

My ESL Pre-Session

Hello Student!

This is your first ESL practice sheet. Today we will:

- Introduce ourselves to each other
- Talk about things you like
- Discuss your school and activities
- Learn about your English goals
- Practice simple conversations

Section 1: Introducing Ourselves

How to do this:

1. Read each question
2. Think about your answer
3. Share your answer with your tutor
4. Listen to your tutor's answer too

Basic Information

Questions to discuss:

- What is your name? How do you spell it? *Example: "My name is Maria. That's M-A-R-I-A."*
- How old are you? *Example: "I am 12 years old."*
- What grade are you in? *Example: "I'm in seventh grade."*
- Where are you from? *Example: "I'm from Mexico City, but I moved here two years ago."*
- What languages do you speak? *Example: "I speak Spanish at home and I'm learning English."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

My Family

Questions to discuss:

- Who is in your family? *Example: "In my family, there's my mom, my dad, and my little brother."*
- Do you have brothers or sisters? *Example: "Yes, I have one younger brother. His name is Carlos and he's 9 years old."*
- Do you have any pets? *Example: "Yes, I have a dog named Max. He's a golden retriever."*
- What languages do you speak at home? *Example: "We speak Korean at home, but sometimes we practice English together."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

My Appearance

Questions to discuss:

- How would you describe yourself? *Example: "I'm tall for my age and I have curly hair."*
- What color is your hair? *Example: "I have black hair."*
- What color are your eyes? *Example: "I have brown eyes."*
- What are you wearing today? *Example: "Today I'm wearing a blue t-shirt, jeans, and white sneakers."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

Section 2: My Interests and Hobbies

How to do this:

1. Think about things you enjoy doing
2. Share at least three interests with your tutor
3. Ask your tutor questions about their interests

Things I Like To Do

Questions to discuss:

- What do you like to do after school? *Example: "After school, I like to ride my bike and play video games."*
- What is your favorite hobby? *Example: "My favorite hobby is drawing comics. I create my own superhero stories."*
- Do you play any sports? *Example: "Yes, I play soccer. I'm on my school team and we practice twice a week."*
- Do you play any musical instruments? *Example: "I'm learning to play the piano. I've been taking lessons for six months."*
- What do you like to do on weekends? *Example: "On weekends, I like to go to the park with my family and watch movies."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

Entertainment I Enjoy

Questions to discuss:

- What type of music do you like? *Example: "I like pop music and hip-hop. My favorite artist is Bruno Mars."*
- What are your favorite TV shows? *Example: "I love watching 'Stranger Things' and cartoon shows like 'The Owl House'."*

- Do you like to read books? What kind? *Example: "Yes, I enjoy reading adventure books and graphic novels."*
- What games do you like to play? *Example: "I like to play Minecraft, Roblox, and board games like Monopoly."*
- Who is your favorite character from a book or movie? *Example: "My favorite character is Spider-Man because he's funny and tries to help people."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

Foods I Like

Questions to discuss:

- What is your favorite food? *Example: "My favorite food is pizza with pepperoni and extra cheese."*
- What foods do you not like? *Example: "I don't like brussels sprouts or any bitter vegetables."*
- Can you cook any foods? *Example: "I can make scrambled eggs and pancakes for breakfast."*
- What's a special food from your culture? *Example: "A special food from my culture is tamales. We make them for special occasions."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

Section 3: My School Life

How to do this:

1. Think about your school experience
2. Share information about your classes and friends

3. Talk about what you like and don't like about school

My Classes

Questions to discuss:

- What is your favorite subject in school? Why? *Example: "My favorite subject is science because we do cool experiments."*
- What subject is most difficult for you? *Example: "Math is difficult for me, especially algebra."*
- Do you like math? Science? Art? *Example: "I love art class because I get to be creative. Science is interesting too."*
- Tell me about a project you did in school recently. *Example: "Recently, I made a volcano model for the science fair. It actually erupted!"*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

My School Friends

Questions to discuss:

