

# Test5a



Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit



Do Not Turn The Page Until  
You Are Told To Do So. ►

SPEAK is produced by the Test of English as a Foreign Language program.

## GENERAL DIRECTIONS

In this test you will be able to demonstrate how well you speak English. The test will last approximately twenty minutes. You will be asked questions by an interviewer. The questions are printed in the test book, and the time you will have to answer each one is printed in parentheses after the question. You are encouraged to answer the questions as completely as possible in the time allowed. While most of the questions on the test may not appear to be directly related to your academic or professional field, each question is designed to tell the raters about your oral language ability. The raters will evaluate how well you communicate in English.

As you speak, your voice will be recorded. Your score for the test will be based on your speech sample. Be sure to speak loudly enough for the machine to record clearly what you say. Now please start your tape recorder so that it will record what you say. Your tape recorder should now be running and recording. Do not stop your tape recorder at any time during the test. If you have a problem with the tape recorder, notify the test supervisor immediately.



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Now the interviewer will ask you three questions. These questions are for practice and will not be scored, but it is important that you answer them.

Where are you taking this test? (10 seconds)

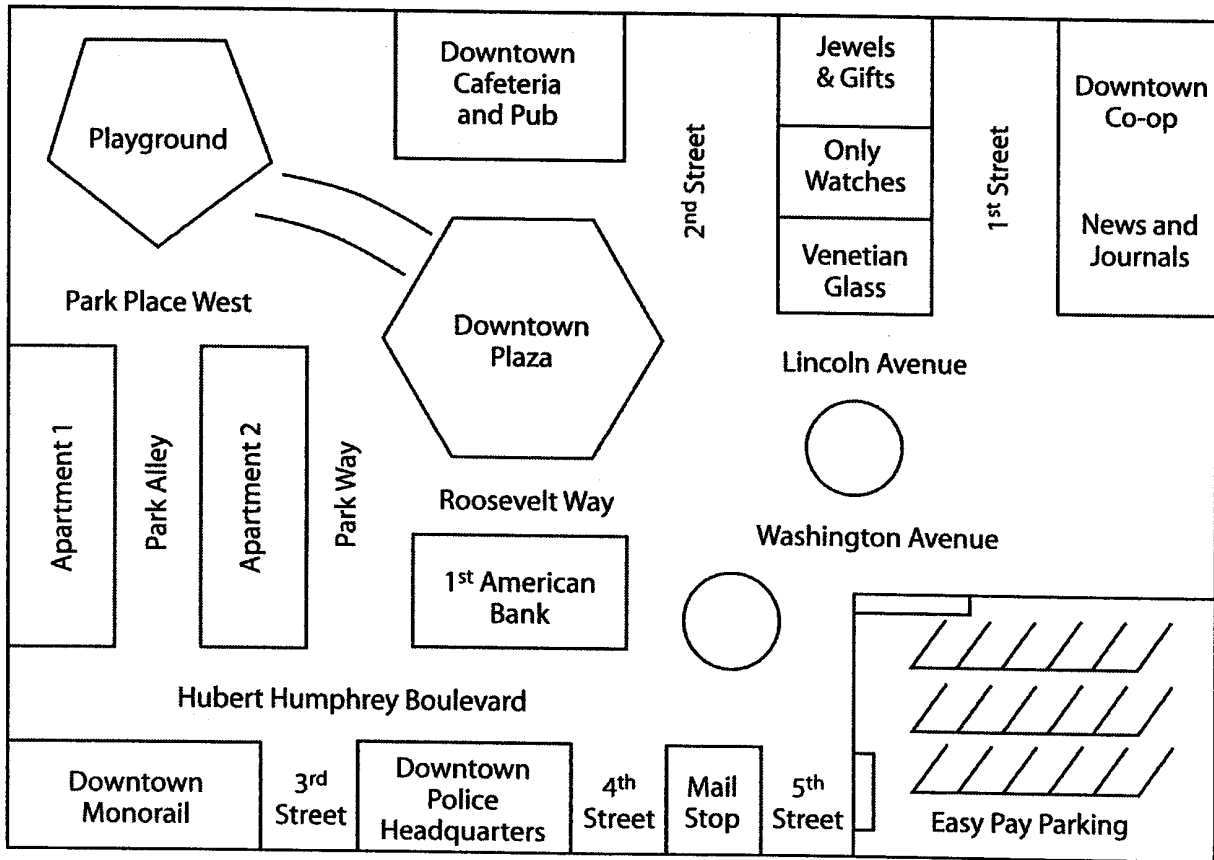
What year were you born? (10 seconds)

What is your field of study? (10 seconds)

Now the test will begin. Be sure to speak clearly and say as much as you can in responding to each question.



