



OXFORD TEST OF ENGLISH *for Schools*

A2 Practice Test 1

Audioscript

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Interview

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 this tone.

Question 1: What's your name?

Question 2: Which country do you come from?

Question 3: I'm going to ask you some questions about technology. How often do you use technology like cameras or phones?

Question 4: Do you use any technology at school?

Question 5: Tell me about a time when you used the Internet to find information.

Question 6: I'm going to ask you some questions about cooking. Who usually cooks in your family?

Question 7: When was the last time you cooked something?

Question 8: What food would you like to learn to cook?

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Voicemail 1

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

You went to a party at your friend's house yesterday. You left something there. Leave a voicemail message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- explain who you are
- describe the problem
- say what you want your friend to do.

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

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Voicemail 2

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

Listen to the message from your friend about a competition. Then, leave a voicemail message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- congratulate your friend
- ask some questions about the competition
- suggest what your friend could do to celebrate.

Now listen to the message.

M Hi, it's Josh. You won't believe this, but I just won a writing competition! I want to celebrate with you and some other friends. The thing is, I'm not sure what to do. Do you have any ideas?

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

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Talk

You are going to give a talk. Read and listen to the task, and start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going to give a talk to your English class about different types of holidays.

Choose two photographs. Tell your class what the advantages and disadvantages of these two types of holidays might be.

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

You now have one minute to give your talk.

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Follow-up questions

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.

Question 1: Your talk was about different types of holidays. Tell me about a holiday you have been on recently.

Question 2: Why do people go on holiday?

Question 3: Do you prefer holidays in busy places, or do you prefer holidays in quiet places?

Question 4: When is the best time of the year to travel?

Question 5: What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a place with a lot of tourists?

Question 6: How do you think holidays will be different in the future?

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Listening Part 1

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

Question 1: A girl is talking to her father. Which teacher is going on the class trip?

M Which teacher is taking you on the class trip tomorrow?

F It's Mr Wilson, the geography teacher.

M Mr Wilson ... Is he the teacher who's got a beard?

F That's Mr Stevens.

M Oh. Has Mr Wilson got long hair?

F That's him. But he looks very different now that he's cut his hair and started wearing glasses!

Now listen again.

Question 2: A teacher is talking to students about a school trip. What do students need to bring?

F I hope you're all excited about tomorrow's trip to the tennis club. The buses leave at 8.30 a.m. The school will provide tennis rackets and balls, but don't forget your water bottle. You can bring your own towel if you want, but there are towels at the club.

Now listen again.

Question 3: A mother and son are talking. Where is the boy going?

M Mum, I'm going to the newsagent's to buy some crisps.

F While you're in town, could you get some onions and carrots? I need them to make dinner tonight.

M OK, I'll go to the greengrocer's, too.

F Oh, and we also need some rice. You'll have to go to the supermarket for that.

M That's OK. I can get everything there.

Now listen again.

Question 4: A mother is talking to her son. What does the boy decide to wear?

F What are you wearing for Grandad's birthday dinner?

M I'm going to wear this T-shirt.

F Don't you want to wear the shirt you bought yesterday?

M Oh yeah! I'll wear my new shirt. Will it be cold? Maybe I should wear a jumper, too.

F We're sitting inside for dinner, not in the garden.

M OK, then. I'm sure I'll be fine without it.

Now listen again.

Question 5: Two cousins are talking about a holiday. What time does the plane leave?

M You're going on holiday tomorrow, aren't you?

F Yes, I'm really excited!

M What time is your flight?

F It's an international flight, so we have to be at the airport three hours early. So, for a ten o'clock flight, we have to get there at seven.

M Well, have a good trip.

Now listen again.

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Listening Part 2

Listen to a school teacher talking about a school camp. Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C) for each gap (1–5). The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

F Let me tell you about this year's school camp. If you want to come, you must tell the school office by 2nd June. The camp starts on 9th June, and your parents have to pay by the 4th.

The cost for the camp is £25 per student, and there is an extra cost for horse riding. That's £12, and don't forget to bring £10 for the bus.

Now, the buses ... Please be at the bus stop by 3.15 p.m., so we can check that everybody is there. We'll go at 3.45 p.m., and the trip takes about three hours.

