

Reasonable Adjustments for Speaking Assessments: Guidance for centres and satellite centres

1. A 'dummy' as a speaking partner

A 'dummy' is a learner who participates in the Speaking assessment but is not assessed.

The dummy must be at or slightly above the level of the learner who is being assessed.

The dummy partner may have taken the assessment already as a candidate, in the same session or a previous session. The dummy partner must not be waiting to take the assessment or expecting to take the assessment in the next six months.

Dummy partners should complete the assessment to the best of their ability, speak and listen constructively with the learner but not give him/her any help with language or ideas. For example, it is expected that B1 and B2 learners will hesitate and search for vocabulary, so the partner must allow them time to express themselves without interrupting or offering suggestions.

2. Additional time

If additional time has been agreed with ESB International, then additional minutes should be added on to each stage of the assessment.

25% additional time

Level	Length of assessment	Additional time	Part 1 total time including adjustment	Part 2 total time including adjustment	Part 3 total time including adjustment
Entry 3 B1	3+4+4 = 11 minutes	2 minutes 45 seconds	3 minutes 45 seconds	5 minutes	5 minutes
Level 1 B2	3+4+4 = 11 minutes	2 minutes 45 seconds	3 minutes 45 seconds	5 minutes	5 minutes
Level 2 C1	3+5+5 = 13 minutes	3 minutes 15 seconds	3 minutes 45 seconds	6 minutes 15 seconds	6 minutes 15 seconds
Level 3 C2	3+6+6 = 15 minutes	3 minutes 45 seconds	3 minutes 45 seconds	7 minutes 30 seconds	7 minutes 30 seconds