



Practice Test 2

Level A1

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Introduction to Skills for English

About Skills for English

Skills for English is a qualification that enables you to demonstrate your knowledge of the English language for a range of purposes, including work, study or settlement. *Skills for English* tests make the process of taking a test and gaining an English language qualification as easy and convenient as possible.

Skills for English: SELT is a Secure English Language Test approved by the UK Home Office for UK Visa purposes. You take the level you need for your required visa, making the test quick and convenient. *Skills for English: SELT* is available to take in our network of test centres in over 120 countries.

Skills for English: Global is an SQA-assured test that you can take at your chosen level. You can take the test at home, using our secure online proctoring. *Skills for English: Global* is ideal for academic applications or professional development.

Skills for English provides an accurate measure of language proficiency through practical and realistic tasks that you would expect to undertake in an English-speaking environment. You choose the test level you require, from A1 (beginner) to C2 (proficient). That way, you know you are preparing for, and taking, the level of test you need for your chosen purpose

All *Skills for English* tests use computer-based delivery for all skills. Reading and listening are automatically marked during the test session itself; speaking and writing are marked by trained assessors (who have no access to your personal details) after you have finished. You move through each of the skills sections in a single test session, at home or in a test centre, then receive your results in as little as three days. When you receive your results, you will be given details of the individual outcome (pass/fail) for each skill taken, plus your overall test outcome (also pass/fail). You need to pass each of the skills taken to pass the test overall.

The Skills for English Practice Tests

Two sets of digital practice tests are available on the *Skills for English* website for people preparing to take the *Skills for English: SELT* and *Skills for English: Global* tests. Both practice tests are delivered on our testing platform and will give you a good idea of what to expect on test day. They cover all 6 levels of our tests and can be accessed by going to www.skillsforenglish.com

This booklet is a documented version of Practice Test 2, which is available on our website. It covers exactly the same material but is in a different format to help with your test preparation activities. A separate booklet is available for each level of the test and can be used for both *Skills for English: SELT* and *Skills for English: Global* test preparation.

We ensure that *Skills for English* tests cover a variety of everyday contexts and scenarios including life, work and study. The contexts and scenarios in our practice tests are varied and representative of what you may see in our tests.

What is included in this document?

This document contains all the tasks which you will see at a given level on the *Skills for English* practice test pages for Practice Test 2. It covers all aspects of the test including:

- Speaking test questions and tasks
- Speaking sample answers and comments
- Scripts, questions and answers for the Listening tests

At B1 and above these documents also include:

- Reading texts, questions and answers
- Writing tasks
- Writing sample answers and comments

The commentary on the sample answers for Speaking and Writing tests will show you why each sample is an example of a good response.

How you can use this document

You can use this document in a variety of ways.

Test takers: you can use the information in this document alongside the digital practice tests on our website. We would suggest that you *always* try out the digital practice test as it will give you a good idea of what to expect on your test day. You can use this document to support any further preparation work you may want to do, for example to check on questions you may have missed or to reflect on your own performance.

Teachers and training providers: you can use the information in this document to support any training or practice work you may be doing with your students as well as any materials you may be developing for work in the classroom. This document will allow you to focus on specific parts or questions in the *Skills for English* tests and concentrate your student preparation on specific aspects of the tests.

For a full range of preparation and practice resources, visit www.skillsforenglish.com

Practice Test 2: A1 Speaking Test

There are 3 parts to this test.

All your answers are recorded.

Speaking: Part 1

In part 1, there are 5 questions about yourself.

Part 1 is not assessed.

After each question, you will hear a beep.

Answer the questions after each beep.

You will have 10 seconds to answer each question.

1. What is your name?
BEEP
2. Can you spell your first name, please?
BEEP
3. Where are you from?
BEEP
4. What is your date of birth?
BEEP
5. What do you do?
BEEP

That is the end of part 1.

Speaking: Part 2

In part 2 there are questions about 2 topics.

You will answer 5 questions about each topic.

Remember to answer the questions after each beep.

You will have 15 seconds to answer each question.

Now I am going to ask you some questions about your home.

Remember to answer the questions after each beep.

1. Where do you live?
BEEP
2. Tell me about your home.
BEEP
3. Who do you live with?
BEEP
4. What is your favourite room in your home? Why?
BEEP
5. Where would you like to live in the future? Why?
BEEP

Now I am going to ask you about things you do in your free time.

Remember to answer the questions after each beep.