Now, what things will you need for the trip? Each of you will need a tent, which the school will provide, but don't forget to bring a sleeping bag. You are welcome to bring your phones with you, but remember there is no electricity at the campsite!

You'll have the opportunity to try a lot of different activities. On Saturday morning, everyone will go hiking, and in the afternoon, students can choose between boating and swimming. On Sunday, there will be rock climbing – that's for everyone – and on Monday, there will be horse riding and mountain biking.

On Monday evening, we'll have a special party to celebrate our last night. We'll drive back on Tuesday afternoon after another full day of activities, and we'll be back at school as usual on Wednesday! OK, any questions?

Now listen again.

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Listening Part 3

Listen to two classmates talking about a concert. Match the people (the girl, the boy, or both) to the opinions below. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

M Hi Emily. Did you go to the Chloe Mallings concert last night?

F Yeah, I was there. I had a great time.

M Me too, but that stadium is so big! I was too far away from the stage. I couldn't see Chloe very well.

F Oh, really? I was near the back, too, but my view wasn't bad. And I thought the crowd was amazing. It was so exciting being there with 20,000 other people!

M Well, at least I could hear her OK. She's got the most beautiful voice! I've seen her in three concerts, and this one was the best!

F Mmm ... I saw her concert last year, and I thought she was better then. She's doing nearly 100 concerts on this tour, and I don't think that's good for her voice.

M Did you notice the group of dancers behind her on stage? I just loved how they moved with the music. It made the show really special.

F They were OK, I guess. Usually I love the dancers at concerts, but these ones weren't very interesting. Did you think the music was a bit loud? It hurt my ears – I couldn't hear very well for an hour after the concert!

M I thought it was just right – it's more exciting when it's really loud! The concert wasn't very long, though – she only sang about ten songs, and she didn't sing 'Old Nights'. Everyone was waiting for that one!

F Mmm ... The concert was only an hour and a half long. Most concerts I've been to were around two hours long.

M And the tickets cost a lot – I paid £50 for mine. I think that's too much.

F Yeah, I paid £50, too. It's a lot, but she's one of the most famous singers in the world, so I was happy to pay that.

Now listen again.

Listening Part 4

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

Question 1: A teacher is talking about a class trip. The subject of the class is ...

- A geography.
- B art.
- C biology.

M Now, tomorrow is our class trip to Lake Northpool, where we'll see a lot of interesting birds and insects as well as the Hayburn Mountains. The buses leave from the car park next to the science laboratory at 8.30 a.m. Remember to bring your paint brushes, paint and paper. Any questions?

Now listen again.

Question 2: Two classmates are talking about a holiday. Where did the boy go on holiday?

- A by the sea
 - B on safari
 - C to a big city
- F** How was your holiday?

M Great! Our hotel had a pool, though I prefer swimming at the beach, like last year's holiday. We went to a gallery with photographs of wild animals. Maybe one day I'll see lions in the wild.

F What else did you do?

M There were so many things to do, being in the capital! One evening, we went to the theatre.

Now listen again.

Question 3: A mother is talking to her son. Where are they?

- A at the airport
 - B in a shopping centre
 - C at a restaurant
- F** What do you want to eat? There's Mexican, Italian, burgers ...

M Mexican sounds good.

F OK. We have to be quick, though, because we need to have enough time to get a taxi and make sure we catch our flight. Also, we need some time to buy souvenirs and chocolates before we leave.

Now listen again.

Question 4: A girl and her father are in a clothing shop. The girl thinks that the dress is ...

- A the wrong colour.
- B too big.
- C expensive.

M Well, does it fit? It looks very large on you.

F It is, but that's how I like it. And I think green looks good on me.

M So, do you want to buy it?

F I'm not sure ... I mean, you could normally buy three dresses for this price.

M Well, it's for your birthday party, so that's OK.

Now listen again.

Question 5: A girl is leaving a voicemail message for her friend. Why is the girl leaving the message?

- A to offer to help her friend
- B to ask for directions
- C to invite her friend to do something

F Hi, it's Anna. I'm really excited about the party at your house on Saturday! If you want, I can come to your house early – Millie gave me your new address, so I know how to get there. We can make the food and prepare everything for the party together. Let me know.

Now listen again.