



OXFORD TEST OF ENGLISH

A2 Practice Test 3

Audioscript

Speaking Part 1 Interview Page 3

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You are going to answer eight questions. You have 10 seconds per question for questions 1 and 2, and 20 seconds per question for questions 3–8. Start speaking when you hear this tone. Try to speak for the full amount of time.

- 1: What's your name?
- 2: Which country do you come from?
- 3: I'm going to ask you some questions about food. Who does the cooking in your house?
- 4: What's your favourite meal at home?
- 5: When you eat out, where do you like to go?
- 6: I'm going to ask you some questions about your daily life. When do you usually get up in the morning?
- 7: What do you usually do in the evenings?
- 8: Tell me about what you did last weekend.

Speaking Part 2 Voice message 1 Page 3

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You are going to leave a voice message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voice message. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are a student at a language school. You cannot come to school today. Leave a voice message for the receptionist of the school. In your message, you should:

- explain who you are
- tell the receptionist why you cannot come in today
- say what you want the receptionist to do.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Speaking Part 2 Voice message 2 Page 3

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You are going to reply to a voice message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voice message. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going on holiday with your friend, and your friend is arranging a place to stay. Listen to the message from your friend. Then, leave a voice message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- thank your friend
- say which place you would prefer
- offer to help with the next task.

Now listen to the message.

M Hi. I'm calling about our week in the Lake District next month. Now, I've found two places. One is in the centre of town and it's quite expensive. The other one is a 10-minute walk from town. It's cheaper but there are no buses. Next, I need to book our train.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Speaking Part 3 Talk Page 4

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You are going to give a talk. Read and listen to the task. You have 60 seconds to give your talk. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going to give a talk to your English class about things to do on holiday.

Choose two photographs. Tell your class why each of the activities might be an important part of a great holiday.

You now have 30 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Speaking Part 4 Follow-up questions Page 4

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You are going to answer six questions about your talk. You have 30 seconds to answer each question. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

- 1: Your talk was about holidays. What sort of activities do tourists do when they visit your country?
- 2: What are the good and bad things about staying in a hotel on holiday?
- 3: What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by plane?
- 4: What do you think is better: a holiday abroad or a holiday at home?
- 5: Some people say we should work less and have more holidays. What do you think?
- 6: Some people say tourism is good for people's jobs. Do you agree?

Listening Part 1 Page 5

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1: A man and woman are talking about their niece. What gift will they buy for her?

M What shall we get Jenny for her birthday?

F What about a book? She's always reading.

M Maybe. But she has the library to go to. How about a T-shirt with that band she loves on it?

F That's a great idea.

M Actually, they are playing here next month.

F That'd be fun, we could go with her.

M Perfect. Let's do that.

Now listen again.

2: A girl is calling her cousin on the phone. Where is the girl?

F Hey, where are you?

M I'm in the Queens Road, near the pizza restaurant.

F OK, you can get the number 11 bus from there. It stops right outside. But be quick – it says the train leaves in nine minutes.

M Where shall I meet you?

F I'll wait for you under the clock.

M OK. Right. Here comes the number 11. See you in a minute.

Now listen again.

3: A student is phoning his mother after school. Where will his mother go to collect him?

M Hi, there's been a change of plan. There's no football today so don't come to the sports field to collect me. I'm at Jake's place, next to the cinema, remember? Anyway, we're going to be at the cafe by the river in about an hour. I know Jake's house is closer, but the parking's very difficult round here, so shall we meet there instead?

Now listen again.

4: A woman is talking to her brother about her clothes. What does she decide to wear?

M Are you going out?

F Yes, I'm going to meet Mr Sinclair.

M Oh, OK. Why?

F To talk about a job. Now, do I look OK in this or should I wear a dress?

M No, the suit looks fine.

F What do you think of this tie?

M That's nice too.

F Mmm. I think I'll wear the scarf instead. It's too bright. Thanks for your help.

Now listen again.

5: A man is talking about his friend's house. What noise was the biggest problem?

M I stayed at Nadim's place last week – wow, it's noisy early in the morning. I know it's near the airport, but there aren't very many planes at that time. The road outside his house is really busy. I guess it's people driving to work. Later on you can hear the school kids playing next door, but they're having fun, so that feels all right.

Now listen again.

Listening Part 2 Page 6

03.07

Listen to the manager of some student flats. Choose the correct answers to complete the notes. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

F Hi everyone, welcome to Hillside House. I'm Tracy, the manager of these student flats.

There are eight students in each flat. You have your own bedroom and bathroom, with a desk and a cupboard. There's also a large shared sitting room with a TV, a small kitchen area and a fridge.

