

Speaking Test Part One

Imagine you don't know each other – try to find out as much info about each other as possible.

P1: Hello, nice to meet you. How are you doing?/ How are you?

P2: Hello, nice to meet you, too. I'm fine, thanks. What about you? How are you doing?/ How are you?

P1: I'm fine, too. What are you doing here?

P2: I'm waiting for a friend./ I 'm on my way to a friend (etc).
And you?

P1: I'm on my way to the city centre, I need a present for my Mum's birthday/ sister's birthday (etc).

P2: Oh, really?! What about your family?
Have you got any sisters and brothers?

P1: Yes, I have got one sister and two brothers. My older sister is 21 one years old – she works as a bank clerk. My brother is 15 – he's still attending school. My little brother is only 10 – he goes to elementary school.

Now, what about you? Have you got any sisters and brothers?

P2: No, I'm an only child. My parents both have got demanding jobs – so they decided to have only one child.

P1: I see, so what's your parents' profession? What do they do for living?

P2: Well, my father works at a computer firm. He develops new software. My mother is a pharmacist (= Apotheker). She runs her own pharmacy. She almost works ten hours a day ...
What about your parents?

P1: You see, my father is a teacher and my mother works at a nursery school. They always wanted to have more than one child and they were successful, weren't they?!
What about your hobbies?

P2: Well, I like dancing a lot. At the moment I'm doing an extra course in Salsa – you not only learn how to dance better but also you get to know a lot of people. I listen to pop music, too. My favourite singer is Madonna. She's already in her fifties but her body and look are amazing! I also love going to the cinema. I will never forget the film Titanic by James Cameron. After the ship hit the iceberg I really thought all the water was running into the cinema and the audience risked to drown! An unforgettable moment! What about your spare time activities?

P1: Ok, I love inline-skating. I usually do it in the park – you need a lot of space, don't you?! Especially when you go rather fast like I do! By the way, I do a lot of different kinds of sport. It just helps you to keep fit and in good shape, if you know what I mean. Furthermore I play a musical instrument.

P2: Really – kind of?

P1: Well, at the age of 4 I started to play the flute, but at the age of seven my parents suggested me playing the piano – Ok – I'm not as good as Lang-Lang - the famous Chinese piano player- but I can play very well.
And I can play music while I'm singing.

P2: Sounds great! Have you ever seen Lang-Lang playing live? I heard that he was in Berlin last month!

P1: Well, I would have loved to, but I hadn't the chance to get there. Speaking of Berlin ... have you ever been there?
Do you like the city?

P2: Yes, I like Berlin. It's a city that offers a lot of opportunities and culture! For instance you can choose between different kinds of theatres, clubs and bars. The 'Wintergarten' – a replica of the

famous club in the roaring twenties - combines all of that: you can have a drink and enjoy brilliant artists performing on stage at the same time!

P1: Yeah, I agree with you – Berlin is a fascinating city. Especially due to its history as well. At every corner you find exciting spots, like museums with Egyptian sculptures or wonderful paintings. This is what I enjoyed most on my last trip to Paris – the enormous offer of museums holding paintings of Van Gogh, Manet and Monet. There I could talk to several people standing in front of the same painting - you can learn a lot if you enjoy travelling, I think.

P2: That's true! Last summer I went to Taizé – I got to know several people from different countries with diverse religious affiliations (= Konfessionen). So it was quite interesting to listen to their tales of their native countries and to talk about things that really matter, like Aids and the consequences or the climate change. That was definitely a big issue!

P1: Oh dear, I just have to leave! I'm afraid – but the shop will be closed in twenty minutes and I need the present urgently! It was really nice to meet. Have a good time. Enjoy yourself. Bye.

P2: Yes, was a pleasure to meet you, too! Take care. Bye.



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