Grades 2  Tier B/C

ACCESS for ELLs®

Sample Speaking Tasks:
Art Show

Using this document

Review this sample item to gain a better understanding of the look, feel, and process of the ACCESS for ELLs Speaking test. Use this item in any way that is helpful for you and your students. If practical for your classroom, WIDA strongly encourages you to use the sample test administrator script to do a full mock administration of this sample item, as a realistic administration can help prepare your students for the real test.

If you do plan a mock administration, read through this document and set aside 30 minutes to explain the activity and allow the student to answer the questions. The sample speaking tasks must be administered to an individual student (i.e., one student at a time).

Create materials for the mock administration by printing:

- One copy of pages 2–19 for each student. (Print single sided; even page on left; odd page on right)
- One copy of pages 20–25 for yourself. (Can be printed double-sided)

Explain to your students what they will do, and then play the pre-recorded audio files available on wida.wisc.edu to administer the sample items.
Now let’s talk about an art show. Look at Part A of the picture.

This is Lulu. Her school is having a student art show. At the art show, students can share their art with their families and other community members.
Because the art show is very popular, a reporter is going to write an article about it for the local newspaper. A photographer also comes to take pictures for the article.

Look at Part A of the picture. This is the photographer. She takes many pictures with her camera at the art show. Some of the pictures she takes will appear in the newspaper.

Look at Part B of the picture. This is the reporter. He talks to people at the art show. He interviews people, or asks them questions, and takes notes about what they say. Later, he will use his notes to write the newspaper article.
Nina, tell me about what the photographer is doing at the art show.

…
Now it’s your turn.

Tell me about what the reporter is doing at the art show.
Art Show

C

D
Now I’m going to tell you the rest of the story. When I’m finished, I will ask you to tell me the story.

Look at Picture C. Many people gather where Lulu’s art is displayed. Then, her art teacher announces that Lulu has won a special award for her art!

Look at Picture D. Later, the reporter comes up to Lulu with his notepad. He congratulates her and introduces himself.

“I’m a reporter with the local newspaper,” he says. “Do you mind if I ask you some questions?”

Lulu and her parents agree to answer the reporter’s questions. Lulu tells the reporter about school, art class, and her hobbies, and the reporter writes down what she says.
Elementary School Hosts Art Show
Look at Picture **E**. Next, the photographer takes a picture of Lulu and her art for the newspaper.

The photographer thanks Lulu and says, “Make sure to check the newspaper on Friday!”

Look at Picture **F**. That Friday, Lulu’s picture and the story about the art show appear on the front page of the newspaper! Now even people who couldn’t attend the art show can learn all about it.
Art Show

A

Student Art Show

B

C
Here are the first three pictures from the story. Nina, use these pictures to tell me the beginning of the story.

...
Now it’s your turn.
Here are the last three pictures from the story.
Use these pictures to tell me the rest of the story.
This is the end of the Speaking test. Thank you for talking with me today.
How to read the script

The script includes text that is read aloud during test administration as well as directions for the test administrator:

- Read aloud all bold text. Instructions students hear are black and bold. Test items are blue and bold.
- Do NOT read unbolded text aloud. Unbolded text gives directions to the test administrator.

Read all bold text aloud.

Do NOT read this text aloud. All unbolded text serves only as a guide for the test administrator.

Instructions for controlling the Listening or Speaking test audio recording appear in all caps.

All text with a gray background must NOT be read aloud by the test administrator. Use these parts for reference or to follow along with the Listening test audio recording.

The track number is displayed to the left of recorded audio for easy reference.

Introducing the sample items

Explain to your students that they are about to complete a speaking exercise. This exercise is similar to a test they will take in the future. The test will be their opportunity to demonstrate their English proficiency in speaking, and this practice exercise will help them get ready for the test.

When the students are ready and understand what they are going to do, pass out the test materials. The student needs a complete copy of the sample test items.

Read the following script to guide students through the sample items.

Narrator:

Practice 1.

Look at the big picture. It shows Ms. Miller and her students working in a classroom. Listen to what they say.

Letter A.

Female student:

Ms. Miller, what time is it?

Female teacher:

The clock tells you the time. It is eleven o’clock.

Narrator:

Which picture shows a clock?
Good morning/afternoon. How are you today?
Take a moment to talk with the student. Make sure the student is ready to begin the test.

You are going to do a speaking exercise in English. Some questions might be easy for you and others might be hard. It is important that you do the best you can.

Let’s look at page 2 and page 3. In this exercise, you will look at pictures and listen to people talking on a recording. You can follow along with the words in your test booklet while you listen.

Listen carefully. You will hear each part only one time. You cannot go to the next page until the recording says to go on. You cannot look back at other pages.

The teacher will ask a student named Nina some questions, too. Listen to Nina’s answer. Her answer are examples. They will help you know how to answer the teacher’s questions.

When it’s your turn to talk, you should say your answer clearly so I can hear you. You will hear a sound when it’s almost time to go on. When you hear the sound, finish your answer. It’s O.K. if you finish an answer and still have time. Wait for the recording.

Do you have any questions before we begin?
Answer questions.

When I start the recording, listen to the teacher. She will tell you what to do.
Make sure the student is looking at pages 2 and 3 of the sample items.

Let’s begin.
PRESS PLAY. (TRACK 1)

Play Tracks 1–9. Follow along with the student as he or she goes through the sample items. Use the guidelines on the next page of this script.

