ACCESS for ELLs Paper
Grade 1 · Tier B/C
Speaking Sample Item
Let’s talk about a story. Look at Picture A. This boy’s name is Pablo. Pablo and his dad are at the grocery store. Pablo wants to get some mangoes as a surprise for his grandmother. A mango is a kind of fruit. Mangoes are his grandmother’s favorite fruit.
At the Grocery Store

A

[Image: A cartoon of a grocery store with a woman speaking to a man and a young boy nearby.]

[Caption: At the Grocery Store]
At the Grocery Store

This is Ms. Kent. She works in the grocery store and helps people find the things they need.
At the Grocery Store

B

[Image of people shopping for groceries, with a man and child looking at bananas and apples, and a woman behind the counter arranging celery.]
Look at Picture B. Ms. Kent helps Pablo and his dad find the fruits and vegetables. Pablo and his dad see bananas, apples, and pears, but they can’t find any mangoes. His dad says, “I have an idea! Let’s ask someone for help.”

Nina, tell me why Pablo and his dad need help.

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Now it’s your turn.

Tell me about what you think will happen next in the story.
At the Grocery Store

A

B

C

D

E
Now I will tell you the rest of the story about Pablo’s visit to the grocery store. When I’m done, I will ask you to tell me the story.
At the Grocery Store

A

B

C

D

E
Look at Picture C. Pablo and his dad see Ms. Kent. She is putting out vegetables for people to buy.

“Excuse me,” Pablo says, “do you have any mangoes? We can’t find any.”

“We have plenty of mangoes right over here,” Ms. Kent says. “We ran out earlier, and I just put these out.”
Look at Picture D. Pablo and his dad buy some of the bright, beautiful mangoes. Pablo is happy to have a surprise for his grandmother.
At the Grocery Store

A

B

C

D

E
Look at Picture E. When they go home, Pablo surprises his grandmother with the mangoes. She is happy that Pablo remembered her favorite fruit. Pablo and his grandmother share a juicy mango as a snack.
Now I’ve told you the whole story. Nina, use Picture A and Picture B to tell me what happened at the beginning of the story.

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At the Grocery Store

A

B

C

D

E
At the Grocery Store

Now it’s your turn. Look at the pictures again. Start with Picture C and tell me the rest of the story.

Turn the page.
This is the end of the Speaking Test. Thank you for talking with me today.