

Oral part : 45 mn

1. Part One : photos

This part is mostly descriptive and requires a good knowledge of vocabulary. Sometimes you may be tricked by homophones (taxes / taxis – polls / poles – sail/sales....)

2. Part Two : question or statement & answer or response

Listen carefully for **the first interrogative term** (when / where) and **the following tense** (past, present, future).

Be careful ! The questions are not always direct questions, but indirect ones. Sometimes the questions requires a choice.

Be careful with answers : they are not always direct answers.

At other times, there will be no question, but a simple statement to which the other speaker reacts.

Here is a list of tricky forms :

1. What kind... how long How often..... what does it stand for ?

How long will it take to fix it ?	It will be ready tomorrow
Where can I submit my application ?	Right over there
How often do you go to the cinema ?	Twice a week
What does CEO stand for ?	It stands for Chief Executive Officer

2. Introduction to the question : do you know / did you hear what / when / who.....

Did you hear who will take over ?	Mr Ox will
Do you know when the payment is due ?	On/by June 5th

3. Question tag

The file cabinet is for Ms X, isn't it ?	yes she ordered it last week
You have never been to NYC, have you ?	yes once

4. Suggestion : interro-negation

Don't you want to take a break ?	I'd rather finish the work
Why don't you come with us ?	That suits me fine
How about having a break ?	That's a good idea / that sounds good

5. Question about choice or opinion followed by vague response

Would you like X or Y ?	Any thing / anywhere is fine
Have you purchased your car yet or are you still looking ?	I can't decide on the make/type
What do you think of the new machine ?	It's as good as the previous one
Would you rather swim or jog ?	It makes no difference to me

6. Politeness

Do you mind if I leave you now ?	OK / Not at all
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7. Statements followed by comments or questions

I hired two new people	Good, we can use the help !
The lecture was on research	Was it interesting ?
I have had trouble with my health	What seems to be the trouble ?

Part three : conversations

Most of the time the questions follow the sequential order with the conversation. It is recommended to read quickly the questions before the conversation starts. Then follow the conversation with the questions, since the questions are **usually in sequential order**.

Part four : speeches

Here is a list of the type of speeches that you are likely to encounter most often

- Telephone messages on answering machines
- announcements
 - schedule of an event or a tour, or a cruise
 - advertising
- radio program (host / guest) = a broadcast
- introduction of a speaker (guest speaker – keynote speaker)
- excerpt of a speech about a subject
 - science, management, company takeover
 - an award, a prize
 - a charity