The audio recording will stop automatically at the end of the sample items.
End the testing session by saying:

Great job! Now you have finished the speaking exercise. I’ll take your papers.
Monitoring the test

During the Directions and Practice, you may provide as much assistance as the student needs to ensure that the student is able to successfully navigate the test and respond aloud. Once the scored section of the test begins, consult the table below for guidance on responding to situations that arise.

After you begin the audio recording, the tracks will advance automatically. The student will work independently.

Monitor the student as he or she speaks. Remind the student to speak clearly and not to whisper.

The recording already includes a standardized period of silence to allow the student time to answer each question; therefore, do not pause the recording once you have begun the test.

Sometimes the student may finish speaking before the recording begins again. Do not fast forward the recording or skip any parts. Do not stop the recording unless there is an emergency or unavoidable interruption.

Here are guidelines for how to respond to situations that may occur during the administration of the Speaking test:

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<td>If the student does not know how to respond to a practice question,</td>
<td>Press pause and assist the student in understanding what to do. For example, you can point to the speech bubble, and say: <strong>Remember, when the speech bubble is blue that means it's your turn to answer. After you hear Ms. Lee, say your answer clearly.</strong></td>
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<td>If the student does not know how to respond to a scored test question,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>Try your best. If you can’t answer a question, it’s O.K. to say, “I don’t know.”</strong></td>
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<td>If the student asks for help answering a scored test question,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>Do your best to answer the question.</strong></td>
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<td>If the student completes a response, and is unsure of what to do during the remaining silence,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>It’s O.K. if you finish your answer before the recording starts again. Wait for the next part.</strong></td>
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<td>If the student is not turning the page when instructed,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>Remember to turn the page when Ms. Lee tells you.</strong> You may turn the page for the student, if needed.</td>
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<td>If the student attempts to turn back to previous pages or to look ahead,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>Please stay on this page.</strong></td>
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<td>If the student is talking too quietly,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>Remember to speak clearly when you answer.</strong> Say: <strong>Please speak loudly so I can hear you.</strong></td>
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<td>If the student needs encouragement to provide a more extended response,</td>
<td>Say: <strong>Can you say more about that?</strong> However, DO NOT repeat or rephrase the test questions.</td>
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NOTE: The following transcript of the audio files is provided if the student requires a human reader accommodation during testing situations. Only in that case should you read aloud the bold text in the script below instead of playing the audio files.

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In this exercise, there is a student named Nina. I will ask Nina some questions, too. Listen to Nina’s answer. Her answer are examples. They will help you know how to answer my questions.

When it’s your turn to talk, you should say your answer clearly so I can hear you.

Do you have any questions before we begin?
Answer questions.

**O.K. Let’s begin on page 3.**
Make sure pages 2 and 3 are visible to the student.

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Look at Part B of the picture. PAUSE 3 SECONDS. This is the reporter. He talks to people at the art show. He interviews people, or asks them questions, and takes notes about what they say. Later, he will use his notes to write the newspaper article.

Now turn the page. PAUSE 3 SECONDS.

Female teacher: Nina, tell me about what the photographer is doing at the art show. PAUSE 2 SECONDS.

Nina:

The photographer takes lots of pictures with her camera at the art show. Some of the pictures she takes will be in the newspaper! PAUSE 2 SECONDS.

Now turn the page. PAUSE 3 SECONDS.

Female teacher: Number 3. Now it’s your turn. Tell me about what the reporter is doing at the art show. PAUSE 25 SECONDS.

Now turn the page. PAUSE 3 SECONDS.

Female teacher:

Now I’m going to tell you the rest of the story. When I’m finished, I will ask you to tell me the story.

Look at Picture C. PAUSE 3 SECONDS. Many people gather where Lulu’s art is displayed. Then, her art teacher announces that Lulu has won a special award for her art!

Look at Picture D. PAUSE 3 SECONDS. Later, the reporter comes up to Lulu with his notepad. He congratulates her and introduces himself. “I’m a reporter with the local newspaper,” he says. “Do you mind if I ask you some questions?” Lulu and her parents agree to answer the reporter’s questions. Lulu tells the reporter about school, art class, and her hobbies, and the reporter writes down what she says.

Now turn the page. PAUSE 2 SECONDS.
Female teacher:

**Look at Picture E.** PAUSE 3 SECONDS. Next, the photographer takes a picture of Lulu and her art for the newspaper. The photographer thanks Lulu and says, “Make sure to check the newspaper on Friday!”

**Look at Picture F.** PAUSE 3 SECONDS. That Friday, Lulu’s picture and the story about the art show appear on the front page of the newspaper! Now even people who couldn’t attend the art show can learn all about it. PAUSE 2 SECONDS.

**Now turn the page.** PAUSE 3 SECONDS.

Female teacher:

**Here are the first three pictures from the story.** Nina, use these pictures to tell me the beginning of the story. PAUSE 2 SECONDS.

Nina:

Lulu’s school is having an art show and the newspaper is writing an article about it. So, a photographer and a reporter from the newspaper come to the art show to take pictures and interview people for their story. Many people from the community show up too, and Lulu is excited to see lots of people looking at her work. Then, she learns that she won a special award for her art! PAUSE 2 SECONDS.

**Now turn the page.** PAUSE 3 SECONDS.

Female teacher:

**Number 4.** Now it’s your turn. Here are the last three pictures from the story. Use these pictures to tell me the rest of the story. PAUSE 45 SECONDS.

**Now turn the page.** PAUSE 3 SECONDS.

Female teacher:

This is the end of the Speaking test. Thank you for talking with me today. I will collect your papers.