



**OXFORD
TEST OF ENGLISH**

A2 PRACTICE TEST 2



OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Contents

Test 2

Speaking module	3
Listening module	5
Reading module	9
Writing module	14

Test 2

Speaking

Part 1 Interview

D1.01 You are going to answer eight questions. You have 10 seconds per question for questions 1 and 2, and 20 seconds per question for questions 3–8. Start speaking when you hear the tone. Try to speak for the full amount of time.

Part 2 Voice message 1

D1.02 You are going to leave a voice message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voice message. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You ordered some food to be delivered from a restaurant. You want to complain about your food delivery. Leave a voice message for the restaurant manager. In your message, you should:

- explain who you are
- describe what was wrong with the food
- say what you want the manager to do.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Part 2 Voice message 2

D1.03 You are going to reply to a voice message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voice message. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

Listen to the message from your friend about choosing a place to live while at university. Then, leave a voice message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- respond to your friend's news
- ask some questions about different places
- say what you think your friend should do.

Now listen to the message.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Part 3 Talk

D1.04 You are going to give a talk. Read and listen to the task. You have 60 seconds to give your talk. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going to give a talk to your English class about different leisure activities to do on holiday.

Choose **two** photographs. Tell your class why these two activities are good to do on holiday.

You now have 30 seconds to think about what you want to say.



Horse riding



Go-karting



Rock climbing



Surfing

Part 4 Follow-up questions

D1.05 You are going to answer six questions about your talk. You have 30 seconds to answer each question. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

Listening

Part 1

P2.01 Listen and choose the correct picture (A, B, or C).

- 1 A man is talking to his wife. Where is the man's phone?



A



B



C

- 2 A boy and his friend are talking. Which sport is the boy going to do?



A



B



C

- 3 A woman is giving some information about a hotel. What do guests have to pay for?



A



B



C

- 4 A man is giving information about student rooms. What must students bring with them?



A



B



C

- 5 A woman and her husband are making a plan. Where do they decide to go?



A



B



C

Part 2

CD2.02 Listen to a man talking about a university open day. Choose the correct answers to complete the notes. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.



North Hill University Open Days

Dates

- 0 To attend an Open Day, you must contact the university by **A**
- A** 1st April.
 - B** 25th April.
 - C** 15th May.

Travel

- 1 The best way to reach the university is
- A** by train.
 - B** by car.
 - C** by bus.

Check-in

- 2 You must bring with you to check in.
- A** an ID card
 - B** an email
 - C** a welcome pack

Visiting the departments

- 3 In the department, you will be able to
- A** choose the subject you want to study.
 - B** make friends with the student helpers.
 - C** find out information about studying there.

Living at the university

- 4 If you get a room with one other person, you will pay
- A** £120.
 - B** £135.
 - C** £150.

Visiting the city

- 5 On Wednesdays, you can visit
- A** the castle.
 - B** the museum.
 - C** the art gallery.

Part 3

D2.03 Listen to a man and a woman talking about their friends' new home. Match the people (the woman, the man, or both) to the opinions below. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

- 0 The house is too small.

		
woman	man	both

- 1 Eating in the garden was nice.

		
woman	man	both

- 2 The walls are a nice colour.

		
woman	man	both

- 3 The couple paid too much for the house.

		
woman	man	both

- 4 Life in the country is boring.

		
woman	man	both

- 5 Buses are a good way to travel.

		
woman	man	both

Part 4

CD 2.04 Listen and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

1 A woman is talking to a friend about a wedding. What is the woman going to buy?

- A a hat
- B some shoes
- C a dress

2 A woman is talking to a man. Who is the woman?

- A the man's neighbour
- B the man's wife
- C the man's colleague

3 A man is leaving a voice message about a parcel. Why is the man leaving the message?

- A to explain where to leave it
- B to complain about the service
- C to check the time of day

4 A young man is talking to a friend about university. How does he feel about his first year?

- A He often felt alone.
- B His teachers were unfriendly.
- C The lessons were uninteresting.

5 A brother and sister are in a bookshop. Which book do they choose for their grandmother?

- A an art book
- B a novel
- C a cookbook

Reading

Part 1

1 Read the email and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

TO: Jack
FROM: Mark
SUBJECT: Oscar's party

Oscar's party starts at 7.00 p.m., but I know you work on Friday evenings. We could go at 7.30. I can pick you up from the cafe on the High Street – the one near the station.

Why did Mark send this email to his friend?

- A to give him directions to the cafe
- B to ask him to leave work early
- C to arrange to go to the party later

2 Read the blog entry and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

www.cleanplanet.oup.uk

Yesterday's beach clean-up was great. We collected a mountain of plastic bags, bottles and drink cans! We didn't save the world, but that's OK. Doing anything – even something small – is important for the planet.

