

FINAL ORAL EXAM (INTERMEDIATE 1)

EXAM FORMAT:

The exam will be done in groups of 2 students (3 only if necessary) and will be recorded.

At the beginning of the exam, you will pick two topic cards at random. Then you need to **choose one topic out of the two** and prepare your monologue for 1 minute. Then you need to **talk for about 3 minutes**. At the end of your monologue, your classmate has to ask you **3/4 questions relevant to the information** you have been talking about.

Remember that it is a monologue, so **your speech should be a unified discourse**. The questions on the topic card are a guideline to help you, but you shouldn't just answer, for example, "Yes, I like going shopping...". It's a monologue, a unified discourse! Otherwise you will be penalised.

TOPICS FOR THE FINAL ORAL EXAM

YOUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

Where is it? What kind of restaurant is it? How often do you go there? Who do you go with?

The food: the menu, your favourite dishes.

The service, the atmosphere, the price.

Why do you like it?

MEDITERRANEAN DIET

Every country thinks that their diet is the best. Talk about the Mediterranean diet and Spanish way of cooking, and compare them to others.

Your personal diet: Do you think you have a healthy diet? Do you think you should change anything about your diet and lifestyle?

YOUR FAMILY

Talk about your family and your lifestyle: describe the members of your family in detail and their lifestyle. Who do you get on with best? Why?

What things do you do all together as a family? What did you do on your last family holiday?

What are you going to do for your next family holiday?

A PERSON YOU ADMIRE

Describe a person you really admire. Talk about his/her age, family, studies, work, etc. Summarise his/her life.

What does s/he look like? What is s/he like? What are his/her hobbies and interests?

Why do you admire him/her?

CHANGING LIFE

Do you know anyone who has changed his/her life? What was s/he doing before? What is s/he doing now? What made him/her change his/her life? How does s/he feel now?

Are you satisfied with your life? What aspects of your current life would you like to change? Why?

TRANSPORT

Which form of transport do you prefer? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each form of transport? How do you usually go to work / school?

What are the different means of transport like in Madrid? Are you satisfied with the public transport system in Madrid?

MEN & WOMEN

Talk about the common stereotypes for men and women: appearance, clothes, personality, interests, etc.

Do you think there is some truth in those stereotypes?

Are you a stereotypical man / woman? Why / Why not?

GOOD / BAD MANNERS

Talk about good and bad manners in Spain. What should or shouldn't you do when ...

- greeting people?
- you are invited to somebody's house?
- you are on a bus or train?
- you are having a meal with friends in a restaurant?

SPORT

Do you like sport? Do you do any sport or type of exercise? How often? Who with? Have you ever had a sports injury?

Do you prefer doing sport or watching sport? What sports do you like watching and what sports do you hate watching? Do you think there is too much (or not enough) sport on TV?

Talk about an exciting sporting event you have been to or you have seen on television.

CHEATING! NOT ME!

Talk about a time you cheated in a sport/game or in an exam: When and where did this happen? What were you doing? Why did you cheat? What happened in the end?

As an adult, what do you think about cheating? Do you think fair play is important? How should this be taught at schools?

WHEN I MET GEORGE CLOONEY (for example)

Talk about a time you saw or met a celebrity: When was this? Where were you? Who were you with? What was the celebrity doing? What did s/he look like? What was s/he like? What was s/he wearing? Did you speak to him/her? What happened in the end?

NOW THAT I'M NOT SO YOUNG!

Talk about how your life has changed since you were a child: daily life, family, food, hobbies, holidays, etc.

Is there anything you would like to change about your current lifestyle?

FRIENDS, FRIENDS, FRIENDS

Talk about one of your close friends: How long have you known him? Where did you meet? Why do you get on well? Do you ever argue? What about? How often do you see each other? Have you ever lost touch? When? Why? Do you think you'll stay friends?

FRIENDSHIP

Is friendship important for you? How many close friends do you have? How do you keep in touch?

Do you think men keep their friends longer than women? Why / Why not?

Do you think it's possible to stay good friends with an ex-partner? Why / Why not?

CINEMA

Do you prefer watching films at home or in the cinema? Why?

What kind of films do you enjoy watching? Why?

Talk about a really good film you've seen: What kind of film is it? Where and when is it set? Who's in it? Who is it directed by? Is the plot interesting? Why did you like it?

YOUR EDUCATION and UPBRINGING

What kind of schools did/do you go to? Did/Do you like them?

Talk about the daily life at your school: classes, teachers, timetables, subjects, discipline,

Who was your favourite teacher? Why?

Talk about how schools have changed since you were a child.

EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION

Do you think that private schools are usually better than state schools? Why / Why not?

Do you think children should wear a uniform at school?

What subjects do you think should be taught at schools?

Should the summer holidays be shorter? Why / Why not?

HOME, SWEET HOME!

Describe the type of home you have: what are its best and worst aspects/features?

What is your idea of a perfect home?

SHOPPING

Talk about your shopping habits. Where do you normally buy your clothes, food, gadgets, books and music? What do you enjoy buying? What do you hate buying? What time of the year do you prefer going shopping?

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of buying things online / in town?

When was the last time you went shopping? What did you buy?

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

How careful are you with your money?

What are the best methods to save money? What do you usually save up for?

How do you prefer to pay for the things you buy? Why?

Have you borrowed money from someone in your family? Have you ever lent money to somebody? What for?

Have you ever spent more money than you should? What happened?