

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

FSI Speaking Test

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>