

IELTS Life Skills A1 Speaking and Listening Sample Test A

This test should not exceed 18 minutes.

Please note: With the exception of the Task Sheet in Phase 2a, this sample test frame will be used only by the Examiner. It will not be shown to the candidates.

⊕ 4 – 5 minutes	Phase 1a	
	estions from those provided in the tes , where candidates live, and free time	
5 minutes	Phase 1b	
Now I'd like you to ask eac	ch other [signal] some questions.	
(Candida neighbours.	ate A), I'd like you to ask	(Candidate B) about his/her
(Candidate favourite time of year.	ate B), I'd like you to ask	(Candidate A) about his/her
-	tions you want to ask. You have if you want to. [Indicate paper and	
If you don't understand, p	lease ask me.	
[Withdraw eye contact to sig	ınal start of preparation. Allow 1½ mi	inutes for preparation.]
questions. [Allow up to 2 m	A), are you ready? Please askninutes.]	(Candidate B) your
Thank you.		
(Candidate questions. [Allow up to 2 m	B), are you ready? Please ask ninutes.]	(Candidate A) your
Thank you.		



4 minutes

Phase 2a

In this part of the test, you are going to listen to two recordings and answer some questions. You can make notes [indicate paper] if you want to.

You hear two people talking about their plans for the weekend. [Hand each candidate the booklet open at the correct page.] Where do they want to go at the weekend? To a town, to the mountains, or to the park?

Where do they want to go at the weekend?







to a town

to the mountains

to the park

Listen to the information. [Play CD.]

Listening script 1:

I want to go to Littlegate this weekend. My cousin lives there and there are shops, a cinema and great restaurants. It's easy to get there. A return ticket by train only costs £7. There's a brilliant market too and we want to go there to buy some jeans.

Listening script 2:

I want to spend the weekend there with my friends. We usually go there in winter to ski, but this time we want to climb to the top – it takes about 4 hours, but then you can look down on the sea. I just hope my new boots are comfortable!

weekend? To	_ (Candidate A), in the <u>first</u> recording, where does the woman want to go at the
weekend? 10	a town, to the mountains, or to the park?
Thank you.	
weekend? To	$\underline{\ }$ (Candidate B), in the $\underline{\ }$ recording, where does the man want to go at the a town, to the mountains, or to the park?
Thank you. [Ta	ake back booklets.]
Now listen aga	ain, and answer these questions.
pause] And ho	_ (Candidate B), in the <u>first</u> recording, who can the woman see in Littlegate? [short w much is a return ticket?

[Play CD again: scripts as above. At the end of the recording ask each candidate in turn their two questions again. After **each** question, **wait** for the candidate's response.]

mountain? [short pause] And what is the man worried about?

(Candidate A), in the second recording, how many hours does it take to climb the

Thank you.



③ 3 – 4 minutes

Phase 2b

Now you're going to talk together about places you like to go to at the weekend. Talk to each other about places that you like to go to, and what you like to do there.

[Repeat if necessary. Withdraw eye contact to signal start of activity.

If necessary, prompt candidates with questions from the box below (e.g. if students are experiencing difficulty in continuing the interaction or if they stray from the topic). Adapt if necessary. Encourage candidate-candidate interaction by eliciting agreement or alternative opinions from candidates by asking questions such as "What do you think?", "Tell us what you think.", "And you?"]

Weekend plans - prompt questions

Who do you like to go out with at the weekend? (What do you do?)

Do you like going to new places? (Why?/Why not?)

Which places are good for children to go to?

What do people in your country like to do in their free time?

Thank you. That is the end of the test.

[Ensure candidates DO NOT leave the room with the candidate booklet.]

Key to Phase 2a

Where do they want to go at the weekend?

Script 1: to a town

Script 2: to the mountains

Candidate B:

Who can the woman see in Littlegate? (her) cousin

How much is a return ticket? £7

Candidate A:

How many hours does it take to climb the mountain? (about) 4 (hours)

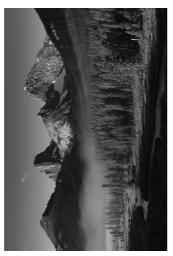
What is the man worried about? (his) (new) boots/he hopes that his

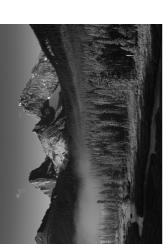
boots are comfortable

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to the mountains

to a town

to the park