What is the writer's main message?

- A Every person can help the environment.
- B People throw away too much rubbish.
- C It is too difficult to protect nature.

3 Read the advert and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

Bluebell Theme Park

Ticket Prices

£30 each for adults: order your tickets two weeks before and pay just £25. Tickets for visitors aged 5 to 16 are £20 and under 5s go free. There are no special deals for groups.

What does the advert tell customers?

- A Large families get a cheaper price.
- B Children can enter without paying.
- C Booking early will save you money.

4 Read the note and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

Mrs Carter is unwell and won't be available to do your speaking exams on Monday. Please come to my office for a new time. This is not a reason to stop preparing for your exam.

John Harper, Head Teacher

Why is Mr Harper writing to the students?

- A to say that they should study hard
- B to arrange a different day for their exam
- C to tell them that their teacher is ill

5 Read the blog entry and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

www.james1992.oup.uk

The new playground is now open. It's a place for kids to run, jump and climb. I can't believe that they have finished it already. Well done to everybody who was part of this project!

How does the writer feel about the new playground?

- A surprised that it is ready
- B happy that he helped with it
- C worried that it is dangerous

6 Read the notice and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).**Dear colleagues**

Do not leave cups or plates on your desk. Please remember that the cleaners only come in on Fridays. Please wash and put away the things you use and keep the kitchen area free from rubbish. Thank you.

What does the notice say?

- A Nobody should eat or drink at the desks.
- B The kitchen should stay tidy at all times.
- C Cleaners remove trash from the office.

Part 2

My clothing business

**Esra**

I started selling my things online three years ago. I used to make clothes for my family and friends, who loved the styles I made. When I was 18, I bought a machine to help me produce more and started advertising on social media. The first things I made weren't brilliant, but I've improved since then, and that's the most important thing for me. My customers are lovely, and they always tell their friends about me. If I continue to have the same success, I will soon need to employ someone to help me!

**Piotr**

My customers have their own ideas for the clothes they buy, so it's important that I find the right materials. At weekends, I look for ideas online and spend the week working. It's not easy working seven days a week! My customers are really pleased with the results. When I first began making things, I used to get angry with myself if they weren't perfect, but my family said 'keep trying and everything will be OK', and they were right!

**Molly**

I don't sell as many things as I would like because I only started a few months ago. I'm very pleased with the clothes I make, but I don't know what my customers think of them. I often go to charity shops to find items I can make into something else. Sometimes my family or friends give me old clothes and ask me to make something new from them. I want to start advertising my clothes on social media, and once I have a page, I will. I hope that my business will develop better then.

Read the questions (1–6) and match them to the correct text about making and selling clothes (A–C).

- 1 Who has been happy with their products?
A Esra B Piotr C Molly

- 2 Who says their customers tell them what they want?
A Esra B Piotr C Molly

- 3 Who wants to give someone a job?
A Esra B Piotr C Molly

- 4 Who uses other people's clothes?
A Esra B Piotr C Molly

- 5 Who likes their customers?
A Esra B Piotr C Molly

- 6 Who says their job is difficult?
A Esra B Piotr C Molly

Part 3

Six sentences are missing from this text. Choose the correct sentence (A–G) for each gap (1–6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Holiday worries

There's something about getting ready for a holiday that makes me worried and I don't know why because I love holidays. But every year I have the feeling that we have forgotten to do or take something.

I know when we get to where we're staying, we'll have a good time, we always do.¹ However, I try not to let this feeling turn our holiday into a negative experience.

We always prepare carefully.² Then we start putting everything into our 'holiday box'. I usually begin doing this a few weeks before we travel.

We make sure that everyone who needs to know we are going away has the dates of our trip.

.....³ However, they can reach me if something important happens.

My wife always checks that we have the correct travel documents.⁴ The children's task is to find interesting places to go.

My children don't know why I get so worried and often joke about it.⁵ I started to look everywhere until I heard him laughing with the rest of the family. As you can imagine, I didn't find it funny at all.

I'm sure I'm not the only person who dislikes the stress of holidays.⁶ I imagine there is one somewhere. But for now, I'll try to stop worrying and enjoy my holidays.

- A** The reply on my work email says, 'out of office', so my colleagues know.
- B** One year my son told me he didn't have his passport.
- C** One day, I'll look for a social media group so I can discuss my feelings with other people.
- D** But when we prepare to go, I really wish we were staying at home.
- E** I always try to think about what each family member needs from the holiday.
- F** We make a list of all the things we need to get ready.
- G** My job is to make sure we know how to get to the hotel.

Part 4

Read the article about sleep. For each question (1–4), choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

Sleeping

We often hear that the best amount of sleep is eight hours. But is this actually true? Some people sleep much longer, and others say they feel great with only five or six hours. New parents sometimes have to manage with even less!