1. What time do you usually wake up?

BEEP

2. What do you like eating for breakfast?

BEEP

3. Tell me what you did yesterday evening.

BEEP

4. Who do you enjoy seeing in your free time? Why?

BEEP

5. Where are you going to go this weekend?

BEEP

That is the end of part 2.

Speaking: Part 3

In part 3 you will talk about a subject on a role card.

The words on the role card will help you.

You can say more things if you like but you must say something about each point on the role card.

You will have 35 seconds to answer each item on the role card.

You have 1 minute to look at the role card.

Role Card: Buying lunch in a café

1. Ask the waiter for the menu.

BEEP

2. Say what you want to eat.

BEEP

3. Say what drink you would like.

BEEP

4. Ask for the price of your meal.

BEEP

5. Tell the waiter why you like this café.

BEEP

That is the end of the A1 Speaking test.

Sample answers and comments

This page provides you with a transcript of model answers for a strong pass at A1 for Speaking Part 2 and Speaking Part 3. Note: Part 1 of the Speaking test is not assessed.

The comments show why these answers result in a strong pass.

Sample Answers

Speaking Part 2: Your home

- 1. I live in London.*
- 2. I live in a flat. It has 3 bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living room. It's very nice.*
- 3. I live with my husband.*
- 4. I love the kitchen. I love the kitchen because I cook our food there. It's sunny and warm.*
- 5. I would like to live in a house with a garden. I love flowers.*

Speaking Part 2: Your free time

- 1. I usually wake up at half past 6.*
- 2. I like to eat toast with jam and I drink a cup of tea.*
- 3. Yesterday evening, we watched a movie on TV.*
- 4. I meet my family in my free time. I like to see my sister because she has a little boy.*
- 5. This weekend, I am going to see my friend. It's her birthday.*

Speaking Part 3: Buying lunch in a café

- 1. Can I have the menu please?*
- 2. I want a cheese sandwich with salad please.*
- 3. I would like a cup of black coffee please.*
- 4. How much is the price of my meal? How much will this meal cost?*
- 5. I like this café. It is near the park.*

Comments

This is an example of a good response at A1.

The candidate responses are relevant and address all the questions in Parts 2 and 3. The candidate also provides extra information to deal with extension questions 'Why?'.

The candidate is able to talk about their home, their daily routine, the leisure activities and what they like to do at weekends. They are also able to order a simple meal at a café.

The responses are short but correct. The candidate uses simple grammar and vocabulary to communicate about daily life and in familiar contexts: for example, ordering a simple meal at a café.

They can use the present simple, the past simple, and the future with 'going to'.

The candidate uses the correct language for making requests: by adding the word 'please'.

Practice Test 2: A1 Listening Test

There are 3 parts to the listening test.

You will answer 5 questions in each part.

You will hear each recording twice.

Listening: Part 1

You will hear 5 short recordings.

For each question, 1 to 5, choose the correct answer.

You will hear each recording twice.

You will hear a beep each time to tell you that the recording is about to start.

1. The man's new house is near
 - a. a village.
 - b. a town.
 - c. a city.

2. The Grand Hotel is next to
 - a. a museum.
 - b. a café.
 - c. a big house.

3. What will they give John?
 - a. A football ticket.
 - b. A book.
 - c. A picture.

4. How much is a small camera bag this week?
 - a. £10.
 - b. £12.
 - c. £20.

5. What time will they meet on Friday?
 - a. 6.00 p.m.
 - b. 6.30 p.m.
 - c. 8.00 p.m.

That is the end of part 1.

Listening: Part 2

You will hear a woman, Anna, and her husband, Peter, talking about this weekend.

Listen to the conversation and answer questions 1 to 5. Choose the correct answer for each, a, b or c.

You will hear the recording twice.

You will hear a beep each time to tell you that the recording is about to start.

You have 1 minute to read the questions.

1. When will Peter take the children swimming on Saturday?
 - a. In the morning.
 - b. At 12 o'clock.
 - c. After half past one.

2. On Saturday, Anna will
 - a. have lunch at half past one.
 - b. go shopping.
 - c. phone her friends.

3. What can they buy at the swimming pool café?
 - a. Cakes.
 - b. Fruit.
 - c. Sandwiches.

4. What will the children do after swimming?
 - a. Play computer games.
 - b. Read books.
 - c. Cook.

5. What will they do on Sunday?
 - a. Go to the river.
 - b. Go to a park.
 - c. Go to a restaurant.

That is the end of part 2.