I am coming to visit you at work. Below is a map of the downtown area where you work. Please take 30 seconds to study the map.



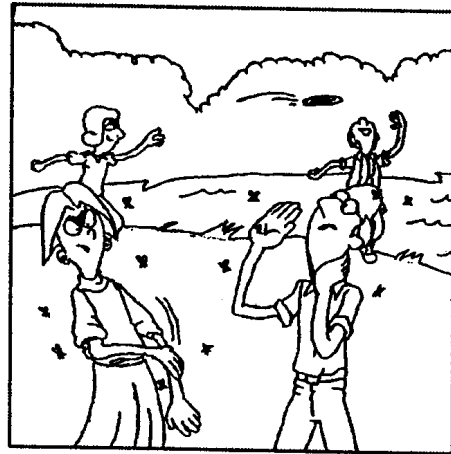
1. After we eat lunch today, I will have some time to shop while you finish working. Recommend something for me to buy. (30 seconds)
2. I will be arriving on the downtown monorail and will meet you for lunch. Please give me directions from the downtown monorail to the Downtown Cafeteria and Pub. (30 seconds)
3. The Downtown Plaza often features Art and Music Festivals. Tell me about your favorite kind of art. (60 seconds)



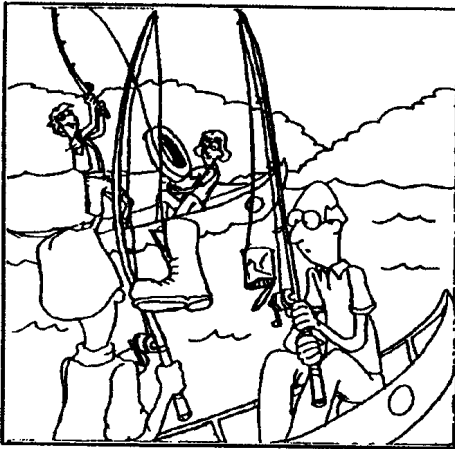
Now please look at the six pictures below. I'd like you to tell me the story that the pictures show, starting with picture number 1 and going through picture number 6. Please take one minute to look at the pictures and think about the story. Do not begin the story until I tell you to do so.



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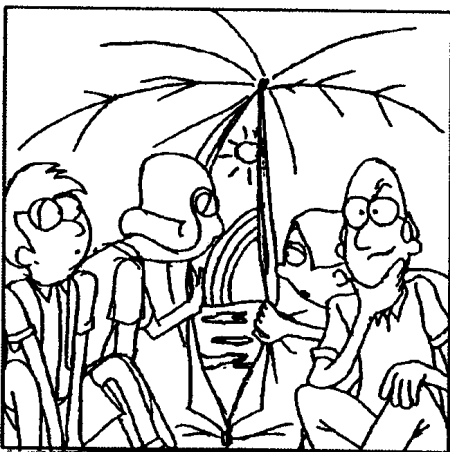
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4. Please tell the story that the pictures show. (60 seconds)
  
5. Imagine that you are one of the people in the story. Every year, you vacation with the same couple who are good friends of yours. This year, you wish to travel only with your spouse. Persuade your spouse to vacation without your friends this year. (45 seconds)
  
6. The couples in this story are vacationing outdoors. Some people prefer vacations that take place in nature, while other people prefer vacations to interesting cities. What are the pros and cons of vacationing in nature versus vacationing in the city? (60 seconds)



Now I'd like to hear your ideas about several topics. Be sure to say as much as you can in responding to each question. After I ask each question, you may take a few seconds to prepare your answer, and then begin speaking when you're ready.

