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NOTES ON CONDUCTING AND RECORDING THE TESTS**Please note**

1. The warm-up section may give the examiner an indication of the best card to select **but the examiner must not allow the candidate to lead the choice of topic.**
2. The speaking assessment cards **must not be opened** until one working day before the test.
3. All tests must be recorded **in full throughout**. The recording must not be paused or stopped at any point during the test.

GENERAL

1. The speaking tests take place in the period before the main examination series, as notified on the timetable. Each centre decides on a convenient period within these dates for its speaking tests. It is recommended that the tests are conducted within one week to allow sufficient time for a single examiner to conduct all of the tests. See Section 4 below.
2. Centres must ensure well in advance of the tests that a suitably quiet room is available and that recording equipment is in good order.
3. Centres must adhere to dates for completion of the speaking tests and for the receipt of mark sheets and recordings at Cambridge International to allow sufficient time for external moderation. It is vital that material does not arrive late.
4. For centres with 30 or fewer candidates, only one examiner must be used. Each centre will select its own examiner. This is normally a teacher within the English Language Department, but could be someone local from outside the centre. A group of neighbouring centres might choose the same teacher to conduct all their tests; in such a case each centre is still responsible for submitting properly completed forms and samples. Cambridge International is not responsible for any fees agreed.

Centres with more than 30 candidates may use more than one examiner (applying the ratio of an additional examiner for each 30 candidates). If using more than one examiner, internal moderation must be carried out by the centre so that a common standard is applied to all candidates.

5. Centres receive a set of speaking assessment cards with this set of examiner's notes. These cards **must not be opened** until one working day before the test. Both the cards and the notes must remain confidential and must be kept in a secure place by the centre until the end of the examination period.
6. Each centre must send to Cambridge International the following: (a) recorded sample on a CD/USB stick; (b) completed MS1 Form(s) (or printout of marks submitted electronically); (c) completed Speaking Examination Summary Form(s).

(a) Recorded sample

Each centre must provide a sample of speaking tests, to be recorded on a CD or USB stick. The size of the sample required is given in the instructions for completing the Speaking Examination Summary Form.

Please ensure that you do not send the recordings of all the candidates (unless there are 10 or fewer). Ideally the sample should be transferred to one or two CDs/USB sticks. You should keep a copy of each speaking test in case of loss or damage to the original. If the sample sent to Cambridge International is inaudible or faulty in any way, you may be asked to provide a replacement.

The teacher responsible for internal moderation at the centre must ensure that the sample covers the whole mark range of the candidates at the centre, with marks spaced as evenly as possible from the top mark to the lowest mark. Where there is more than one teacher involved, the sample must include, in equal number, candidates tested by all teachers.

For instructions on recording the tests, see Section 14 below. CDs/USB sticks must be sent to Cambridge International together with completed documents. CDs/USB sticks must be clearly labelled with details of the candidates whose speaking tests have been submitted.

(b) Form MS1

The computer-printed school-based assessment mark sheet (Form MS1) has three parts:

- The top sheet must be sent to Cambridge International in the separate envelope provided.
- The middle sheet (which is for the external moderator's use) must be sent separately to Cambridge International, together with the sample recording and Speaking Examination Summary Form(s).
- The bottom sheet must be retained by the centre, in case of postal loss or subsequent enquiries, until after the issue of results.

Form MS1 is to be completed by transferring the mark for each candidate from the 'total mark' column, or the 'internally moderated mark' column if a process of internal moderation has taken place, on the Speaking Examination Summary Form.

Centres submitting marks electronically must include a printout of the internal marks report, together with the recorded sample and Speaking Examination Summary Form.

(c) Speaking Examination Summary Form

Marks for each candidate are to be entered in detail on the Speaking Examination Summary Form. This form, and the instructions for completing it, may be downloaded from www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples. The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 0993) and your centre number, after which it will take you to the correct form. Follow the instructions when completing the form. A copy of the form must be submitted together with the recorded sample and the middle MS1 copy (or printout of marks submitted electronically).

Please be careful to check all mark additions. The Speaking Examination Summary Form must show the breakdown of marks for all the candidates, not just those selected for the sample. Please put an asterisk (*) against the names of candidates whose speaking tests have been submitted on the CD/USB stick. The candidates' names should appear in the same order on both the summary form and the MS1.

