

Oral test question banks

Introductory questions

What's your name? How do you spell your surname?

Where are you from?

Did you learn English at school? For how many years?

1 Starter



	<i>Question</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
1	What do you do? Do you work or are you a student?	Say where you work (2)
2	Tell me about your family.	Talk about families (2)
3	What do you do in your free time? (Do you play football or any sports?)	Say how you spend your time (4)
4	What do you do every day? What time do you get up / start work?	Talk about your daily routine (6)
5	Tell me about the town where you live.	Talk about a place you know (7)

2 Elementary



	<i>Question</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
6	Tell me about something you can do well. (Can you swim? Can you cook?)	Say what you can do (1)
7	How often do you usually see your friends? (What do you do together?)	Say what you do in your free time (3)
8	Where do you live? Tell me about your home.	Talk about homes (5)
9	What are you going to do at the weekend?	Talk about hopes and plans (14)
10	Have you been to an English-speaking country? Tell me about your visit. (OR Tell me about an interesting place you have been to.)	Talk about trips and past events (4) Talk about experiences (13)

3 Pre-intermediate



	<i>Question</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
11	Tell me about something that you did with your friends/family recently. Why did you enjoy it?	Describe past events (4)
12	Tell me about the weather in your country. Which is your favourite season and why do you like it?	Talk about weather (6) Give opinions (3)
13	Imagine that I am a visitor to your country. What advice would you give me?	Give advice (5) Make recommendations (7)
14	Can you tell me about an object that is special for you? Why is it special?	Talk about possessions (8)
15	Where do you live – in a house or an apartment? What's it like?	Talk about homes and housing (11)

4 Intermediate



	<i>Question</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
16	What sort of television programmes do you like?	Talk about TV and radio (1) Express preferences (1)
17	How do you keep in touch with your friends and family (by phone/email)? How do you think communication might change in the future?	Talk about methods of communication (2) Speculate about the future (2)
18	Tell me about the last film you saw at the cinema (or the last book you read). Would you recommend it?	Describe a book [or film] (1) Make recommendations (1)
19	Think about an interesting person you have met. What is he/she like?	Describe personality (7)
20	Have you ever been on a journey where something went wrong?	Talk about unexpected travel situations (8) Talk about something that went wrong (5)

5 Upper Intermediate



	<i>Question</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
21	Tell me about something you are good at.	Talk about things you're good at (1)
22	Can you tell me about a famous landmark/person in your country? What do you know about it/them?	Talk about landmarks where you live (4) Talk about well-known people where you live (4)
23	What do you use the internet for? Do you think it will ever replace books and newspapers? Why / why not?	Talk about media and the internet (6) Justify your point of view (6)
24	If an English person wanted to learn your language, how should they do this and why?	Make and justify recommendations (12)
25	Where do you see yourself in five years' time?	Talk about the future (14) Describe personal hopes and expectations (14)

6 Advanced



	<i>Question</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
26	How has the way you learn English changed over the years?	Describe experiences of language learning (3)
27	Do you think life for children today is easier or harder than it was for your parents / for you?	Make comparisons and talk about changes (4)
28	Describe an advert you have seen. How effective do you think it is?	Talk about advertising and marketing (8)
29	What image do other people have of your country, its food and its people? Do you think it is accurate?	Speculate about image (9)
30	Are you concerned about climate change? What evidence of it is there in your country?	Talk about climate change (11)