We have a few important rules. Please don't play loud music, because that's what people complain about the most. You can have big groups of friends over, that's fine, but let the others in your flat know first, and tidy up after.

You'll find the washing machines on the ground floor. You'll need a fifty pence piece for these, but that's all you need money for. Your rooms will be nice and warm – that's part of the rent you pay every month – and there's free Wi-Fi everywhere in the university.

Our cafe is open Monday to Friday, and we do breakfast and dinner. At the weekends, on both Saturday and Sunday, we do lunch instead of dinner, but that's the only difference.

You've probably noticed the exercise machines next door. They're free to use, and next to that you can buy bread, milk, coffee and so on. If you need to borrow books, take the bus to Weston Street – it's not far.

We've got people from different clubs coming here this week. If you're interested in football, come along this evening. If you're into movies, come tomorrow morning and if you're into jazz, come tomorrow evening.

Now listen again.

Listening Part 3

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▶ 3.08

Listen to a woman and her cousin talking about a museum. Match the people (the woman, the man, or both) to the opinions below. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

M How was your trip to the museum?

F Great thanks.

M How did you get there?

F We went by bus – one stops right outside.

M We took the car. There's a car park at the back.

F Oh right. So, what did you think of it?

M I liked it. It wasn't too crowded, and that was nice.

F What? Did you try to see the painting of the garden? I couldn't even get close to it.

M Well, it is one of the most famous paintings in the world.

F OK, I suppose so. But it wasn't just that one room.

M Did you use the app when you went round?

F Yeah, it was on my phone. It had lots of useful information and it was very clear.

M Using an app isn't the same as having a tour guide, is it? In some ways it's better.

F Well, it means you can move to the next room when you want.

M Yeah, and I needed to move on when I got to the third floor – room after room with the same sort of paintings.

F Well, yeah, there were a lot of them. But next time, choose just one painting in each room and spend time looking at it. It's much more interesting like that.

M Ok, that's a good idea.

F What did you think of the glass roof?

M It was very unusual, and very modern.

F I thought it was amazing.

M I can see why they did it. I just ask myself – is it right to change a lovely old building like that?

F Well, it made the cafe on the top floor nice and bright. Did you go there?

M Yes, but I only had a cup of tea. The prices there are terrible.

F I had a sandwich – and that wasn't cheap either.

M No, but the museum was free.

F Yeah, you can't complain really.

Now listen again.

Listening Part 4

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▶ 3.09

1: A woman is calling a garage. What day will she take her car to the garage?

A Monday

B Tuesday

C Wednesday

M Hello, Enstone Garage.

F Hi. I'd like to arrange a time to bring my car in. Is the day after tomorrow any good for you? Early afternoon?

M Let me check. Sorry, no. This Wednesday's full. We could do any time next Monday the 11th or that Tuesday.

F No, I'm busy next week. What about tomorrow – Tuesday 5th?

M It'll have to be very early – 7.30.

F That's OK.

Now listen again.

2: A man is discussing a job someone has offered him. What is the problem with the job?

- A** He needs more money.
- B** It is too far away.
- C** The work would be too difficult.

M I went there last week and spoke to them about the new job. I know I can do that sort of thing well, it's not very different from what I do now. But does anyone want to spend two hours there and back on the train every day? Is that a good idea, just because I'd earn a bit more?

Now listen again.

3: A woman is phoning her husband from a shop. What does she decide to buy?

- A** mushrooms
- B** pasta
- C** oil

F Hi, I'm in the shop, getting things for this week. Can you check something for me?

M Sure

F Do we need any pasta?

M No, I don't think so ... no. There's some oil, but not much. Do you want to get some more?

F Well, I don't want to come out again tomorrow. What about mushrooms?

M There's some from yesterday, I think ... yes.

F OK, I can use them.

Now listen again.

4: A woman is talking about her favourite beach. Why does she prefer this beach?

- A** The beach cafe sells amazing food.
- B** The beach is not too busy.
- C** They tidy the beach every day.

F There are lots of beaches on the island, but this is my favourite. It's nice and clean. Actually, all the beaches are much better this year, so that's good. People say the little restaurant isn't very good, so lots of them don't come. Well, that makes it perfect for me, and who needs more than a coffee and a sandwich anyway?

Now listen again.

5: A man is telling his sister how he is feeling. What is the man's problem?

- A** He has toothache.
- B** He has a cold.
- C** He has stomach ache.

M I think I'm going to go to bed. I'm not feeling great.

F I hope you haven't caught anything from Julie. She was ill last week.

M Well, I haven't got a temperature, and my head's fine. I think I've just eaten something that ...

F Did you go to that cafe again for lunch?

M Yeah.

F Maybe that's not a good idea. The same thing happened last time.

Now listen again.