



iTEP Conversation

Accurately measure everyday English conversation skills in less than 30 minutes

An ideal English assessment tool for:
classrooms, businesses, and more



| Section | Format & Time | Description |
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| Part 1 | Audio questions that also appear on screen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One minute preparation ➤ One minute to speak | Opening Questions Test-taker asked to introduce him/herself and speak about friends and family |
| Part 2 | Part 2 – Reading Aloud A reading selection will appear on the screen for you to read out loud <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One minute preparation ➤ One minute to speak | Short Passage Reading Test-taker asked to read an intermediate-level passage of approximately 85 words, speaking clearly and accurately |
| Part 3 | Part 3 – Short Answer Three audio questions that also appear on Screen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 30 seconds preparation ➤ 30 seconds to speak | Short Answer – Specific Topic Test-taker asked to answer questions about an informal, everyday topic |
| Part 4 2 Sections | Part 4 – Photos Section A Photo – with three questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 30 seconds preparation ➤ 30 seconds to speak | Photo – Response Section Test-taker is shown two photos and asked to answer three brief questions about each |
| | Part 4 – Photos Section B Photo – with three questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 30 seconds preparation ➤ 30 seconds to speak | |
| Part 5 | Part 5 – Documents Document Selection Section Three questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 30 seconds preparation ➤ 30 seconds to speak | Document – Short Answer Test-taker is asked to answer three questions of personal choice based on a document presented on screen |
| Part 6 2 Sections | Part 6 – Topic Discussion Section A One question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One minute preparation ➤ One minute to speak | Topic Discussion Test-taker is asked about a topic and given one minute to prepare a minute-long response offering a personal opinion |
| | Part 6 – Agree or Disagree? Section B One question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One minute preparation ➤ One minute to speak | Agree or Disagree? Two different sides of an issue are presented and the test-taker is asked to support one with a minute-long response |



Scoring/Grading

iTEP Conversation tests are evaluated by native English speakers with years of experience teaching in the field of English as a Second Language. Graders are extensively trained and follow a standardized rubric to ensure fairness. Calibration and norming exercises are conducted frequently to ensure reliability from one grader to the next.

To score the test, graders evaluate each reply based on specific criteria such as vocabulary range, accurate use of grammatical structures, logical organization of language, and general fluency and pronunciation. The final score is the cumulative of the average of all of the scores awarded in each section.

| Skill Tested | Score Range |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Verbal Fluency | 0-5 |
| Linguistic Accuracy | 0-5 |
| Vocabulary Range | 0-5 |
| Content | 0-5 |
| Overall Score | 0-5 and 1-100 |

DESCRIPTION OF SKILLS ASSESSED

Verbal Fluency

Clarity of speech, required effort for listeners to understand, hesitations, phonetic pronunciation, phonologic pronunciation, intonation, etc.

Linguistic Accuracy

Grammatical accuracy, range, difficulty, compound sentences, variety of tenses, pronoun agreement, etc.

Vocabulary Range

Vocabulary variety, depth, ambiguity, appropriate idioms, metaphors/analogies, etc.

Content

This skill is scored based on the question addressed, response organization, transition use, persuasiveness, expression of opinion, offering of opposing viewpoints, etc.

AT A GLANCE

Speaking is such an important part of how we communicate in so many settings. Yet, many English tests don't assess speaking skills. Others include speaking as one section in a longer test. But sometimes, a simple, 30-minute speaking assessment is what is needed.

That's why iTEP developed the iTEP Conversation test. Other exams in the iTEP series are already used by hundreds of colleges, universities, and high schools in the US.

iTEP Conversation is designed to give test-takers an opportunity to speak freely about things that they already know. Questions are friendly, and similar to the questions that come up in casual conversations. All questions are free-response (as opposed to multiple-choice or fill-in-the-blanks) to allow test-takers to speak as much as they are able to.



You should talk about:

1. What you see in the picture
2. What the men are doing
3. Why they are dressed the same way



Talk about:

1. Where you are from
2. Your family members
3. Your favorite hobbies and activities and so on.

