Duolingo English Test speaking practice

Typical prompts and a plan for a one-minute answer, written for this page

Prompt A: a time you helped someone (the practice below)
Talk about a time when you helped someone. Say who it was, what you did, and how you felt.

Prompt B: a place you like
Describe a place in your town where you like to spend time. Say where it is, what you do there, and why you like it.

Prompt C: an opinion
Some people prefer to study alone, and others prefer to study in a group. What do you prefer? Give reasons for your answer.

A plan for speaking for a minute without stopping
1. Start with the situation: A few months ago, I... (when, where, who) 2. Say what happened, step by step: First,... Then,... After that,... 3. Add a detail: it was cold / she was very kind / I was nervous. 4. Say how you felt, and why. 5. Finish with what you learned or what you do now. If you stop: say Let me think... or What I mean is... and go on. If you don't know a word, say what it looks like or what it does.

A plan for an opinion answer
1. Say what you think: I prefer to study in a group. 2. Give a reason: The main reason is that... 3. Give an example from your life: For example, last year... 4. Say the other side in one sentence: Studying alone is quiet, but... 5. Finish: So, for me, a group works better.

Interactive Speaking: typical questions, two topics
Topic one, weekends: What do you usually do on weekends? / You said you like cooking. What do you cook? / Do you prefer a quiet weekend or a busy one? Topic two, phones: How much time do you spend on your phone? / What apps do you use the most? / Do you think people spend too much time on their phones? Tip: each answer is short, about 35 seconds, so give your answer, one reason, and stop.

1. Talk about a time you helped someone

Talk about a time when you helped someone. Say who it was, what you did, and how you felt.

A few months ago I helped my neighbor, an old woman. Her bag was very heavy, so I carried it to her apartment. After that she made me tea. I felt happy, and now we talk every week.

Describe a place in your town where you like to spend time.

I like the river park near my house. There is a long path, and in the evening I walk there or read on a bench. It's quiet, and it helps me relax after work.

A few months ago, I helped my neighbor.

First,... Then,... After that,...

I felt happy because...

Let me think... What I mean is...

2. Say what you do on weekends

What do you usually do on weekends?

I usually meet my friends, and we play football. Sometimes I stay home and watch a series.

I usually... on weekends.

Sometimes I..., but on Sundays I...

3. Answer his follow-up about what you said

You said you play football. How did you start?

I started when I was ten. My father took me to a club near our house, and I liked it, so I stayed.

I started when I was ten.

I like it because...

Another thing is that...

4. Say how much you use your phone

How much time do you spend on your phone every day, and what do you use it for?

I think about four hours. I use it for messages, videos and music. I know it's a lot.

I think I spend about... hours a day.

I mostly use it for messages and videos.

I know it's a lot.

5. Say if people use phones too much, and why

Do you think people spend too much time on their phones? Why or why not?	Yes, I think so. For example, in a restaurant people look at their phones and don't talk. We should have more time without phones.
Do you prefer to study alone or in a group?	I prefer a group. The main reason is that friends explain things I don't understand. Studying alone is quiet, but I get bored. So, for me, a group works better.

Yes, I think so. For example,...

I don't think so, because...

On the one hand..., but on the other hand...

So, for me,...

Do the practice with an AI chatbot: kotokin.com/learn/english/duolingo-english-test-speaking