



Linguaskill Speaking

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Read the course outcomes.

Welcome to this Linguaskill preparation course.

In this course you will:

- learn about the content and format of the Linguaskill Speaking Test
- learn about the content and requirements of the 5 parts of the test
- increase your range of business vocabulary
- improve your knowledge of word and sentence stress patterns
- practise identifying keywords and understanding spoken questions
- practise interpreting graphs and charts
- practise analysing a task and preparing a talk
- practise taking notes in preparation for a talk
- practise giving answers.



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The Course: Part 1

Read and listen to the information about Part 1 of this course.

In **Part 1** of the test, you will have to answer **eight** questions about yourself, including such things as your work or study, your travel and English learning experiences, personal interests and future career goals. The first two questions are not marked.

For questions **1-4** you will be given **10 seconds** to respond to each question. For questions **5-8** you will be given **20 seconds** to respond to each question. The timer will show you how long you have to give your answers.

The units in Part 1 of this course will help you to prepare for this section of the test:

- In **Overview**, you will be introduced to the topic and the speaking skills to be practised in the unit.
- In **Model task**, you will listen to a fictional candidate giving a high-level response to a Part 1 task.
- In **Topic focus**, you will do exercises to practise vocabulary related to the topic and practise responding to different question types.
- In **Strategies**, you will do exercises to practise identifying key words in questions and answering appropriately.
- In **Your turn**, you will answer test questions that practise the skills covered in the unit. These will give you effective practice for Part 1 of the test.

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The Course: Part 2

Read and listen to the information about Part 2 of this course.

In **Part 2** of the test, you will be required to read aloud a series of **eight** sentences, one by one. The sentences will become increasingly more difficult as you progress.

You will be given **10 seconds** to read each sentence. The timer will show you how long you have to read the sentences.

The units in Part 2 of this course will help you to prepare for this section of the test:

- In **Overview**, you will be introduced to the topic and the speaking skills to be practised in the unit.
- In **Model task**, you will listen to a fictional candidate giving a high-level response to a Part 2 task.
- In **Word patterns**, you will complete exercises focussing on how to correctly read numbers, names, forms of address and common acronyms, and do exercises to practise word stress.
- In **Sentence patterns**, you will do exercises to practise intonation patterns, sentence stress, and the use of weak forms.
- In **Your turn**, you will answer test questions that practise the skills covered in the unit. These will give you effective practice for Part 2 of the test.

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The Course: Part 3

Read and listen to the information about Part 3 of this course.

In **Part 3** of the test, you will be given **40 seconds** to prepare for a **1-minute (60-second)** presentation. You will be given a topic with 3 related points to talk about.

The timer will show you how long you have to prepare and give your presentation.

The units in Part 3 of this course will help you to prepare for this section of the test:

- In **Overview**, you will be introduced to the topic and the speaking skills to be practised in the unit.
- In **Model task**, you will listen to a fictional candidate giving a high-level response to a Part 3 task.
- In **Language focus**, you will do exercises to practise vocabulary related to the topic and look at how to structure your response.
- In **Planning**, you will practise making notes for a Part 3 task. You will also be given model notes relating to the same task, which you will reflect on and use to prepare for the practice exercises ahead.
- In **Your turn**, you will answer test questions that practise the skills from the unit. These will give you effective practice for Part 3 of the test.

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The Course: Part 4

Read and listen to the information about Part 4 of this course.

In **Part 4** of the test, you will see some visual material (a graph, chart or table) and be given **1 minute** to prepare for a **1-minute (60-second)** presentation about the information shown in the graphic. The graphic stays on the screen while you record your answer.

The units in Part 4 of this course will help you to prepare for this section of the test:

The units following this page will help you to prepare for this section of the test:

- In **Overview**, you will be introduced to the topic and the speaking skills to be practised in the unit.
- In **Model task**, you will listen to a fictional candidate giving a high-level response to a Part 4 task.
- In **Interpreting graphics**, you will examine the visual material and do exercises to practise interpreting the information presented.
- In **Language focus**, you will do exercises to practise phrases and structures for describing and comparing numbers and amounts.
- In **Planning**, you will practise making notes for a topic, which will require identifying what information to talk about, and noting down your ideas to cover the important points and overall trend shown in the visual material. You will be given model notes relating to the same visual material, which you will reflect on and use to prepare for the practice exercises ahead.
- In **Your Turn**, you will answer test questions that practise the skills covered in the unit. These will give you effective practice for Part 4 of the test.

