

ESOL Skills for life

Speaking & Listening Level 2
Practice Test Paper - Set 2

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PERSONAL DETAILS AND MARKS FOR CANDIDATE

Candidate's Name:							
Registration Number:							

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ASSESSOR

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Signature:								
Date test taken:								

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS CONFIRM THAT THE ASSESSOR HAS IN NO WAY INFLUENCED THE OUTCOME OF THE ASSESSMENT.

IF THIS CANDIDATE HAS HAD ANY ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TEST PLEASE STATE THE NATURE OF THE ASSISTANCE AND WHO PROVIDED IT.
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IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE AFFECT ON THE CANDIDATE'S PERFORMANCE IN THIS TEST PLEASE GIVE DETAILS.

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Specific requirements for this paper:
 An audio or video recording is required to support the written record of a candidate's responses. Candidates should be instructed that if they wish, personal details in the actual test can be fictitious.

(Interlocutor speech is in bold).

(Interlocutor introduces self/assessor briefly and asks candidates their names).

(Interlocutor asks each candidate one or more of the following questions).

- *How long have you been learning English?*
- *How long have you been living in the UK?*
- *Could you tell me how long you've been studying here?*
- *Why are you taking this test today?*

Now I'd like you both to interview each other. You need to find out what your partner hopes to gain by taking this test, and about his/her possible plans for the future.

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8 minutes

Text 1 (for Candidate A)

Candidate A (*use name*): I am going to read something to you. You will hear this twice. The first time you hear it I want you to answer this question: is this mostly about a mission to the international space station, the ill effects of travelling in space or loss of muscle power in women? Listen carefully.

(*Read the text*)

The European Space Agency is carrying out research into the ill effects of space travel on men and women. In one month, an astronaut can expect to lose up to 2% of bone from the legs, feet and lower spine and suffer more than an 8% loss in muscle power. Astronauts returning from six-month missions on the international space station are sometimes too weak to walk. In future, more women will be going into space and one difference between male and female astronauts has already been noted: women are far more likely to faint once they're back on Earth.

Adapted from The Guardian, 8/11/05

Is this mostly about a mission to the international space station, the ill effects of travelling in space or loss of muscle power in women?

CANDIDATE A - RESPONSES

I am now going to read this again. I will ask you to tell me three things about what you hear.

(*Read the text again*)

Can you tell me three things you remember?

(*Candidate recalls three points*)

CANDIDATE A - RESPONSES

Text 1 - main points

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>More women will be going into space in the future.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ● <i>The ESA needs to research the different affects on men and women.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ● <i>Astronauts can lose 2% of bone from legs, feet and lower spine.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>They can lose more than 8% muscle power in a month.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ● <i>Some cannot walk after 6 months in space.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ● <i>Female astronauts are more likely to faint back on Earth.</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
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ADDITIONAL POINTS

(*Interlocutor records candidate responses and then asks further question*)

Can you remember anything else about the ill effects of space travel?

Text 2 (for Candidate B)

Candidate B (use name): I am going to read something to you. You will hear this twice. The first time you hear it I want you to answer this question: is this mostly about visiting a space clinic, loss of sleep or women taking part in research? Listen carefully.

(Read the text)

A number of women have volunteered to help with space research and will spend 60 days in bed at a space clinic in France. Doctors believe they have found a good way of simulating the effects of weightlessness and women will lie in beds, fixed at an angle of six degrees, so that their feet are higher than their heads. They will have to eat, drink and sleep in this position and will be paid a fee of £10,300. One woman said "After about three days your body gets used to it. You start to feel you're horizontal even though you know you aren't".

Adapted from The Guardian, 8/11/05

Is this mostly about visiting a space clinic, loss of sleep or women taking part in research?

CANDIDATE B - RESPONSES

I am now going to read this again. I will ask you to tell me three things about what you hear.

(Read the text again)

Can you tell me three things you remember?

(Candidate recalls three points)

CANDIDATE B - RESPONSES

Text 2 - main points

- Doctors have found a way of simulating the effects of weightlessness.
- People lie with their feet raised by 6 degrees.
- Some women have volunteered to spend 60 days at a clinic in France.
- They will eat, drink and sleep with their feet above their heads.
- They will be paid £10,300.
- One woman said she got used to it after 3 days.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

Blank lines for additional points.

(Interlocutor records candidate responses and then asks further question)

Can you remember anything else about women taking part in research?

7 minutes

What do you think about space travel? Do you think it is important or too expensive? Would you go into space if you had the opportunity or is it too dangerous?

I'd like you to discuss this now with your partner. Talk about your views and try to give reasons for them.

Possible points:

- *Space travel is exciting.*
- *Humans might need to live in space eventually.*
- *There are more important things to spend the money on.*
- *We don't know enough about space travel yet.*
- *Astronauts risk ill health.*
- *The risks are very high but research is important.*

CANDIDATE A - RESPONSES

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CANDIDATE B - RESPONSES

End of practice test paper.

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