Skills for Life Speaking & Listening Entry 3: Test guidance for teachers



Start: Greet the candidate and start with task 1.

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

Ask the candidate to show you their photo or object representing a past experience (e.g. a celebration, a journey, a souvenir from a trip etc). The bank of photos is available at: <u>https://resources.trinitycollege.com/esol/photos</u>

- Ask the candidate questions to find out about their experience, elicit Entry 3 language and prevent recitation.
- Give the candidate the opportunity to structure their narrative, indicate the sequence of events and give longer answers.

Teacher language for task 1	Candidate language for task 1	Criteria assessed in task 1
Wh- and yes/no questions to	Give an explanation or description	2.2 – Language
elicit:	Past simple, past continuous, used to	3.1 – Present information
Entry 3 language	Present perfect	3.2 – Verbal account
Structure/sequence	Comparative adjectives	(See Specifications p9 for full
Explanations	Structure/sequence	Assessment Criteria)
Descriptions	(See Specifications pp10-14 for	
Comparisons	Amplification)	
	End task 1 and move on to task 2	

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

Tell the candidate that you have to make a choice between two jobs or courses or places to visit/live in.

- Explain briefly the choice you have to make (i.e. between X and Y) and tell the candidate to ask you about ٠ your choice.
- Answer the candidate's questions, using at least one extended turn 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	
Make statements to give an	Ask questions using Entry 3 language	1.1 – Listening	
explanation or description	Respond appropriately to statements	4.2 – Express views (feelings,	
Respond to questions using Entry	Use functional language: express	views, opinions, reasons)	
3 language	views, opinions, reasons, obligations	(See Specifications p9 for full	
(See sample video for conducting	Ask for clarification, check and confirm	Assessment Criteria)	
Entry 3 Teacher's choice)	understanding		
	(See Specifications pp10-13 for		
	Amplification)		
End task 2 and move on to task 3			

Task 3: Role play (up to 3 minutes)

Tell the candidate the role play situation, E.g.: "You are in a department store. You want to buy a wedding present for a friend but you aren't sure what to buy. I am the shop assistant."

- Begin the role play by saying "Hello, how can I help?" and exchange information with the candidate.
- During task 3, ensure the candidate has the opportunity to ask questions. •

Teacher language for task 3	Candidate language for task 3	Criteria assessed in task 3
Give factual information in the	Give personal/factual information in	2.1 – Pronunciation
present/past/future as required	the past/present/future	2.2 – Language
Ask questions where required	Ask questions/make requests	4.4 – Obtain information (ask
Respond to questions using Entry	Use language/register appropriate for	questions, make requests)
3 language	situation	(See Specifications p9 for full
(See sample video for conducting	(See Specifications pp10-13 for	Assessment Criteria)
Entry 3 role play)	Amplification)	

End task 3 and move on to task 4

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Task 4: Group Discussion (6 minutes – 2 candidates)

Tell the candidates that they are going to have a discussion and that they need to exchange information, give opinions and make plans together.

- Read out the discussion topic below.
- Guide the conversation where necessary 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 3 discussion topic example	Criteria assessed in Group Discussion
Your teacher's friend is visiting from Australia. You	1.1 – Listening
want to organise a day out in your local area to show	4.1 – Contribute to discussion (take part, ask about
her some important places. Talk about things you can	feelings/opinions, take turns, agree disagree)
do and plan the day together.	4.3 – Plan action (make plans, suggestions, offers,
(See sample video for conducting Entry 3 Group	arrangements)
discussion)	(See Specifications p9 for full Assessment Criteria)
	(See Specifications pp10-13 for Amplification)

End the discussion