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The Course: Part 5

Read and listen to the information about Part 5 of this course.

In **Part 5** of the test, you will be given an outline of a situation. A speaker will be asking you **five questions** relating to the situation. **Five** key words and phrases that indicate the content of the questions will be given as clues to help you.

You will be given **40 seconds** to prepare. Then you will be asked the questions one at a time and have **20 seconds** to answer each question.

The units following this page will help you to prepare for this section of the test:

- In **Overview**, you will be introduced to the topic and the speaking skills to be practised in the unit.
- In **Model task**, you will listen to a fictional candidate giving a high-level response to a Part 5 task.
- In **Topic focus**, you will do exercises to practise vocabulary related to the topic, and practise responding to different question types.
- In **Useful language**, you will do exercises to practise giving an opinion, and other useful language that could help you with a Part 5 response.
- In **Predicting & planning**, you will practise anticipating what questions you could be asked and noting down your ideas to help you give an extended answer. You will be given model notes relating to the same points, which you will reflect on and use to prepare for the practice exercises ahead.
- In **Your turn**, you will answer test-type questions that practise the skills from the unit. These will give you effective practice for Part 5 of the test.

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The Linguaskill Test: An Overview

Read about the Linguaskill Speaking test below.

- The test lasts approximately 15 minutes.
- There are five parts to the test.
- You will need to use a set of headphones and a microphone.
- You should listen carefully and answer all of the questions.
- Some parts require you to listen and respond. Some parts require you to read and respond.
- All of your answers will be timed.

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Put on your headphones and click on **Play Sound**.

Play Sound



Click on **Start Recording** then speak into the microphone.

Say: "Hello, I am taking a speaking test on a computer."

Start Recording



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The Linguaskill Test: Part 1

Read and listen to the information about Part 1 of the Linguaskill Speaking Test.

In Part 1 you will:

- spend approximately 3 minutes answering questions about yourself
- answer eight questions one by one
- hear a question followed by a tone ; then give your response
- be given between 10 and 20 seconds to respond, depending on the question
- answer questions about yourself, where you live and where you work or study
- be asked questions from topic areas such as these: travel (places you have visited), language learning (your experiences of studying English), future career prospects (opportunities for future career development) or personal interests and hobbies
- be assessed on your ability to use appropriate vocabulary and grammar without making mistakes
- demonstrate an ability to pronounce words well and use English stress and intonation patterns accurately
- speak fluently and give an organised answer. We need to make sure that the 'tone' is in our audios for all the tasks.

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The Linguaskill Test: Part 2

Read and listen to the information about Part 2 of the Linguaskill Speaking Test.

In Part 2 you will:

- spend approximately 2.5 minutes reading aloud sentences displayed on the screen
- read eight sentences one by one
- be given 10 seconds to read each sentence
- demonstrate an ability to pronounce words well and use English stress and intonation patterns accurately
- speak clearly and read any figures, times or letter combinations accurately.

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The Linguaskill Test: Part 3

Read and listen to the information about Part 3 of the Linguaskill Speaking Test.

In Part 3 you will:

- give a presentation on a topic relating to work or business studies
- have 40 seconds to read the topic and prepare notes
- have one minute to deliver your presentation
- cover the three points listed in the task
- use a range of words and sentences
- demonstrate an ability to pronounce words well and use English stress and intonation patterns accurately
- organise your information in a clear and logical manner.

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The Linguaskill Test: Part 4

Read and listen to the information about Part 4 of the Linguaskill Speaking Test.

In Part 4 you will:

- give a short presentation describing visual material, such as charts or graphs
- have one minute to look at the visual material and prepare notes
- have one minute to deliver your presentation
- use a range of words and sentences
- demonstrate an ability to interpret visual material accurately
- demonstrate an ability to pronounce words well and use English stress and intonation patterns accurately
- organise your information in a clear and logical manner
- deliver your presentation fluently.

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The Linguaskill Test: Part 5

Read and listen to the information about Part 5 of the Linguaskill Speaking Test.

In Part 5 you will:

- be given a written outline of a situation
- have 40 seconds to read the text and prepare
- anticipate the questions you will be asked and plan your answers
- hear and answer five questions one by one
- be given 20 seconds to answer each question
- demonstrate an ability to express your ideas and opinions
- extend your answers by giving an explanation or more ideas, where possible
- communicate opinions and ideas in the clearest possible way.