



ESOL Skills
for Life

ESB Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life

(Speaking and Listening)
(Entry 1)
Assessor Booklet: E



Task 1 – Exchange of Personal Information

Guide time: 4 minutes in total

- Assessor greets candidates and introduces him / herself
- Assessor invites candidates to ask each other personal information questions
- Candidate **A** asks Candidate **B** personal information questions
- Candidate **B** asks Candidate **A** personal information questions
- Assessor asks Candidates **A and B** personal information questions
- Candidates and assessor have short discussion

Assessor's questions (to be used after candidates' exchange of personal information)

Home

- Where do you live?
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- How many bedrooms do you have?

Hobbies / Leisure

- What do you like watching on the television?
- What sort of music do you like?
- Do you (or any of your family) play a sport?

Study

- What do you like about your English class?
- Who is your teacher?
- When are your English classes?

Country

- Where do you live now?
- What do you like about the UK?
- Do you have friends and family in the UK?

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Task 2 – Unprepared Talk

Guide time: 4 minutes in total

- Assessor gives Candidate **A** a topic to talk about for about 1 minute
- Assessor asks Candidate **B** to listen and to ask Candidate **A** two questions after the talk
- Candidate **A** gives a 1-minute talk to Assessor and Candidate **B**
- Candidate **B** asks Candidate **A** two questions about the talk (Assessor may prompt Candidate **B**)
- Assessor may ask Candidate **A** further questions related to talk
- Assessor gives Candidate **B** a topic to talk about for about 1 minute
- Assessor asks Candidate **A** to listen and to ask Candidate **B** two questions after the talk
- Candidate **B** gives 1-minute talk to Assessor and Candidate **A**
- Candidate **A** asks Candidate **B** two questions about the talk (Assessor may prompt Candidate **A**)
- Assessor may ask Candidate **B** further questions related to talk

Topics for Task 2

My Area

Tell me about the area or place where you live now.

- What is good about your area?

My Best Friend

Tell me about your best friend.

- What does she/he like doing?

Food in (*candidate's country*) Tell me about the food in (*candidate's country*).

- What is your favourite food?

My Favourite Sport / Hobby

Tell me about your favourite sport / hobby.

- Do you watch sport on TV?

My Country / City / Village

Tell me about your country or your city / village in (*country of origin*).

- What transport do you have in your country?

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Task 3 – Describing People, Places or Objects

Guide time: 4 minutes in total

Assessor script:

Assessor shows Candidate **A** a picture

Please look at this picture. I'd like you to tell me and Candidate **B** what you can see in the picture.

I want you to speak for about 1 minute.

Thank you, Candidate **A**. I'd like to ask you some questions...

(Assessor asks questions to elicit candidate's likes, dislikes and feelings about the picture.)

Thank you.

Repeat the process for Candidate **B**, using a different picture.

1. Tell me what you can see in the picture.
Do you watch or play football? What sports do you like?



2. Tell me what you can see in the picture.
Do you like travelling by train? How do you travel to... (another city)?



3. Tell me what you can see in the picture.
Can you play or sing? What sort of music do you listen to?



Task 4 – Listening & Discussion

Guide time: 10 minutes in total

4a Listening

Assessor script:

This is the listening task. You are going to hear two listening texts. I will play one text and you will answer questions, then I will play the second text and you will answer questions.

Now I will play the first text. (Assessor plays audio)

Presenter	Good morning and welcome to Radio City. This morning we are talking about healthy eating. Dr. Elizabeth Williams is here to give us some advice. Welcome, Dr. Williams. So what food is good for us?
Dr. Williams	Good morning. Well, firstly, eat a lot of fruit and vegetables. Don't eat a lot of foods like cake and biscuits and only eat a little red meat. Fish is very good for you.
Presenter	What about drinks?
Dr. Williams	There is a lot of sugar in some drinks, for example, Coca Cola and lemonade. Not good! Water is good for you. Try to drink five glasses of water every day.
Presenter	What about tea and coffee?
Dr. Williams	Tea and coffee are OK. Don't drink a lot of them.
Presenter	Thank you very much, Doctor.

Candidate A, please answer yes or no. (Assessor asks gist question 1)

1	Is this about shopping for food?	No
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Candidate B, please answer yes or no. (Assessor asks gist question 2)

2	Is this about eating healthy food?	Yes
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Thank you. You will now listen to the text again. This time I'm going to give you some questions before you listen.

To Candidate A (Assessor asks detail question 1)

1	How much red meat can you eat?
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2)

2	What can you eat a lot of?
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Please listen again. (Assessor plays audio)

To Candidate A (Assessor asks detail question 1, Candidate answers)

1	How much red meat can you eat?	A little
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2, Candidate answers)

2	What can you eat a lot of?	Fruit and vegetables
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Thank you. I'm now going to play the second text. Please listen and then answer the questions.
(Assessor plays audio)

Interviewer (female)	Excuse me! Can I ask you some questions? It's for a survey.
Man	OK. What do you want to know?
Interviewer	It's about what you eat. What do you have for breakfast?
Man	I have eggs and toast.
Interviewer	What do you have for lunch?
Man	Errr. I often have burger and chips.
Interviewer	And for dinner in the evening?
Man	Curry. I love curry!
Interviewer	Last question. Do you eat any fruit and vegetables?
Man	Not many but I like orange juice.

Candidate A, please answer yes or no. (Assessor asks gist question 1)

1	Is this about a café?	No
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Candidate B, please answer yes or no. (Assessor asks gist question 2)

2	Is this about what the man eats?	Yes
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Thank you. You will now listen to the text again. I'm going to give you some questions before you listen.

To Candidate A (Assessor asks detail question 1)

1	What does he have for breakfast?
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2)

2	What does he have for dinner?
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Please listen again. (Assessor plays CD)

To Candidate A (Assessor asks detail question 1, Candidate answers)

1	What does he have for breakfast?	Eggs and toast
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2, Candidate answers)

2	What does he have for dinner?	Curry
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Thank you.

4b Discussion

Now I'd like to talk with you about... (Assessor leads short discussion with Candidate **A** and Candidate **B** around topic from the second text).

What do you eat that is good for you? Do you eat a lot of fruit and vegetables? What do you drink? What do you eat that is bad for you?

This is the end of your assessment. Thank you.

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