



ESOL Skills
for Life

ESB Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life

**(Speaking and Listening)
(Entry 1)**

**Assessor Booklet:
Sample Set N**



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 a short discussion

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

Home

- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- What colour is your bedroom?
- What do you have in your sitting / living room?

Hobbies / Leisure

- Do you have a hobby? What do you like doing?
- When do you do it?
- Do you (or any of your family) play a sport?

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 the 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 a 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 the talk

Topics for Task 2

My Best Friend

- Tell me about your best friend.
- Tell me about a friend in your class.

Food in (*candidate's country*)

- Tell me about the food in (*candidate's country*).
- What is your favourite food?

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. What are the children doing?
How old are they? What food do you like at parties?



2. Tell me what you can see in the picture. What are the people doing? What are they wearing? What do you like doing in the garden?



3. Tell me what you can see in the picture. What is the man eating? What does he look like? What food do you like for lunch?



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 CD)

Taxi office	Good morning. A1 Taxis. Can I help you?
Anna	Good morning. I want a taxi to the train station please. It's for four people.
Taxi office	When do you want the taxi?
Anna	Tomorrow morning please.
Taxi office	We are very busy tomorrow. What time do you want the taxi?
Anna	10 o'clock.
Taxi office	What is your address?
Anna	7 Hill Street.
Taxi office	And what's your name, please?
Anna	It's Anna.
Taxi office	OK. Taxi to the train station for four people at 10 o'clock tomorrow.
Anna	Thank you. Goodbye.

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

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

2	Does Anna want a taxi?	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 time does Anna want the taxi?
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2)

2	How many people is the taxi for?
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Please listen again. (Assessor plays CD)

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

1	What time does Anna want the taxi?	10.00
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2, Candidate answers)

2	How many people is the taxi for?	4
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Thank you. I'm now going to play the second text. Please listen and then answer the questions.

(Assessor plays recording)

Announcer	Good morning. This is Lara Gomez at City Radio. It's 9 o'clock on Saturday June 5 th and here is Abdul to tell you about the weather for this weekend.
Forecaster	Good morning. This is Abdul Khan from City Radio with your weather for this weekend. Today, Saturday, is grey and a little cold. Some rain is possible in the afternoon. But, it's good news for Sunday – sunny all morning and afternoon and nice and warm. So Sunday is a good day to go to the park or to work in your garden. Have a good weekend. Now back to Lara.

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

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

2	Is this about the weather?	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 day is cold?
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2)

2	What day can you go to the park?
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Please listen again. (Assessor plays CD)

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

1	What day is cold?	Today/Saturday
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To Candidate B (Assessor asks detail question 2, Candidate answers)

2	What day can you go to the park?	Sunday
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Thank you.

4b Discussion

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

Suggested topics for discussion:

Do you like to travel by train?

(If yes) What do you like about the train? Where do you go on the train?

(If no) How do you like to travel? What do you like about travelling by (candidate's choice)?

Or

Tell me about the weather in your country. What is good and what is bad about the weather in your country? Do you like the weather here? What do you/don't you like about the weather here?

This is the end of your assessment. Thank you.

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