

Skills Test Units 1–3

A You have one minute to prepare a mini-presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of doing everything online. Consider the following points:

- shopping
- banking
- communication
- security

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B You have one minute to prepare to tell your partner about an exciting place you visited. Talk about:

- where you went
- why you decided to go there
- who you went with
- why it was exciting.

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Skills Test Units 4–5

A Imagine you are the head of a company which has recently closed down two of its three stores to focus on online sales. You are going to be interviewed by a newspaper about this decision. You have one minute to prepare your answers for the following questions that the interviewer will ask you:

- What is your company and why have you decided to close the stores?
- What are the benefits of this decision?
- What impact will this have on the employees?
- What will the future of the company be like?

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B You have one minute to prepare a mini-presentation about the changes over the last few years in a city you know well. Think about:

- public transportation
- buildings
- recreational facilities
- the cost of living.

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Mid-course Test

A Work together in pairs. You are going to discuss the best time to do things in your life. One of you will highlight the advantages of doing things earlier in life, while the other will give examples of why it is better to do things later in life. Consider the following:

- further education
- getting married
- buying a house
- having a family

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B You are going to do a three-week work experience placement, organized by your school/work. Describe your personal characteristics and what you are good at to a career advisor, who will suggest some jobs for you. You have one minute to prepare a mini-presentation about how you believe you are the ideal candidate. Mention the following:

- positive adjectives to describe your personality
- give examples of why you have described yourself in a specific way
- explain what you're good at
- negative adjectives to describe your personality.

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Skills Test Units 6–8

A You have one minute to prepare for a telephone conversation with a school receptionist. You have lost your bag and you would like some help. Consider the following:

- describe the bag and its contents
- where it was the last time you saw it
- ask if the janitors have checked and cleaned the whole school yet
- what the receptionist could do to help

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B You have one minute to prepare some arguments for taking a year off from school. The person interacting with you will present the following arguments against:

- it's a waste of money.
- it's not necessary.
- not having much money to travel with will make the experience less exciting.
- it delays getting into the job market.
- each year, college fees get higher.

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Skills Test Units 9–10

A You have one minute to prepare a mini-presentation on a new product your company is about to release. Consider the following points:

- what your marketing campaign would be
- how it differs from other products on the market
- who you would employ to endorse the product and why
- how it will improve peoples' lives

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B You have one minute to prepare some arguments for a debate on the effectiveness of traditional media. The person interacting with you will present the following arguments for traditional media platforms and you will counter these arguments:

- Broadsheets are too big to be able to read comfortably.
- Printed newspaper stories are often incorrect by the time they go to print.
- Letters to the Editor were often invented.
- Newspapers are a waste of paper.

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End-of-course Test

A You have one minute to prepare a mini-presentation about the pros and cons of the use of CCTV in the work place and give examples. Think about:

- motives for doing so
- cost of implementation
- effect on employees
- the future

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B You have one minute to prepare a mini-presentation to a friend about a time when someone tried to make you change your mind about something. Think about:

- who and why
- thought processes
- your decision
- feelings (regret/relief)

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