7. The sample CD(s)/USB stick(s), along with the completed MS1 (or printout of marks submitted electronically) and a copy of the Speaking Examination Summary Form, should be returned to Cambridge International as soon as the tests have been completed at the centre. Please do not wait until the end of the assessment period before sending them.

CONDUCTING THE SPEAKING TESTS

8. The speaking tests should proceed as follows:

Part A Start the recording. Give the candidate's name and number. Welcome the candidate and explain briefly what is going to happen in the test, using the examiner script on one of the assessment card pages in these notes. This part should not take more than a minute.

Part B Warm-up section. The purpose of this section is to give the candidate time to get used to the examination situation, and put the candidate at ease by conducting a short conversation (2–3 minutes) on general topics and the candidate's hobbies and interests. The topic cards should not be discussed during this phase.

Part C Give the speaking assessment card to the candidate and announce the letter and the name of the card. This must take place AFTER the warm-up. Any necessary explanation is given at this point, followed by a short preparation period (about 2–3 minutes), when the candidate may ask questions. The candidate cannot make notes during this period.

Please note: the preparation period must be recorded.

Part D Main part of the test. Conversation based on the speaking assessment card. Either the examiner or the candidate may start the conversation. All prompts must be used, in the order they appear on the card. Do not allow candidates to deliver speeches or monologues at any point during the test. The main part of the test should last approximately 6–9 minutes.

The total duration of the speaking test, from the beginning of (A) to the end of (D), should be approximately 10–15 minutes and recorded in full.

Note that only (D) is to be assessed.

The speaking test must be conducted in English throughout.

9. Examination conditions must prevail in the area where the speaking tests take place. Adequate supervision must be provided to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room do not communicate with those waiting to enter.
10. No other person should be present during the speaking test, with the exception of another teacher/examiner, moderator or representative of Cambridge International.
11. Candidates cannot bring any notes into the examination room. They are not allowed to consult dictionaries.
12. A range of speaking assessment cards is provided, and the examiner (not the candidate) chooses the card to be used for each candidate. As wide a variety as possible of the cards should be used during the speaking tests at the centre. In order that candidates are given every chance to do themselves justice, the speaking assessment card should be selected with care. The warm-up may give the examiner an indication of the best card to select **but the examiner must not allow the candidate to lead the choice of topic.**
13. The examiner should be positioned so that he or she is facing the candidate, with a table or desk in between, and not allow candidates to see notes made on Speaking Examination Summary Forms or similar paperwork.

RECORDING THE TESTS

14. Before the start of the speaking test session, centres must make sure their recording equipment is in good working order by testing the equipment in the room where the speaking tests will take place. Check audibility levels to avoid adjusting the volume during the speaking test and ensure there is no extraneous noise in the examination room. Checks for audibility should continue throughout the speaking test session.

Once the speaking test has begun, the recording must run without interruption. Each CD/USB stick should begin with a clear statement by the examiner as follows:

Centre number:	[e.g.]	AZ 999
Centre name:	[e.g.]	Abcxyz Academy
Examination:	0993	English as a Second Language
Examiner name:	[e.g.]	Ms Z. Abced
Date:	[e.g.]	1 April 2021

Each candidate should be clearly indicated by the examiner as follows:

Candidate number:	[e.g.]	0021
Candidate name:	[e.g.]	Abdi Zachariah

At the end of the recording the examiner should state clearly 'end of recording'.

Before the CD/USB stick is despatched, spot checks must be made to ensure that every candidate is clearly audible. The contents of each CD/USB stick must be clearly labelled. Each track on the CD/USB stick should be renamed, giving the candidate name and number, rather than 'track 1', 'track 2', etc. A separate audio track is required for each candidate.

GENERAL ADVICE

15. Please bear in mind the following when marking:

Be objective. Do not allow any knowledge of a candidate's personality and attributes to influence objective assessment. For example, knowledge that a candidate is very conscientious in his or her homework is irrelevant in assessing his or her speaking test. If the candidate's performance is affected because he or she faces difficult circumstances or personal problems at the time of the test, this is a matter to be dealt with via special considerations procedures, for which exams officers at centres complete separate documentation. Examiners must not make any separate allowance themselves.