- Do you have many friends at school? *Example: "I have a small group of close friends and some other classmates I talk to."*
- What do you do with your friends during breaks? *Example: "During lunch break, we usually sit together and talk about games and movies."*
- Do you have a best friend? What are they like? *Example: "My best friend is Jamie. She's really funny and good at sports."*
- How do you make new friends? *Example: "I make new friends by joining clubs and talking to people who like the same things."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

My School Day

Questions to discuss:

- How do you get to school each day? *Example: "My mom drives me to school in the morning, but I take the bus home."*
- What time does your school start and end? *Example: "School starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:15 PM."*
- What is your favorite part of the school day? *Example: "My favorite part is P.E. class because we get to run around and play games."*
- Do you have after-school activities? *Example: "Yes, I'm in the robotics club on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

Section 4: Learning English

How to do this:

1. Think about your experience with English
2. Share why you want to improve your English
3. Tell your tutor what you find easy or difficult

My English Experience

Questions to discuss:

- How long have you been learning English? *Example: "I've been learning English for three years, since fourth grade."*
- Do you speak English with anyone outside of school? *Example: "Sometimes I speak English with my cousin who lives in California when we video chat."*

- Do you watch TV shows or YouTube in English? *Example: "Yes, I watch English gaming videos on YouTube and sometimes watch movies in English."*
- Do you read any books or websites in English? *Example: "I try to read simple English books, and I like to read game instructions in English."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

English Challenges

Questions to discuss:

- What parts of English are difficult for you? *Example: "Grammar is confusing, especially when to use different verb tenses."*
- Is it harder to speak, listen, read, or write in English? *Example: "Speaking is hardest for me because I get nervous about making mistakes."*
- What English words are hard to pronounce? *Example: "Words with 'th' like 'think' and 'three' are difficult for me to say correctly."*
- Do you get nervous when speaking English? *Example: "Yes, especially when I have to speak in front of the whole class."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

My English Goals

Questions to discuss:

- Why do you want to improve your English? *Example: "I want to make more American friends and do better in my classes."*
- What would you like to be able to do in English? *Example: "I want to be able to have conversations without stopping to think about words."*

- How do you think these tutoring sessions will help you? *Example: "I hope they will help me feel more confident when speaking English."*
- What do you hope to learn in these sessions? *Example: "I want to learn more vocabulary and practice my pronunciation."*

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Tutor's notes: _____

Section 5: Practice Conversation

How to do this:

1. Try having a short conversation with your tutor
2. Use the questions and answers you've practiced
3. Don't worry about making mistakes - just try your best!

Let's Talk!

Have a conversation using these questions:

- "What did you do yesterday?" *Example: "Yesterday, I went to school and then had soccer practice. After dinner, I did my homework and watched TV with my family."*
- "What will you do tomorrow?" *Example: "Tomorrow, I have a math test in the morning. After school, I'm going to my friend's house to work on our science project."*
- "Can you tell me about your favorite movie?" *Example: "My favorite movie is 'Inside Out'. It's about emotions inside a girl's mind. It's funny but also makes me think about feelings."*
- "What kind of music do you like to listen to?" *Example: "I like pop music and sometimes rap. My favorite singer is Taylor Swift because her songs tell good stories."*
- "What would you like to learn in our English sessions?" *Example: "I really want to improve my speaking skills and learn more everyday expressions that American kids use."*

My notes: _____

Tutor's notes: _____

Our Session Plan

How to do this:

1. Discuss with your tutor what you'd like to focus on
2. Help create a plan for your future sessions
3. Share any questions or concerns you have

Topics I Want To Learn:

Examples:

1. *Everyday conversations with friends*
2. *How to talk about my hobbies in English*
3. *Vocabulary for school subjects*
4. *How to explain when I need help*
5. *American expressions and slang*

Skills I Want To Improve:

Examples:

1. *Speaking more smoothly without pausing*
2. *Understanding when people speak quickly*
3. *Correct pronunciation of difficult sounds*
4. *Writing better sentences*
5. *Reading and understanding stories*

Questions and Concerns:

Example: "I'm worried about making mistakes when I speak. Is it okay to make errors during our sessions?"

Example: "How can I practice English more outside of our tutoring time?"

Example: "Will we have homework between sessions?"

What I Learned Today

New Words I Learned:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Things I Want to Practice More:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

My Thoughts About This First Session:
