TELL B2 (Online) Speaking – Sample Question



The TELL (Online) Speaking section has 4 parts.

This section will take approximately 30 minutes.

In Part One, you will be asked to read a text message from a friend and record a short reply to the message.

In Part Two, you will be asked to listen to three general questions about yourself and record a short reply to each question.

In Part Three, you are a member of a committee at University, and you are given three choices for an activity or an event. You must record a voice message saying that you cannot attend the meeting to discuss these options. However, you must also talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option and choose which one you prefer.

In Part Four, you are given two graphs with data that is loosely linked in some way. You will be given three themes within the data to discuss. You must record a short presentation talking about and interpreting the data based on those three themes, and you should use examples from the data to support your answer.

For all parts you can take notes to help plan your answers.

Below is a sample question from Part Three.

Part Three

You are a member of the committee for a charity event at your university. The committee is having a meeting to decide what kind of entertainment will raise the most money for their charity. This leaflet (below) outlines the options that will be discussed at the meeting today. You cannot attend the meeting, so you leave a voice message on the group chat.

- Explain to your friends that you are not able to go to the meeting and why.
- Tell them which option you think is best.
- Explain why you think that option is best and why you do not think the others are suitable.

Take about **five minutes** to read the materials and plan your answer. You have a maximum of **three minutes** to record your message. You do not have to speak for the full three minutes but you need to include all the elements above in your answer.

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Education For All

A University of Smithfield Charity Event

Helping students from low-income households to access education



OPTION 1 - Celebrity speakers: Cristiano Ronaldo, and either Khalid Hosseini or Jason Momoa

Cristiano Ronaldo



The world-famous Portuguese footballer talking about his long career and discussing what it means to be successful. It is very rare for fans to be able to meet him up close like this, so his talk is not to be missed!

Khalid Hosseini



The award-winning Afghan-American writer talks about what made him leave his job in medicine to become a writer, as well as the feeling of having one of your books made into a movie.

Jason Momoa



With iconic roles in TV shows such as Game of Thrones and films such as Dune and Aquaman, Jason is well-known around the world. In this talk, he will tell us about his exciting acting career, working with some of the biggest names in Hollywood.

OPTION 2 - Live Music: Erasure, and either Show of Hands or Foals

Erasure



Classic electronic pop from Manchester. The duo has promised us that this live show will contain many of their most popular songs from the 1980s and 1990s, so this is a must-see.

Show of Hands



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This hugely popular British folk band is a festival favourite. The singer knows how to work a crowd, so we are expecting an exciting, high-energy performance.

Foals



One of the most celebrated British bands in recent years. Instantly memorable, sing-along rock tunes, with an amazing live show and Yannis' powerful voice. You will not be disappointed!

OPTION 3 – Live Comedy Greg Davies and either Sara Pascoe or John Bishop

Greg Davies



Greg used to teach Drama in a school, but now he is one of the UK's best-loved comedians. Famous for his dark, direct style, he might have been scary in a classroom, but he is scarily funny onstage.

Sara Pascoe



Famous for her political humour and superb timing, Sara is regarded as one the most talented live comedians in the UK. Expect the same clever comedy style that has seen her appear on a number of highly-rated TV shows.

John Bishop



Once a professional footballer known for his tricky tackles, John is more recognised now for his friendly, story-like, crowd-pleasing style of comedy. He often performs to sell-out audiences, so take the chance to see him while you can!