

CBSE Assessment of Speaking and Listening (ASL)



Class IX Speaking test (8 mins)

Stage 1: Introduction (1 minute)

Section time	Procedure
time	
10 secs	Examiner: Hello, please sit down.
	My name is X.
	What's your name? (to Candidate A)
	And what's your name? (to Candidate B)
	So your names are (name and serial number A) and (name and serial number B).
25 secs	(Candidate A), tell me something about (e.g. where you live).
	Candidate A responds
25 secs	(Candidate B), tell me something about (e.g. your school).
	Candidate B responds

Stage 2: Topic presentation (4 minutes)

5 secs	Examiner: Now (Candidate A), you are going to tell us about your topic.
	When you have finished, (Candidate B) will ask you a question and then I will ask you some more questions.
	Would you like to begin please?
1 minute	Candidate A speaks
15 secs	Examiner: Thank you. (Candidate B) can you ask (Candidate A) a question please?
	Candidate B asks question; Candidate A responds.
40 secs	Examiner asks 2 or 3 follow-up questions as appropriate from the topic prompt list
	Stage 2 example follow-up questions

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	How often do you? Why?
	When you do you?
	Why do think is important?
5 secs	Examiner: Thank you. Now (Candidate B), you are going to tell us about your topic. When you have finished, (Candidate A) will ask you a question and then I will ask you some more questions. Would you like to begin please?
1 minute	Candidate B speaks
15 secs	Examiner: <i>Thank you. (Candidate B) can you ask (Candidate A) a question please?</i> Candidate A asks question; Candidate B responds.
40 secs	Examiner asks 2 or 3 follow-up questions as appropriate from the topic prompt list

Stage 3: Problem solving (3 minutes)

25 secs	Examiner: Thank you. Now let's go to the next task.
	I'm going to give you a card which has information about a problem.
	I'd like you to read the information and then discuss together how you are going to solve the problem.
	You have 2 minutes to do this. Here is your problem.
	Stage 3 sample problem solving card
	Your classmates have not been keeping the school tidy. After lessons there is litter in the classrooms and in the halls.
	With your partner, discuss this problem and decide what you can do to make the school a nicer, cleaner place for everyone.
	Candidates read card (20 secs) then ask them to start speaking.
2 mins	Candidates discuss the problem and a solution.
35 secs	Examiner: OK, can you stop now please.
	Option A (for candidates who have reached a solution):
	Thank you. (Move straight on to a question)
	Option B (for candidates who have not reached a solution):
	Can you agree on a solution? What is it?
	Candidates explain

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Then examiner asks 1 or 2 follow-up questions as appropriate from the list of problem solving prompts.

Stage 3 example follow-up questions

- Do you think your (solution) will be effective enough? Why?/Why not?
- What role do you think _____ plays in this problem? Why?
- ______ sounds interesting. Could you tell me more about that/ this?

Please stop there. That's the end of the test.

Thank you and goodbye.