

Sample interview questions for Task 1 of the intermediate Speaking Test

1 Personal information and family

- What have been the best moments of your life so far?
- Could you tell me about your family?
- Would you rather be an only child or have brothers and sisters? Why?
- How often and on what occasions do you see your relatives?
- Could you tell me about your favourite relative?
- What kind of family would you like to have in the future?
- How do you share housework in your family?
- Do you think children should help with the housework? Why and how? / Why not?
- What are some of the things that your family usually do together?
- How are weekdays different from weekends in your family's life?
- What are your plans for the future?

2 Man and Society

- What are you like as a person?
- Could you tell me about your best friend?
- What is important about a friend for you?
- What family occasions do you celebrate in your family and how?
- How do you usually celebrate your birthday?
- What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
- Do you try to follow the latest fashion? How? / Why not?
- Could you tell me about the shopping habits in your family?
- Do you prefer shopping in a small shop or a big supermarket/hypermarket/shopping mall? Why?
- What kind of people do you like to spend time together with?

3 Our Environment

- Could you describe the area where you live?
- Would you rather live in a big city or in the country? Why?
- Could you describe your house/flat and the rooms in it?
- Which is your favourite place at home and why?
- Could you describe the home you would like to have in the future?
- What do you and your family do to protect the environment?
- What kind of weather do you like the most/the least? Why?
- Which season of the year do you like best/the least? Why?

4 School

- Why did you choose to study in this school?
- What do you like most about your school?
- What are some of the things you would change about your school?
- What are your favourite subjects/lessons at school and why?
- What is an ideal teacher like for you?
- What are some of the best memories of your school years?
- What do you think? How can you use your English in the future?
- How is it best to learn English? What has worked for you? Why?
- What do you like most about learning languages?

5 Work

- Could you tell me about the job you would like to have in the future?
- Would you like to be self-employed or an employee? Why?
- Have you ever had a summer job? If yes: Could you tell me about it? / If no: Would you like to have one this summer? Why/Why not?

6 Life-style

- What is an ordinary week-day of yours like?
- How are your week-days different from weekends and holidays?
- How do you think your days will be different after leaving secondary school?
- How healthy is your life-style? What should you do differently?
- What do you normally have for your breakfast / lunch / dinner?
- How healthy is your diet? Why do you think so?
- What does your family usually eat and drink on special occasions (e.g. Christmas, Easter, birthdays)?
- Where do you like to eat? Why?
- Do you prefer traditional restaurants or fast-food places? Why?
- Could you tell me about an illness you have had?
- Have you or someone in your family ever had an accident? If, yes, tell me about it.

7 Free-time and entertainment

- How do you try to keep fit?
- How important is sport in your family?
- What sports are you interested in? Why?
- What do you like doing in your free-time?
- Could you tell me about a film you have seen recently?
- Could you tell me about your family's TV viewing habits?
- What are your favourite TV programmes and why?
- Which do you prefer: watching a film on TV/on video or watching a film in the cinema? Why?
- What are your favourite places for going out?
- What does music mean to you?
- Tell me what you read. Where and how often do you read that/those?

8 Travelling

- What's your favourite means of transport and why?
- What do you think of the traffic in your area/town? How would you improve it?
- Could you give me directions to the nearest shop/your home from here, please?
- Could you tell me about a holiday you enjoyed a lot?
- What kind of holiday do you prefer and why?
- What kind of accommodation and what way of travelling do you prefer when you go on holiday? Why?
- What do you like doing when you are on holiday?
- Could you tell me about your dream holiday?
- How do you prepare for a holiday?

9 Science and technology

- How do you think our life is easier nowadays than it was in the past?
- How do technological devices make your family's life easier?
- What technological devices would you not like to live without? Why?