

Oral Proficiency Interview.

When it is your turn, this is what will happen: you and the interviewer will sit facing each other. Your conversation may be taped.

The interview will last about 15 to 20 minutes, and it will be a conversation about you--your interests, your daily routine, your past experiences, your ideas and thoughts. Some of the questions and topics will be very easy for you, and some may be harder or involve words you don't know, but at all times you should do the best you can to make yourself understood. If the interviewer introduces a topic that you don't want to talk about (it may not interest you, or it may seem too personal), you should feel perfectly free to say that you would rather talk about something else.

In addition to the conversation, you will probably be asked to participate in a role-play, or "situation." The interviewer will give you an index card with written instructions (in English) for your half of the role play. Read the instructions aloud. The two of you will act out the situation: again, if you don't know all the words you need, use your imagination and do the best you can to make yourself understood.

Above all, relax and enjoy the conversation!

Bon Courage!