


# English in Mind

Second edition

## Placement test

### Oral test question banks

Introductory questions
What's your name? How do you spell it?
Where are you from?
Do you like learning English?

Starter		
	Questions	Goals (with coursebook unit)
1	Have you got any brothers and sisters? Tell me about your family.	Talk about your family (3)
2	Do you watch TV or listen to music? What do you do in your free time?	Talk about free-time activities (3)
3	Do you work or study? What do you do every day? What time do you usually get up?	Talk about routines (7)
4	Do you live in a house or a flat? Tell me about the place where you live.	Talking about your house or flat (10)
5	What did you do yesterday?	Talking about the past (12)

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6	Tell me about the things you like doing. (Playing computer games? Going shopping?)	Talking about likes and dislikes and activities (1)
7	Talk about what you did yesterday. (Did you go out? What did you do?)	Talking about past activities and events (4)
8	What's your favourite food? (What do you like eating? What <u>don't</u> you like?)	Talking about food (6)
9	Where are you going for your next holidays? (Go to another country? Go to the beach?) What are you going to do there?	Talking about future intentions and holiday activities (8 and 11)
10	Which cities or countries have you visited? Tell me about one place that you really liked.	Talking about experiences (14)

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11	Do you like sport? (Are you more interested in watching sport or doing sport? Which ones? Would you like to go and watch the Olympic Games? Why? / Why not?)	Talking about sport and the Olympics (2)
12	Tell me about what problems there are with the environment now. What can we do to help the environment? What do <u>you</u> do? (Recycling? Walking instead of going by car?)	Talking about the environment (3)
13	Tell me about your studies. Which subjects do you / did you like at school? Which do / did you dislike? Why? Which subjects do you want to continue studying in the future?	Talking about studies (9)
14	How important is music in your life? Tell me about the kind of music you like. (When do you listen to music? Can you play any musical instruments? Which ones?)	Talking about music (10)

	<i>Questions</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
15	Tell me about the kind of work that people in your family do. What kind of work would <u>you</u> like to do when you're older? Why? (Would you like to be a teacher? A doctor?)	Talking about work and jobs (3)
16	Tell me about what you like watching on TV. (What kind of programmes do you like? Do you watch reality shows? Why? / Why not?)	Talking about TV programmes (5)
17	Tell me about the kind of food you usually eat. (Do you ever eat fast food? What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating fast food?)	Talking about food (7)
18	Who do you go to when you need help and advice? Who do you ask? (Your friends? Your family? Your teacher?) Who gives you the best advice? Why?	Talking about problems and getting advice (12)
19	Tell me about what things make you happy. (Is it your family? Your friends? Things you do in your spare time? Your studies?) Why do they make you happy?	Talking about happiness (14)

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20	What kind of sports are <i>extreme</i> sports? Can you give some examples? (e.g. snowboarding? parachuting?) Do you do any extreme sports? Would you like to try any? Why? / Why not?	Talking about extreme sports (1)
21	What kind of things did you use to do in your spare time when you were younger? (e.g. go to a playground? play football?) Do you still do any of those things now?	Talking about past habits Talking about things that are in and out of fashion (4)
22	What do you think life on Earth will be like in fifty years' time? What will be different? What will be the same? (e.g. food, transport, homes, jobs)	Making predictions about the future (6)
23	Tell me about the best present you've ever received. (When did you get it? Who from? What made it so special?)	Talking about kindness, and giving presents (8)
24	Tell me about the different languages you can speak. (How did you learn them? Why?) Why is it important to learn other languages?	Talking about language (9)
25	Would you like to be famous? Why? / Why not? Are you interested in the lives of famous people / celebrities?	Talking about fame (10)

	<i>Questions</i>	<i>Goals (with coursebook unit)</i>
26	Tell me about important decisions you've made in your life. Were they the right decisions? Do you find it easy to make decisions? What do you use to help you? (e.g. first impressions of people, friends' advice) How useful are instincts and first impressions?	Talking about making judgements (2)
27	Tell me about your attitudes to advertising. To what extent are you influenced by adverts when you buy things? Are adverts important? What would change if we didn't have them?	Talking about advertising (5)
28	Tell me about the kind of books you enjoy reading. Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction? Why? Which book(s) would you recommend to people of your age?	Talking about literature (7)
29	How important is money in your country? Could you go for a day without spending money? What would be the hardest thing about it for you?	Talking about the importance of money, and managing without it (8)
30	Tell me about how you make time for yourself. Is it easy or difficult to find time to relax and unwind? Why? What do you do to relax? Why is it important to do this?	Talking about coping with stress (9)