

Class 5

Pearson Test of English (PTE)

The speaking section of the Pearson Test of English (PTE) assesses your ability to communicate effectively in spoken English. This section includes various tasks that evaluate different aspects of your speaking skills. Here is an overview of the PTE Speaking section:

PTE Speaking Section Overview:

Format:

- The speaking section is part of the larger PTE Academic test, and it is delivered in a computer-based format.

Number of Items:

- The speaking section typically consists of 5 to 7 tasks, depending on the specific test.

Duration:

- The total duration of the speaking section is around 25 to 30 minutes.

Task Types:

- The speaking tasks cover a range of question types to assess various speaking skills.

Types of Speaking Tasks:

Personal Introduction:

- You are given 25 seconds to read a prompt, and then you have 30 seconds to record a personal introduction.

Read Aloud:

- You read a short text aloud. This task assesses your ability to pronounce words and express ideas clearly.

Repeat Sentence:

- You listen to a sentence and repeat it. This task evaluates your ability to understand and reproduce spoken language.

Describe Image:

- You are presented with an image, and you have 25 seconds to prepare a response and 40 seconds to speak about the image.

Re-tell Lecture:

- You listen to a short lecture, and then you have 40 seconds to re-tell the information you heard.

Answer Short Question:

- You listen to a question and respond with a brief answer.

Summarize Written Text (Speaking and Writing):

- Similar to the "Summarize Written Text" task in the reading section, but this time, you speak your summary into a microphone.

Scoring:

- Each task in the speaking section is scored individually on a scale from 10 to 90 points, with 10-point increments.
- Scoring is based on various factors, including content, pronunciation, oral fluency, grammatical range, and vocabulary use.

Tips for Success:

Practice Pronunciation:

- Focus on clear pronunciation. Practice enunciating words and expressing ideas with clarity.

Manage Your Time:

- Be mindful of the time allotted for each task. Practice managing your time to complete all tasks within the given time frame. ®

Speak at a Moderate Pace:

- Speak at a moderate pace to ensure that your words are clear and easily understandable.

Practice with a Microphone:

- If possible, practice speaking into a microphone to get comfortable with the equipment.

Take Notes:

- Use the erasable noteboard provided during the test to jot down key points for tasks like "Describe Image" and "Re-tell Lecture."

Listen Carefully:

- Pay close attention to the prompts and spoken content in tasks like "Repeat Sentence" and "Re-tell Lecture."

