

Key points



- Around 7 times in the test
- 20 seconds to complete
- Testing: Reading and speaking
- Scored on: Content, fluency, pronunciation

Literacy & Conversation

1. Content

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"If you need help getting another job, I'll help you with that."

1. Content

- Don't **add** words

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"If you need help getting another job, I'll help you with that."

To

1. Content

- Don't **add** words
- Don't **omit** words *skip*
- Don't **replace** words

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"If you need help getting another job, I'll help you with that."

helping

2. Fluency

- Speed
- Sentence stress & rhythm
- Connected speech
- Pausing

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"If you need help getting another job, I'll help you with that."

2. Fluency

Sentence stress & rhythm

- Content words are stressed

words carrying the meaning	example
main verbs	SELL, GIVE, EMPLOY
nouns	CAR, MUSIC, MARY
adjectives	RED, BIG, INTERESTING
adverbs	QUICKLY, WHY, NEVER
negative auxiliaries	DON'T, AREN'T, CAN'T

2. Fluency

Sentence stress & rhythm

- Content words are stressed
- Function words are not stressed

words for correct grammar	example
pronouns	he, we, they
prepositions	on, at, into
articles	a, an, the
conjunctions	and, but, because
auxiliary verbs	do, be, have, can, must

2. Fluency

Sentence stress & rhythm

- Content words are stressed
- Function words are not stressed
- Time between stressed words is about the same.

Record yourself saying the statement below:



“Do you know if he is busy this morning?”

2. Fluency

Connected speech

- Weak and strong forms of words
- Contractions
- Linking

2. Fluency

Connected speech

- Strong and weak forms of words
content words

2. Fluency

Connected speech

- Strong and weak forms of words

grammar words



but = /bə(t)/

can = /kən/

have = /həv/

and = /ən/

a = /ə/

an = /ən/

the = /ðə/

than = /ðən/

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"Star Wars is good, **but** it's not **as** good **a** movie **as** people say."

/bət/ /əz/ /ə/ /əz/

2. Fluency

Connected speech

- Weak and strong forms of words
 - Contractions
 - Linking
- I will = I'll
 - He is = he's
 - He has = he's
 - She would = she'd
 - We have = we've
 - It had = it'd

2. Fluency

Linking

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"Star Wars is good, but it's not as good a movie as people say."

/z/

/t/

/t/

/d/

/j/

2. Fluency

Linking

Vowel to vowel linking

/j/ /w/ /r/

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"Star Wars is good, but it's not as good a movie as people say."

/z/

/t/

/t/

/d/

/j/

2. Fluency

Pausing

Record yourself saying the statement below:



"If you need help getting another job, I'll help you with that."

3. Pronunciation

- Vowel sounds *Long and short vowels*
- Consonant sounds
- Consonant clusters
- Word stress

Record yourself saying the statement below:



If I had known about the party, I would have come.

Record yourself saying the statement below:



If I had known about the party, I would have come.

I'd

/n/

/ðə/

I'd've / I would've

Record yourself saying the statement below:



I will ask him to come over as soon as possible.

Record yourself saying the statement below:



I will ask him to come over as soon as possible.

I'll /ɪ/

/tə/

/m/

/əz/

/n/ /əz/

Speaking: *Your Turn*

Speak your answer to the question below

Describe a skill that you can teach to others. What is the skill? When did you learn it? How can you teach it?

Read, Then Speak

Describe how technology has changed the way we interact with each other.

- Do you think that it has made us more social?
- Has it had a positive or negative impact on society?
- How will it change the way we interact in the future?

Yes, overall I think that technology has made us more social albeit in a different way than in the past. The invention of online social media sites, like Facebook, has dramatically reduced the need to have face-to-face interactions, and this has been very helpful especially since 2020. Through these social media platforms, people can easily keep in touch and communicate with whoever they want from anywhere in the world. Actually, I have experienced this because since last year I have been learning Japanese from a Japanese teacher who lives in Tokyo from my home in Germany. It's amazing that I have this opportunity thanks to new technology. So based on this, I believe that technology has made us more social. Moving on to the next question, if I had to make a prediction, I'd say that interactions among people are going to become more digital in the future. I think this because many of my younger friends and colleagues would much prefer to communicate with me digitally, via text or online chat, rather than in person. So based on this, I strongly believe that technology will encourage more people to interact online rather than in real life.