7. I am a colleague from a different field, and I am interested in learning more about what you study. What is the most important recent discovery in your field? (60 seconds)

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8. In many places in the world, large corporations are buying out small family farms. What is your opinion about this issue? (60 seconds)

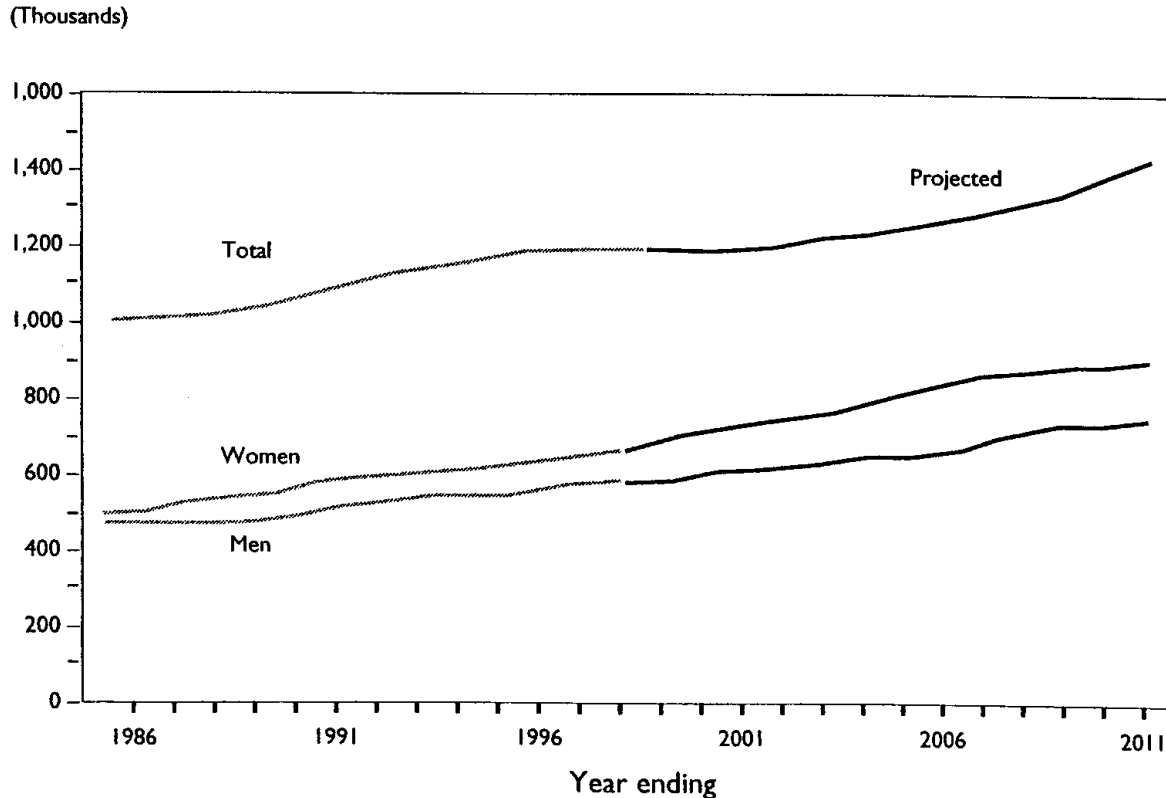
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9. Tell me about the transportation system in your country. (60 seconds)

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10. Although I can see the graph below, please tell me about the information in it. (60 seconds)

**Figure 41.—Bachelor's degrees, by sex of recipient, with projections: 1985-86 to 2010-11**



11. What predictions can you make based on the graph? (45 seconds)



12. You are president of the Film Lover's Society. At the last meeting, you handed out a schedule for a Film Discussion Day. Since then, some changes have been made to the schedule. You need to review the whole schedule as well as note the changes that have been made. Do not just read the announcement, but present the information as though you were speaking to an audience. You have 60 seconds to study the announcement. (90 seconds)

## **Film Lover's Discussion Day!**

When: Saturday, March 15, 10:00-~~5:00~~  
7:00

Where: Civic Planetarium\*

University Auditorium

What:

10:00 Welcome Film Lovers!

10:30 Viewing: ~~La Dolce Vita~~ (Fellini)  
"9 1/2"

12:30 Lunch Discussion: Fellini: Manic or  
Depressive?

2:00 Dark Saints: David Lynch &  
Stanley Kubrik

4:00 Special Viewing — Striker, Russian with  
English subtitles

6:00 Drinks

\* very cold inside; bring a sweater or jacket