

BURLINGTON SPEAKING – TEST 1

Part 1 – Introduction and interview

[This part of the test begins with the examiner introducing himself or herself and checking the candidate's identification. It then continues as an interview.]

Let's talk about where you live

1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?
2. How big is your house/apartment?
3. What's your favourite room in your house/apartment?
4. Do you think you'll move to a different home in the future?

Let's talk about animals

1. Do you have any pets?
2. What's your favourite kind of animal, and why?
3. Do you like visiting zoos?
4. What wildlife is it possible to see in your local area?

Let's talk about technology

1. How much time do you spend using technological devices?
2. How important is having a smartphone to you?
3. What other devices do you use at home?
4. What's the most popular technology in your country?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe the last time you received an important letter or email.

You should say:

- who the letter or email was from
- when you received it
- what it was about
- and explain how it made you feel.

You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

Rounding off questions

- Have you ever written an important letter or email?
- Can you tell me a little bit more about that?

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

Let's think about letters

1. What are some of the reasons people still send letters?
2. How do you think email has changed the nature of communication?

Finally, let's talk about technology and communication

1. How will communication be affected by advances in technology in the future?

BURLINGTON SPEAKING – TEST 2

Part 1 – Introduction and interview

[This part of the test begins with the examiner introducing himself or herself and checking the candidate's identification. It then continues as an interview.]

Let's talk about your hometown or village

1. What type of place is it?
2. What is interesting about your hometown/village?
3. What kind of shops and businesses can you find in your hometown/village?
4. Do you think it's a good place to live?

Let's talk about fashion

1. What kind of clothes do you like to wear, and why?
2. Do you ever buy second-hand clothes?
3. What is your favourite piece of clothing?
4. Would you ever make your own clothes?

Let's talk about holidays

1. What do you like doing on a holiday?
2. Where is the best place to go on a holiday in your country?
3. Would you like to go on a holiday with your friends?
4. Is there anywhere abroad you've always wanted to go on a holiday?

Part 2 – Individual long turn – Candidate Task Card

Describe a sport, game, or activity you have done in the past which you found difficult.

You should say:

- what it was
- when you did it
- what happened
- and explain why you found it difficult.

You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

Rounding off questions:

- What other sports, games, or activities have you found difficult?
- Have you spoken to other people about it?

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

Let's consider young people and sport

1. Do you think that young people are given enough opportunities to practise sport?
2. Do you think that sport can be a good career choice for young people?

Finally, let's talk about team sports and individual sports

1. Playing a team sport is more difficult than playing an individual sport. Do you agree or disagree?

BURLINGTON SPEAKING – TEST 3

Part 1 – Introduction and interview

[This part of the test begins with the examiner introducing himself or herself and checking the candidate's identification. It then continues as an interview.]

Let's talk about what you do

Do you work, or are you a student?

1. What job do you do?
2. Why did you choose this job?
3. What do you like most about your job?
1. What subject are you studying?
2. Why did you choose to study that subject?
3. What do you plan to do when you finish your course?

Let's talk about shopping

1. Do you like shopping?
2. Who do you like going shopping with?
3. What do you buy online?
4. Do you like to shop around to get a good price for something?

Let's talk about places

1. Do you like where you live now?
2. What places do you go to in order to relax?
3. Where is your favourite place in your country?
4. What kind of places do you visit with your family or friends?

Part 2 – Individual long turn – Candidate Task Card

Describe a story from a book or film that you enjoyed.

You should say:

- where you read/saw/etc. it
- when you read/saw/etc. it
- what the story was about
- and explain why you enjoyed it

You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

Rounding off questions

- Was there anything in the story you didn't like?
- Have you told other people about this story?

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

Let's consider children and reading

1. Do you think that children are given enough encouragement to read?
2. Reading a paper copy of a book is better than reading a book on an electronic device. Do you agree or disagree?

Finally, let's talk about fiction books

1. What do you think we can learn from reading fiction (for example, a novel)?