



Elementary English A2.1

Speaking

We have designed these speaking activities for you to practise alone without an English teacher. You will not receive feedback for our open-ended questions, unless you book a private class with one of our English teachers.

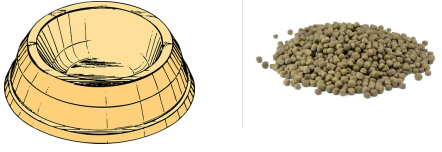


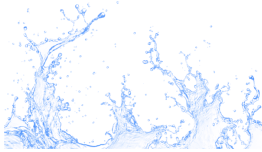

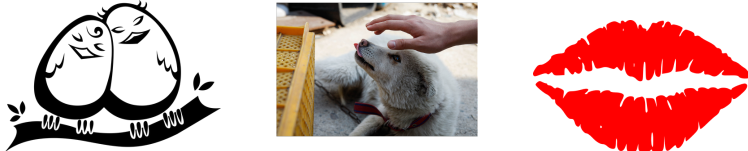
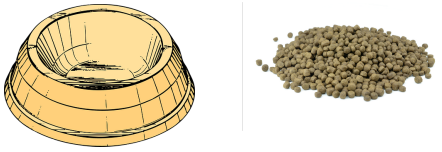
QUESTION 1

Look at the holiday scene below and describe it as best as you can. Try to name as many of the items as possible using your elementary vocabulary.



QUESTION 2

Look at the schedule below of Harley, who looks after her pet dog, Snuggles. Describe this routine in conversation.

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| 7.30 |  |
| 10.00 |  |
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| 14.00 |  |
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QUESTION 3

Answer the following conversation questions.

- 1) What do you typically have for breakfast, lunch and dinner?
- 2) When you were a child, did you have cereal for breakfast?
- 3) Do you like spicy food (food with lots of chilli)?
- 4) Do you like eating curry?
- 5) What is the most important meal of the day in your country?
- 6) Do you normally have ice in your drinks?
- 7) Is tap water safe to drink in your country, or do you drink bottled mineral water?
- 8) Have you ever made pizza from scratch, including the dough?
- 9) Do you enjoy cooking?
- 10) What is your favourite recipe to cook?
- 11) Do you like forest fruits? (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- 12) Which food does your country grow?
- 13) Do you like adding salt and pepper to your food?
- 14) Do you like salty food?
- 15) Do you like sweet food?
- 16) Have you ever made an omelette before? Was it good?
- 17) Have you ever grown fruits or vegetables in your house before?
- 18) Do you add sugar to your tea/coffee?
- 19) Explain the recipe of your favourite food.
- 20) Tell me about your worst cooking experience.
- 21) Do you have any pets? If so, which animals do you have? How do you look after them?
- 22) When you were young, did you always want a pet? What did you want? Why?
- 23) Do you like animals?
- 24) Which animals make the best pets?
- 25) People say "dogs are man's best friend". Do you agree?
- 26) Imagine you have a pet dog. What do you need to do to look after this dog?
- 27) Do you think there are only some types of animals that should be pets?
- 28) What is the most popular pet to have in your country?
- 29) What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a pet?
- 30) What is your opinion about extreme pets? (Such as tigers, lions and bears)
- 31) Are you afraid of any animals? Which ones? Why?
- 32) Are animal rights an important issue in your country?

- 33) Have you ever ridden a horse before? Describe your experience.
- 34) What is your opinion about testing cosmetics on animals? (such as rabbits and mice)
- 35) What is your opinion about fur coats being used as clothing?
- 36) Do you have any endangered species in your country? Which ones?
- 37) Do you think pets are advantageous or disadvantageous for children?
- 38) What is the difference between a pet and a wild animal?
- 39) Do you think rescued animals should be released back into the wild again? Why/why not?
- 40) What is your opinion about animals on talent shows?
- 41) Do you like shopping?
- 42) Do you go shopping when there are sales and good discounts?
- 43) What's the best discount you've ever received?
- 44) What's the most expensive thing you've ever bought?
- 45) Do you usually go to the cashier in a shop or self-checkout?
- 46) How often do you go to the supermarket?
- 47) How do you normally pay in a shop - cash, card or cheque?
- 48) What is the last thing you bought?
- 49) What is your favourite shop?
- 50) Do you like visiting shopping centres? Why/not?
- 51) How long do you usually go shopping for?
- 52) Do you have any loyalty cards? Which ones?
- 53) Do you think loyalty cards are a good idea? Why/not?
- 54) If you could have your own shop, what would you sell? Why?
- 55) Do you usually buy things from the same brand?
- 56) Are brand names important to you when you buy products/services?
- 57) Do you buy local or imported products/services?
- 58) What's the most famous brand from your country?
- 59) What's your favourite brand for clothes? Why?
- 60) Have you ever worked in a shop - Describe your experience / Would you like to work in a shop - Why/not?
- 61) Do you have "BLACK FRIDAY" in your country? If so, do you go shopping on this day? Why/not?
- 62) Do you prefer shopping alone or with other people? Why?
- 63) Do you prefer shopping in a store or online? Why?
- 64) What are your hobbies?
- 65) Do you like playing board games?
- 66) Do you typically play board games at Christmas?
- 67) Do you know how to play chess?
- 68) Have you ever been to a summer festival? Describe your experience.
- 69) Have you ever been to a music concert before? Describe your experience.

