verbal requests |
| Can for ability | Can for ability | (ask questions and make |
| Common adjectives after be | Respond appropriately to statements | requests) |
| Likes/dislikes | to show understanding | (See Specifications p9 for full |
| (See sample video for conducting | Use markers to check back | Assessment Criteria) |
| Entry 1 task 2) | (See Specifications pp10-12 for | |
| | Amplification) | |

End task 2 and move on to task 3

Task 3: Group Discussion (4 minutes – 2 candidates)

Ask the candidates to talk about one of the discussion topics.

Guide the conversation to ensure each candidate has the opportunity to contribute and meet all the assessment criteria, e.g. by asking What do you think, X? Can you ask X a question?

| Entry 1 discussion topics Criteria assessed in Group Discussion | |
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| Free time | 4.1 – Make relevant contributions (follow discussion, |
| Food and drink | respond verbally/non-verbally to other speaker) |
| Healthy living | 4.2 – Express views (likes, dislikes, simple views) |
| Shopping | 4.3 – Make verbal requests (ask questions and make |
| Transport | requests) |
| Your English class | (See Specifications p9 for full Assessment Criteria) |

End the discussion