Researchers asked 40,000 people about their sleeping habits. They discovered that those who sleep fewer than six hours don't think clearly or explain things well compared with those who sleep eight hours. Surprisingly, people who sleep for longer than that have similar problems with their thinking and speaking abilities.

But getting a good night's sleep isn't always easy. Some people go to bed and lie awake for hours. Others fall asleep and then wake up again later. Some people complain that they wake up in the morning feeling tired. **This** may be because they have slept, but not very well.

So what causes these problems? A heavy meal or a headache can cause us to lie awake, but many people find that stress is the biggest factor. Thoughts about work or relationships go round in our heads and stop us from sleeping well.

Is there anything we can do? Going to bed at the same time every night is a good idea. Certain foods may keep you awake so eat your evening meal early. Some people think 'blue light' from screens keeps our brain awake, but not everyone agrees with this.

- 1 In the first paragraph, what does the writer say about sleep?
 - A It isn't true that we need eight hours' sleep.
 - B We don't all sleep the same number of hours.
 - C Parents of young children don't need much sleep.

- 2 In the third paragraph, what does '**this**' refer to?
 - A feeling tired in the morning
 - B waking up in the night
 - C getting a good night's sleep

- 3 The reason most people have difficulty sleeping is that ...
 - A they are in pain.
 - B they eat the wrong food.
 - C they feel worried.

- 4 What should you always do before bed?
 - A have something to eat
 - B follow the same routine
 - C avoid using your phone

Writing

Part 1

You have 20 minutes to write an email. Write 80–130 words.

You have invited your friend Sam to go to a film festival next weekend. First, read the email below from Sam about the festival. Then write an email to Sam, including the three notes you have made.

FROM: Sam
SUBJECT: Film Festival

Hi,

I'm really excited about the film festival. Thanks for inviting me! **What types of film are they going to show?**
You know that I love science fiction!

give details

The film festival is on all day. **Do you think we should bring some food with us?**

suggest

My sister loves films and wants to come with us too – **I hope that's OK.**

Yes

Write soon.

Sam

Part 2

For Writing Part 2, choose one question, the essay OR the review.

Part 2 Essay

You have 25 minutes to write an essay. Write 100–160 words.

You have had a class discussion on travel. Your teacher now wants you to write an essay.

The title of the essay is:

What can we do to make sure tourism doesn't damage the environment?

Write your essay.

Part 2 Review

You have 25 minutes to write a review. Write 100–160 words.

You have seen the following advert in an online magazine for English language students.

Write a review for the magazine.

Reviews wanted

Write a review of an app that you use regularly. What do you use it for? How does it make your life better? Is there anything you'd like to improve about it? We will publish the best reviews in the next issue of *E-magazine*.

Write your review.

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Great Clarendon Street, Oxford, OX2 6DP, United Kingdom

Oxford University Press is a department of the University of Oxford.
It furthers the University's objective of excellence in research, scholarship,
and education by publishing worldwide. Oxford is a registered trade
mark of Oxford University Press in the UK and in certain other countries

© Oxford University Press 2023

The moral rights of the author have been asserted

First published in 2023

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored
in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, without
the prior permission in writing of Oxford University Press, or as expressly
permitted by law, by licence or under terms agreed with the appropriate
reprographics rights organization. Enquiries concerning reproduction
outside the scope of the above should be sent to the ELT Rights Department,
Oxford University Press, at the address above

You must not circulate this work in any other form and you must impose this
same condition on any acquirer

Links to third party websites are provided by Oxford in good faith and for
information only. Oxford disclaims any responsibility for the materials
contained in any third party website referenced in this work

PHOTOCOPYING

The Publisher grants permission for the photocopying of those pages
marked 'photocopiable' according to the following conditions. Individual
purchasers may make copies for their own use or for use by classes that they
teach. School purchasers may make copies for use by staff and students, but
this permission does not extend to additional schools or branches

Under no circumstances may any part of this publication be photocopied for
resale

ISBN: 978 0 19 456066 5

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The publisher would like to thank the following for the permission to reproduce
photographs:* Digital vision/Getty p.11 (mature man outdoors), Fancy/Alamy
p.11 (middle-aged white man), Oxford University Press pp.4 (Go-karting/
Nicky Rhodes), 4 (Surfing/Yuval Beraru), Photodisk/Getty p.11 (young
businesswoman), Shutterstock pp.4 (Horse riding/mazur serhiy UA), 4 (Rock
climbing/Salienko Evgenii)

Illustrations by: Richard Osley/NB Illustration: p.5

*Although every effort has been made to trace and contact copyright holders
before publication, this has not been possible in some cases. We apologise for any
apparent infringement of copyright and, if notified, the publisher will be pleased
to rectify any errors or omissions at the earliest possible opportunity.*