

Holistic Criteria - Speaking Test

CEFR levels	Below B1	B1	B2.1	B2.2	Above B2				
Overall impression	Can communicate in basic and routine tasks but is rarely able to understand enough to keep conversation going of his/her own accord.	Can reasonably fluently sustain a straightforward description of one of a variety of subjects, presenting it as a linear sequence of points. Can enter unprepared into conversation, express personal opinions and exchange information.	Can communicate with a degree of fluency and spontaneity. Can highlight the personal significance of events and experiences, account for and sustain views clearly by providing relevant explanations and arguments	Can use the language fluently and communicate spontaneously, without many signs of having to restrict what he/she wants to say. Can give clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations, with appropriate highlighting of significant points, and relevant supporting details.	Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously, almost effortlessly. Can give clear, detailed descriptions and presentations on complex subjects, integrating sub-themes, developing particular points and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion.				
	Can give a simple description or presentation of people, living or working conditions, daily routines, likes/dislikes, etc.	Can speak about topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel and current events).	Can give clear, detailed descriptions and presentations on subjects related to his/her field of interest with a sufficient range of vocabulary.	Can speak accurately and effectively on a wide range of general, academic, vocational or leisure topics.	Has a good command of a broad lexical repertoire allowing gaps to be readily overcome with circumlocutions.				
	Can produce a short series of simple phrases and sentences linked into a list.	Can exploit a wide range of simple language to deal with most everyday situations.	Can exploit some complex structures and has a relatively good grammatical control.	Can exploit a variety of complex structures and has a good grammatical control,	Consistently maintain a high degree of grammatical accuracy and uses a very good variety of complex structures				
	Can be generally understood despite noticeable L1 patterns, but frequent repetition might be needed.	Can be clearly understood, even if L1 patterns are noticeable Occasional mispronunciations.	Pronunciation is generally clear and natural, but some mispronunciation may occur without impeding communication.	Has acquired a clear, natural pronunciation and intonation.	Can vary intonation and place sentence stress correctly in order to express finer shades of meaning.				
Score	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6