

Speaking Section Directions

For this section of the test you will record a spoken response to the assignment that will be presented on the screen. You will have two minutes to read the assignment presented on the screen and consider your response. You will then have two minutes to record your response by speaking into a microphone. Your response must be in the target language. Once recording has begun, it cannot be stopped, nor can you re-record your response.

What you say must be relevant to the situation presented in the assignment. Your response will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Purpose: The extent to which the response addresses the assignment and is appropriate for the given context.

Coherence: The extent to which ideas are effectively sequenced and logically connected.

Fluency: The ease of expression and flow of speech.

Pronunciation: The extent to which the response demonstrates intelligibility and accuracy of pronunciation.

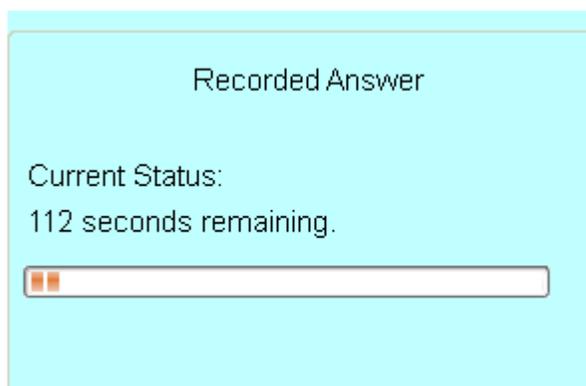
Grammar: The extent to which the response exhibits a command of syntax and grammar.

Vocabulary: The extent to which the response demonstrates a command and range of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions.

Select the **Next** button to continue.

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The speaking assignment and a Recorded Answer box will appear on the next screen. A sample of the Recorded Answer box appears below.



When you are ready, click **Next** and begin reading the assignment. The Recorded Answer box will count down the time until recording begins. You will have 2 minutes to review the assignment and prepare your response. Be sure not to begin speaking until the status on the Recorded Answer box changes to read the number of seconds remaining.

You will then have 2 minutes to complete your response in the target language. You can monitor your time remaining by referring to the Recorded Answer box. The time will count down from 120 seconds (2 minutes) and the status bar will fill as time progresses.

When your time is up, the current status on the Recorded Answer box will change to "completed" indicating the conclusion of the speaking section of the test. Once the status in the Recorded Answer box changes to "completed," select the **Next** button to continue with the remainder of the test. Do not click **Next** until you have finished recording your response.

You will have only **ONE** opportunity to record your response. Select the **Next** button when you have finished reading these directions and are ready to begin the speaking section of the test. Be sure you have your headset on and that the microphone is in a downward position near your mouth before proceeding. Once you select the **Next** button, the timed speaking assignment will begin and you **WILL NOT** be able to return to these directions.

Select the **Next** button to continue.

This is the end of the speaking section of the test. Please keep your headset on to continue with the listening section.

Select the **Next** button to continue with the remainder of the test.