Listening: Part 3

Listen to a radio programme. It tells drivers about problems on the roads.

Listen and answer questions 1 to 5. Choose one answer from the box for each sentence.

You will hear the recording twice.

You will hear a beep each time to tell you that the recording is about to start.

You have 1 minute to read the questions.

trees	this morning
B713	buses
last night	university
warm	cold
hospital	A20

1. On Monday the weather is _____.
2. It rained a lot _____.
3. On the A361 there is some water on the road near the _____.
4. The _____ road is the best for going from the beach into the city.
5. On River Street there is a problem with _____.

That is the end of the A1 listening test.

Listening Scripts

Part 1

Question 1

Speaker 1	We'll be in our new house next weekend. It's in a small village.
Speaker 2	Oh, that's exciting.
Speaker 1	Yes, we're close to a town too. We can do our shopping there.
Speaker 2	Hm. Shopping's easy for me. I live in the city.
Speaker 1	Well, come and visit.
Speaker 2	Thanks, I'd love to.

Question 2

Speaker 1	Can you help me please? I'm looking for the Grand Hotel.
Speaker 2	Ok, it's not far. You see the museum, there? Take the first road on the left after the museum.
Speaker 1	OK.
Speaker 2	You walk past a café. Then you'll see two big houses on the left. The Grand Hotel is after the second house.
Speaker 1	Ah. Thanks very much.

Question 3

Speaker 1	What can we give John for his birthday?
Speaker 2	Well, he likes reading. I'm thinking about a book.
Speaker 1	Hm. I don't know. What about a picture for his bedroom?
Speaker 2	But he already has a lot of pictures. Oh, I know. We can get him a ticket for a football game.
Speaker 1	Oh yes, we can do that. Great idea!

Question 4

Speaker 1	Do you like taking photos? Well, the Camera Place is the best shop in town for you. We have some cheap camera bags. Big bags for two or more cameras are twenty pounds. Small bags are only ten pounds this week. Usually they're twelve pounds. But be quick. These cheap bags are here for one week only!
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Question 5

Speaker 1	On Friday evening, would you like to have dinner before the film? There's a great restaurant at the cinema.
Speaker 2	OK. We can meet there. What time?
Speaker 1	About six o'clock?
Speaker 2	That's too early for me.
Speaker 1	Half past six then? The film starts at eight o'clock.
Speaker 2	That's fine. See you there.

Part 2

Speaker 1	Anna, can we talk about this weekend?
Speaker 2	Yes, of course, Peter. What do you want to do?
Speaker 1	I have some work to do, but I can take the children swimming. What's a good time?
Speaker 2	Saturday morning is good.
Speaker 1	OK, that's fine. I'll do my office work in the afternoon.
Speaker 2	Great. I want to go shopping with my friends and have an early lunch at 12 o'clock. But I'll be home at about half past one. I can call my mother then.
Speaker 1	The children will be hungry after swimming. You can go to the café at the swimming pool. They have very good cakes. Or you can take some fruit and sandwiches with you.
Speaker 2	Yes, I'll do that. They'll be tired after swimming too. We'll go home and they can play computer games or read books.
Speaker 1	Or do some cooking? They like making pizza.
Speaker 2	Yes, you're right. We can make pizza for dinner.
Speaker 1	And we can all do something nice on Sunday. Can we go to the river and have a picnic?
Speaker 2	Hm. I don't know. But the park is fun. The children can take some old bread and give it to the birds there. Then we can eat at that restaurant on the road outside the park.
Speaker 1	That's a great idea but that restaurant is expensive. Let's eat at home.
Speaker 2	OK, sounds good. It's going to be a good weekend.

Part 3

Speaker 1	<p>Good morning, drivers. It's 8 o'clock on Monday the 14th of January. It's a warm day today but it will be cold tomorrow.</p> <p>Well, there was a lot of wind and rain last night and there is some water on the roads this morning. Coming into the city on the A361 road, cars are very slow near the hospital. There is a lot of water on the road there. Outside the university on the A20 road, drivers are waiting a long time because there's water there too. But the B713 from the beach is fine. There are not many cars on it now. That's the best road into the city.</p> <p>Inside the city, two trees came down in the wind on River Street and it's closed now. And on North Street, there are five buses at the bus stop and a lot of cars are behind them. So don't take those streets.</p> <p>Well, that's all for now. Have a good day.</p>
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Answer key

Part 1

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. b

Part 2

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. c

Part 3

1. warm
2. last night
3. hospital
4. B713
5. trees



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