

Interactive phase Advanced Stage

The guidance for this phase is the same as that given for the [Intermediate stage](#). At the Advanced stage, the actual tasks have been designed to provide the candidates with the opportunity of demonstrating not only their ability to express the functions of the grade but also their control of the grammatical items listed for all grades up to and including Grade 9.

Below are some **SAMPLE** Interactive Prompts for Advanced Stage. Note these are samples and will **NOT** be used in an actual examination.

Grade 10 - Interactive prompts

The examiner will introduce this phase by saying:

"In this task, I'll start by telling you something. You'll have to ask me questions to find out more information. It's your responsibility to maintain the conversation. Are you ready?"

1. Recently I made a decision that I may live to regret. I invested quite a lot of money in a scheme I don't know much about. (Deducing; expressing opinions tentatively; developing an argument)
2. I've never believed that dreams were related in any way to reality but after the one I had the other night, I'm not so sure. (Deducing, expressing beliefs)
3. There's a plan to close down our small village post office. We've started a campaign to stop this from happening. (Developing an argument, defending a point of view, expressing beliefs, expressing opinions tentatively)
4. My nephew had a serious motorbike accident last spring and how he was treated made me change my opinions of the health service. (Developing an argument, defending a point of view, expressing beliefs, expressing opinions tentatively)
5. I'd never been inside a prison before - last year was the very first time. (Expressing beliefs, expressing opinions tentatively, deducing)
6. I went to a party the other week. I'd been looking forward to it for ages but it didn't quite turn out as I'd expected. (Deducing, expressing opinions tentatively)
7. A boy I know can't decide what job to do so he's thinking of joining the army for a year or two. His parents were asking me what I thought about it. (Expressing beliefs, expressing opinions tentatively, summarising arguments)
8. A local newspaper is offering a prize to the person who can give up their mobile phone for the longest period of time. I'm thinking of having a go. (Deducing, summarising arguments and opinions, defending a point of view, developing an argument)
9. My neighbours' 16 year-old son has just got a job, with no experience, as a waiter in a very smart restaurant and they've invited me for a meal there. (Deducing, defending a point of view)
10. My brother's changing his job and has to move to another part of the country which means the children changing schools. I told him I didn't think it was a good idea but he does have his job to consider. (Summarising arguments and opinions, defending a point of view, developing an argument)

Grade 11 - Interactive prompts

The examiner will introduce this phase by saying:

"In this task, I'll start by telling you something. You'll have to ask me questions to find out more information. It's your responsibility to maintain the conversation. Are you ready?"

1. People say that laughing is good for your health, physically and psychologically, and I'm sure that's true. I always feel ten times better after a good laugh and there are lots of things that make me laugh but sometimes I wonder if I should be laughing at them at all. (Inferring, justifying an argument, evaluating different standpoints)

2. We all seem to get inundated all the time with appeals for money from different charities. You can't give to all of them and I find it very hard to decide which ones to support. (Inferring, expressing caution, evaluating different standpoints)
3. Last week, I had someone in to do some home improvements for me but you should see what my house looks like now. (Inferring, expressing caution, challenging opinions)
4. A friend of mine came to see me the other day and said he was desperate for my help. I really don't know what to do. (Inferring, expressing caution, softening and downplaying propositions)
5. People always talk about what period in the past they would like to have lived in. I'm happy to be living in the present when you think what the future could hold. (Inferring, evaluating different standpoints, justifying an argument, expressing reservations)
6. Last year I decided to study something new. I didn't learn much about the subject but attending the course changed my life. (Inferring, expressing caution, challenging opinions)
7. I've heard about people getting married in some very strange places and in unusual ways. It does make me wonder how serious these people are about marriage. (Inferring, justifying an argument, challenging arguments and opinions, evaluating different standpoints)
8. I really feel I ought to tell my boss how unhappy many of the staff are and how low morale is at the moment but it's a very difficult thing to do and I don't know whether to go ahead or leave it. (Evaluating different standpoints, justifying an argument)
9. My sister complains that her husband never helps with the housework but at the same time she gets her daughter to help with the washing-up and lets her son sit and do nothing. I often talk to her about it but she can't see what I'm getting at. (Evaluating different standpoints, justifying an argument, softening and downplaying propositions)
10. I live on a very busy road where there are frequent road accidents. The local council plan to put up a speed camera which at first I thought was a wonderful idea but when I heard how it's going to affect me personally, I wasn't so sure. (Evaluating different standpoints, expressing caution, justifying an argument, softening and downplaying propositions)

Grade 12 - Interactive prompts

The examiner will introduce this phase by saying:

"In this task, I'll start by telling you something. You'll have to ask me questions to find out more information. It's your responsibility to maintain the conversation. Are you ready?"

1. There used to be a series on the radio a while ago called 'True Confessions' where people admitted to what were usually trivial misdemeanours they'd carried out some time in their past. I never took part myself but I must admit I was tempted. (Expressing empathy, denying, implying)
2. These days it's almost become a cliché to say that you can't trust a politician but once in a while, as in fact happened to me the other week, you hear something to make you feel more optimistic. (Asserting, contradicting, affirming)
3. I've got quite a few friends who advocate an alternative lifestyle which at times seems to verge on anarchy. They're always pressurising me to join them and I can see some advantages but am not totally convinced. (Asserting, expressing empathy, affirming)
4. I changed my job a few months ago and all the benefits I'd hoped for have in fact materialised but I'm still finding it difficult to get used to working with my new colleagues and am wondering if I did make the right decision after all. (Expressing sympathy, asserting)
5. I went to a new modern art gallery a few months ago with a friend. I thought the main exhibit was completely ridiculous - I really thought they were pulling our leg -but my friend didn't agree. (Asserting, affirming, denying)
6. They were discussing on the radio a little while ago how we are all suffering from 'compassion fatigue' these days and how we are constantly bombarded by appeals for money. I've been discussing with my family whether there's any answer to this problem. (Expressing sympathy, asserting)
7. I was watching a television programme the other night which said that children's future prospects are determined by their experiences in the first three years of their life. I wonder what people would have

thought I/my brother/daughter etc. would turn out like if they'd seen me/him/her at the age of three.
(Implying, contradicting, affirming)

8. I've made a mistake with something and really feel I should own up to it but maybe it's better to leave well enough alone and hope that no-one finds out. (Expressing empathy, affirming, contradicting)

9. An elderly friend of mine is delighted at the news that they are planning to have a more visible police force in the area. She's convinced it will lead to less crime but I'm not so sure either about the motives or the outcome of this move. (Asserting, contradicting)

10. I know a couple who haven't got a great deal of money who have been offered vast sums of money to use their child in advertisements. We were talking about it the other day and they're in a real dilemma as to whether to accept the offer or not. (Expressing empathy, asserting, denying)