Be realistic. Remember that it is not necessary for a candidate to be of native speaker standard to be given maximum marks within any single category. But knowledge of a candidate's first language must not lead an examiner to ignore particular habitual errors and overlook inaccuracy.

Be consistent. It is important that the marking criteria are applied in the same way for all the candidates at the centre so that a reliable rank order for the centre is obtained.

Be positive. Marking the test should be seen as giving credit for what candidates can do, not penalising them for what they cannot do. This does not mean that matters of inaccuracy in, for example, grammar and pronunciation are to be overlooked, but is a reminder that a speaking test is intended to credit positive achievement.

16. To conduct speaking tests effectively:

- try to put candidates at their ease from the outset (smiling as they enter the room, indicating where they should sit) while maintaining a clear sense that the speaking test is being conducted in a formal examination situation
- show interest, even in mundane matters
- use 'open' questions which allow candidates to respond at length, not 'closed' questions which prompt yes/no answers.

Please avoid:

- walking about or distracting candidates
- interrupting with your own views or correcting mistakes
- showing undue surprise or impatience
- giving the impression that there are 'right' answers to questions or that the test is a test of knowledge
- making written notes during the test
- indicating how well the candidate has performed during or after the test.

MARKING CRITERIA

Give a mark out of 10 for each category (structure, vocabulary, development and fluency), and then add these marks to give an overall total out of 30.

Mark	Structure	Vocabulary	Development and Fluency
9–10	The candidate uses a range of structures accurately and consistently, and is confidently in control of the structures used.	The candidate uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to respond with precision. Shades of meaning are achieved and some sophisticated ideas are communicated.	The candidate shows sustained ability to maintain a conversation (and contribute) at some length. The candidate responds to a change of direction in the conversation, demonstrating the ability to expand and develop the topic and contribute original ideas. Pronunciation and intonation are clear.
7–8	The candidate uses a range of structures that are generally accurate (and used) with some confidence. Errors will occur when attempting to use more complex sentences.	The candidate uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to convey information and ideas with competence and some confidence.	The candidate maintains a competent conversation, responding relevantly and at length, using some original ideas. Frequent prompting is unnecessary. Pronunciation and intonation are generally clear.
5–6	The candidate uses simple structures securely, but has difficulty venturing beyond them.	The candidate uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to convey simple ideas and information clearly, but not entirely successfully.	The candidate makes an attempt to respond to questions and prompts. Effort is needed to develop the conversation which will not be entirely successful. Pronunciation and intonation are not always clear, but the candidate can be understood.
3–4	The candidate uses very simple, limited structures with errors which restrict communication.	The candidate uses a restricted range of vocabulary and has difficulty in conveying simple ideas. There is likely to be hesitation, repetition and searching for words.	The candidate has to be encouraged to go beyond responses which are brief and widely spaced. The candidate struggles to develop a conversation. Pronunciation and intonation cause some communication difficulty.
1–2	The candidate attempts a response, but rarely achieves communication.	The candidate has insufficient vocabulary to convey even simple ideas.	The candidate's responses are so brief that little is communicated. Pronunciation and intonation patterns cause difficulty for even the most sympathetic listener.
0	No response.	No response.	No response.

Instructions to the teacher/examiner

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Finally, we will have a discussion based on the five prompts on the card and any ideas of your own on the topic. This part lasts 6–9 minutes and is the only part that is assessed. You may keep the card until the end of the test.

Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

A Feeling excited

Candidate's Card

Different things make us feel excited, happy and enthusiastic.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- an exciting event that you went to, and what happened
- different things that make people feel happy or excited
- reasons why people feel enthusiastic about going on holiday
- the view that young children get more excited about ordinary things than older people
- the idea that people need a lot of adventure and excitement in their lives to be happy.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

B Making arrangements

Candidate's Card

When we make an arrangement, we plan when and how we want something to happen.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- different arrangements you make with friends or family
- a time when you changed your plans, and what happened
- the difficulties people sometimes have when arranging a family party or a special celebration
- reasons why some people don't like making arrangements
- the view that using technology helps people make arrangements to socialise.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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Then start the test.

C Intelligent machines

Candidate's Card

Some machines and robots work in a similar way to humans.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- the types of work or jobs that machines can do
- whether you would like to have a robot in your home, and why
- reasons why a robot would make a good friend
- the view that, in the future, only robots will take care of young children and older people
- the idea that machines will never become more intelligent than humans.

