

Your oral interview consists of two components:

(1) uploading a recording of one dialogue (of two selected from the video for Live from Russia!) to demonstrate your best pronunciation and intonation in Russian; and

(2) playing a role play situation to demonstrate your ability to communicate in Russian.

The entire interview will take no more than 5 minutes. There is a total of 25 points available; the grade for the interview will consist of the percentage of points awarded.

Notes for Part 1

You do NOT have to memorize the dialogues. Prepare for the recitation of the dialogue by practicing with the DVD from your textbook or on the textbook website. You will record and submit the dialogue on Canvas. This will be done PRIOR to the oral interview (Part 2).

The dialogue will be chosen from either unit 9 (Оля и Кевин в Звенигороде) or unit 10 (Таня на экзамене). The specific text will be posted on Canvas. Your performance will be graded on the basis of the following criteria:

Pace (rate of speech): 0-2 points

Pronunciation (systematic errors in voicing/devoicing of consonants, correct placement of stress, correct reduction of unstressed vowels, pronunciation of all syllables and words in the text): 0-4 points

Intonation (consistent use of intonation patterns): 0-4 points

Notes for Part 2

You will be asked to play through one of the following situations with your instructor:

A: Imagine that you are interviewing a famous Russian. Find out about his/her interests, when and how his/her professional career began, what and where s/he studied, what sports s/he plays, etc..

B: Discuss how you spent spring break, and contemplate where you will spend summer vacation.

You will *not* be assessed on the number of grammatical errors in your communication for this part! Rather, the focus is on successful communication. Your performance in this part of the interview will be graded on the following criteria:

Fulfillment of communication task: 0-3 points

Comprehensibility of your speech: 0-2 points

Your comprehension of my speech (evidenced by appropriate responses): 2 points

Use of appropriate vocabulary: 0-2 points

Pronunciation, intonation: 0-2 points

Pace (rate of speech): 0-2 points

Appropriateness of communication: 0-2 points