INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW FSI SPEAKING TEST

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FSI Speaking Test

- Testing team of two
  - Tester, native speaker of language tested
    - Communicates with test taker in the language of the test
  - Examiner, administers the test
    - Communicates with test taker in English
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Social Conversation

- Warm-up →
- Daily life situations ↗
- More complex conversation ↗
  - Wind down ↘
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Work-Related Exchange

- 7 topics
- Flexible
- 5 minute preparation
- About 3-5 minutes
- Follow-up discussion (6-8 minutes)
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Interview

- 5 topics
- Up to 13 minutes
- Test taker interviews the tester on country of origin
- Test taker reports findings to examiner in English
Warm-up
Part 1: Warm-up

Self, hometown, education, job, hobbies, etc., or another topic of interest
Part 1: Daily Life Situations

Speaking about daily life, preferably in a foreign country, if applicable
More Complex Conversation
Part 1: More Complex Conversation

- A more complex topic such as: political, economic, or social issues
- *If applicable*
Part 2: Work-Related Exchange

- Examinee:
  - Select one topic out of seven cones
  - Prepare for 5 minutes
  - Explain for about 3 – 5 minutes

- Testing team:
  - Follow up for about 6-8 minutes
Part 2: Work Related Exchange - Cones

- Consular
- Diplomatic Security
- Economy/ESTH (Environment, Science, Technology, and Health)
- International Development
- Management
- Political/Military
- Public Diplomacy
Part 3: Interview

No Changes

Test taker interviews the tester in the language of the test and reports findings to the Examiner in English.
Performance evaluation

- Comprehension
- Grammatical accuracy
- Pronunciation
- Organization of speech
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
FEEDBACK
Important Links

ILR
http://www.govtilr.org/

Language Testing Unit
http://fsi.state.gov/SLS/Default.aspx?ContentId=6951