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Then start the test.

D Staying at home

Candidate's Card

More and more people work from home and some children are educated at home.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- how much time you spend at home each day, and what you do
- whether you would like to be educated at home, and why
- the types of jobs that are impossible to do from home, and why
- the view that the best holidays are spent at home
- the idea that all young people should leave home when they are 18 years old.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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Then start the test.

E Spending money**Candidate's Card**

People spend their money on many things, such as food, clothes or holidays.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- things that you, or people you know, spend money on
- the last time you spent some money, and why
- how you would spend a large sum of money to help your community
- the advantages and disadvantages of being able to buy things online at any time
- the view that it is better to spend money than to save money.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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Then start the test.

F Enjoying art

Candidate's Card

Many people enjoy creating or looking at art, such as photographs, paintings or sculptures.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- pictures and posters you have in your house, and what they are like
- a time when you, or someone you know, went to an art exhibition, and what it was like
- the suggestion that everyone can become a successful artist
- the view that all art galleries and museums should be free to enter
- the opinion that famous paintings or sculptures are not worth the large sums of money paid for them.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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Then start the test.

G Jewellery

Candidate's Card

Most people enjoy wearing jewellery, such as watches, earrings and necklaces.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- whether you, or people you know, enjoy wearing jewellery, and why
- other things people do to make themselves look good
- whether jewellery is an important part of special celebrations in your country
- the idea that people should spend their money on more useful things than jewellery
- the view that people only wear jewellery to show off their wealth.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Then start the test.

H Improving fitness

Candidate's Card

Fitness is how strong and healthy you are.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- what you do, or would like to do, to improve your fitness
- whether it is easy to keep fit in your local area
- reasons why some people nowadays are obsessed with keeping fit
- the suggestion that keeping fit should be compulsory for all people
- the view that, in the future, technology will help people improve their fitness.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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Then start the test.

I Brothers and sisters**Candidate's Card**

Many people have at least one brother or sister.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- what you like, or would like, about having a brother or sister
- whether brothers and sisters can be good friends
- the advantages and disadvantages of having many brothers or sisters
- the view that being an only child makes you independent
- the idea that, in the future, we will all have a robot as a family member.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Then start the test.

J Getting up early

Candidate's Card

Some people find it difficult to get up early in the morning.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- whether you, and people you know, enjoy getting up early, and why
- a time when you got up too late, and what happened
- jobs where people sometimes have to work at night and during the day, and why
- the view that school lessons should start later in the day
- the suggestion that sleep is a waste of time.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

K Following fashion

Candidate's Card

Many teenagers are interested in fashion and want to have the latest clothes, hairstyles and music.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- some new clothes you got recently, and why
- whether your hairstyle and clothes have changed since you were a young child
- whether or not you listen to the same music as your friends, and why
- reasons why some people like to buy expensive clothes
- the suggestion that being fashionable is important for people of all ages.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

L Land or sea**Candidate's Card**

Even though most of the planet is covered by sea, we spend more time on land.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- some fun activities you would like to do by the sea, or on the sea, and why
- whether you would prefer to live by the sea or far away from the sea, and why
- the challenges of exploring land and sea
- the suggestion that travelling on land is a better choice than sea travel
- the idea that it is more important to protect the seas than the land.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

M Group activities**Candidate's Card**

Many activities, such as team games and class projects, are done with other people.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a group activity that you have done, or would like to do, and why
- whether you prefer to learn in a group or alone
- advantages and disadvantages of spending your free time in a large group
- the suggestion that technology makes it easier to take part in group activities
- the view that every group needs a leader.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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N Always busy**Candidate's Card**

Nowadays, many people have a lot of things to do in a very short time, which makes them very busy.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a time when you were very busy, and what happened
- whether you prefer to be very busy all the time, and why
- things that keep different people busy, and why
- the advantages and disadvantages of parents being very busy
- whether busy people have the most interesting lives.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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O Working life

Candidate's Card

Most people spend a lot of time at work.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a job you would like to do in the future, and why
- whether you would prefer to work on your own or as part of a team, and why
- the opinion that women are better at some jobs than men
- the idea that all students should have work experience before starting a paid job
- the suggestion that people in all jobs should be paid the same salary.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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