



Pre A1 Starters

Tommaso

Watch the video of Tommaso doing a Starters Speaking test and read the examiner comments below.

Part 1

In the first phase of Part 1, children taking the test first point to the correct parts of the large picture.

When asked, 'Where's the girl?' Tommaso shows that he understands the question, he points to the girl in the large picture. This is good.

In the second phase, children put two small picture cards on the large picture following the examiner's instructions. Tommaso knows the words: *spider* and *doll*, and he shows he understands the examiner's instructions by placing the picture cards where he is asked to.

Part 2

In this part, children answer 5 questions about the large picture using as much language as they can. When the examiner asks Tommaso, 'What is this?' Tommaso answers 'Balloon', this is good. He shows that he understands the examiner's next question by answering, 'Green, blue, red and yellow', this is good. When the examiner asks Tommaso, 'How many balloons are there?' he answers using a complete utterance. 'There are six balloon.' This longer answer is better than only one-word answers.

Part 3

In this part, children answer questions about 4 of the small picture cards. Tommaso shows he understands all the examiner's questions about the small picture cards by answering each question correctly. Most of his answers are only one word. This is good, but it is better to give longer answers if you can.

**Part 4**

In this part, children answer three questions about themselves.

Tommaso doesn't seem to understand the question 'Where do you learn English?' This is not a problem. The examiner helps him and asks him, 'Do you learn English at school?' Tommaso is then able to answer the question. Sometimes you may not understand a question and you can ask the examiner to repeat the question, this is a good thing to do. It shows that you can ask for help.

Marks

Vocabulary	Pronunciation	Interaction	Total
5	5	5	15

Remember:

- Say 'hello' and 'goodbye' to the examiner at the beginning and the end of the test.
- Don't worry if you don't understand something. Just say, 'Sorry, I don't understand.' The examiner will ask the question again or tell you the answer.
- Have fun and enjoy the test!

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