

Oral Placement Test

Question Bank 1

• **IMPORTANT** Please read *face2face* Oral Placement Test Teacher's Guide before starting the test.

Question		Corresponding 'can do' statement	Level and lesson	
1	What's your name? How do you spell your surname?	I can spell my name.	S 1A, 1C	E Welcome
2	Where are you from?	I can say countries and nationalities.	S 1B	E 1A
3	Did you learn English at school? For how many years?	I can talk about things that happened in my life.	S 9A	E 5A
4	What do you do now? Do you work or are you a student?	I can talk about jobs.	S 2B	E 1B
5	What do you do in your free time?	I can talk about my free-time activities and say when I do them.	S 4B	E 3B
6	Do you like football? What sports do you like?	I can say what I like and don't like.	S 4A 7A	E 4B
7	What do you do every day? What time do you get up/start work?	I can describe my daily routine.	S 5A	E 3A
8	What subjects did you study at school? What exams did you take?	I can talk about exams and studying.		E 11B
9	Tell me something you could do well at school. And something you can do well now.	I can talk about things I can do in the present and could do in the past.	S 7B	E 6B
10	Tell me about the weather in the your country.	I can talk about the weather.		E 10D
11	What are you going to do at the weekend?	I can talk about future plans.	S 10B	E 11B
12	Have you been to an English-speaking country (before)?	I can talk about my experiences.		E 12B

KEY: S = Starter; E = Elementary (Second edition)

Question Bank 2

	Question	Corresponding 'can do' Statement	Level and lesson
13	Let's talk about your friends. How often do you normally see them?	I can talk about how often I do things.	P-I 1C
14	Tell me about something you did with your friends recently.	I can describe past events and say when they happened.	P-I 2A & 2B
15	What do you think your friends are doing now?	I can say what people are doing now and what they usually do.	P-I 3B
16	Tell me about your best friend. What is he or she like?	I can describe people's character.	P-I 6A
17	Let's talk about your house or home. How would you describe it?	I can describe my home and where I live.	P-I 8A
18	How about your country/town. How is it different now from 20 years ago?	I can talk about how things are different now compared to the past.	P-I 10B
19	What kinds of things do people in your country/town do in their free time?	I can talk about free time activities.	I 1A
20	How do you think your country/town will change in the next 20 years?	I can make predictions about the future.	I 5B
21	What advice would you give to someone visiting your country/town?	I can give, ask for and respond to advice.	I 8D
22	Tell me about the main news stories in your country at the moment.	I can talk about things that have happened in the news.	I 9B
23	What do you think the main news stories are in the UK or America at the moment?	I can make deductions about the present.	I 10B
24	If you had been born in the UK or America, how would your life up to now have been different?	I can talk about imaginary situations in the past.	I 12B

Key: P-I = Pre-intermediate (Second edition); I = Intermediate

Question Bank 3

Question		Corresponding 'can do' statement	Level and lesson	
25	Tell me about any other languages you speak, apart from English.	I can talk about my language ability.	UI 1A	
26	Tell me about a book you've read recently, either in English or in your own language.	I can talk about books I've read.	UI 4B	
27	Some people think everyone in the world will speak English within 50 years. What do you think?	I can express how certain I am about future events.	UI 6B	
28	How do you think the Internet has changed the way people learn English?	I can express in detail how things in the past connect to the present.	UI 7A	
29	Would you say you are a practical person? What jobs can you do about the house?	I can talk about household jobs.	UI 10A	
30	Tell me how you imagine your life this time next year.	I can talk about things I have done and will have done in the future.	UI 11A	
31	What, in your opinion, are the characteristics of a good friend?	I can describe people's characters, using a range of adjectives.		A 1B, A 3A
32	Do you think life for young people today is easier or harder than it was for their parents and grandparents?	I can talk about the present and the past.		A 5B
33	How would you improve the education system in your country?	I can take part in a discussion on education and express my ideas clearly.	UI 1B	A 5B
34	We hear a lot about globalisation nowadays. What are your views on globalisation?	I can give my views and respond to opinions.		A 6B
35	What famous person, either present or past would you like to meet and why?	I can understand and use a range of complex conditional forms.		A 8A
36	What are the problems associated with learning a language at an advanced level? How can you continue to make progress?	I can talk about my action plan for the future.		A10 C

KEY: UI = Upper Intermediate (Second Edition); A = Advanced (Second Edition)