- 70) What are the most common hobbies in your country?
- 71) Do you collect anything?
- 72) Have you ever been camping before? Describe your experience.
- 73) Do you like chilling at home, watching films on the sofa? Why/not?
- 74) Do you own a digital camera? Why/not?
- 75) Are you a gamer?
- 76) Do you like going out dancing?
- 77) Do you like going to the beach? Is there a beach near your house? What do you do when you go to the beach?
- 78) Have you ever joined a club? Which one?
- 79) How often do you meet up with friends?
- 80) Do you own an MP3 player or a CD player?
- 81) Do you enjoy painting? Are you good at painting?
- 82) Are you good at photography?
- 83) Are you good at general knowledge quizzes?
- 84) Do you own any video games?
- 85) What is your favourite type of holiday?
- 86) What was your favourite holiday?
- 87) Have you ever been on holiday in your own country? Where?
- 88) Have you ever lost your passport/purse/phone/keys on holiday?
- 89) Do you like the beach? Where is your favourite beach?
- 90) Do you like sunbathing? Do you get a nice suntan?
- 91) Do you like sightseeing holidays?
- 92) What is your favourite tourist attraction?
- 93) Have you been on a tour before?
- 94) Would you like to be a tour guide?
- 95) Do you try local things when you go on holiday?
- 96) Have you ever been skiing?
- 97) Have you ever been camping?
- 98) Have you ever been on an adventure holiday?
- 99) Who do you usually go on holiday with?
- 100) Do you take lots of pictures on holiday? Why/not?
- 101) When do people typically go on holiday in your country?
- 102) Do you learn the language before you go?
- 103) Have you ever had a really bad holiday?
- 104) Are holidays important?
- 105) Did you use to have an annual holiday as a child?
- 106) Where would you like to go travelling after COVID?
- 107) What is on your travel bucket list?
- 108) Do you know how to ride a bike?
- 109) Do you go cycling often?
- 110) Is cycling quite popular in your country?
- 111) Do you know how to drive? How old were you when you learnt how to drive?

- 112) Can you drive a motorbike?
- 113) Do you own a car?
- 114) Have you ever carpooled?
- 115) What is the process for learning how to drive in your country?
- 116) Do you use public transport very often in your country?
- 117) Is the public transport good in your country?
- 118) What is the most popular means of public transport in your country?
- 119) When is rush hour for public transport in your country?
- 120) Is public transport expensive in your country?
- 121) Are taxis safe and reliable in your country?
- 122) Are taxis expensive in your country?

QUESTION 4

Using your knowledge of question and sentence structure, ask your teacher 5 questions in English.

QUESTION 5

Read the following story out loud using the correct ED pronunciation.

Yesterday was so busy! At the office, I worked hard with my team. We developed a new advertising plan. Our meeting lasted about two hours. I remembered an advertising plan that worked five years ago, and I suggested we try that again. We needed to get the manager's approval. We called him on the office phone. He admitted that the idea seemed good, but he believed we should lower the budget. We reported our numbers to him and talked about the budget for a long time. Finally, he decided to give us the money we wanted.

On the way home, I stopped at the mall. I had promised my daughter a new MP3 player for her birthday. At the electronics store, I played songs and listened for quality sound. I decided to buy one at a medium price.

When I got home, the kitchen was a mess. At our house, we have agreed to clean up after ourselves, so I asked around to find out who had cooked last. That person turned out to be my son. While he washed the dishes, I sat at the kitchen table and talked to him about his school work. Last year, he tested into an advanced program, and I wanted to see how he was doing. He seemed happy with it. He started telling me about his classes and what he learned that day.

Resource: https://www.speakmethod.com/esl_advanced_ed_pronunciation.html

QUESTION 6

Read the following minimal pairs out loud using the correct pronunciation of /ɪ/ and /iː/.

- 1) Bit - beat
- 2) Did - deed
- 3) Dip - deep
- 4) Fill - feel
- 5) Hill - he'll
- 6) His he's
- 7) Hit - heat
- 8) Is - ease
- 9) Itch - each
- 10) Kip - keep
- 11) Knit - neat
- 12) Lip - leap
- 13) Mill - meal
- 14) Mitt - meat
- 15) Pick - peak
- 16) Pitch - peach
- 17) Sin- seen
- 18) Sit - seat
- 19) Slip - sleep
- 20) Still - steal

QUESTION 7

Read the following words out loud that all have silent letters.

- 1) Comb
- 2) Doubt
- 3) Muscle
- 4) Yacht
- 5) Handsome
- 6) Wednesday
- 7) Sign
- 8) Champagne
- 9) Laughter
- 10) Daughter
- 11) Chemistry
- 12) Hour
- 13) Knife
- 14) Salmon
- 15) Autumn
- 16) Receipt
- 17) Island
- 18) Castle
- 19) Ballet
- 20) Biscuit