

Comments to students about their performance on the final Conversation task.

ESL Level 3 Evaluation

Name: Nhan

Your good conversation points: You look interested in your partner. You made a good effort at trying to understand your partner. If you didn't understand, you said, "Could you repeat that?" You tried to use rejoinders. I think you have improved this session. Also, your listening ability has improved. When we first started the course, I think you often asked me to repeat, but recently you are able to understand a lot when I talk to you.

How you can improve: You should try to answer with more than one word or one sentence. Your answers are often very short. For example:

Denny: Do you like to watch TV with your family?

Nhan: Yes

(This is a very short answer. You should say more. For example, "Yes. We like to watch movies / sports / game shows / news." or "Yes, we watch TV for one hour every night.")

Also, you should try to ask more follow up questions.

Your grade: Pass

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Name: Kei

Your good conversation points: You look very interested in your partner. Also, when you answered her questions, you answered with many details and several sentences. In other words, you didn't just give short answers. You spoke with a lot of details about the topic. You used a variety of rejoinders. This made her feel good. You made a good effort at trying to understand your partner. If you didn't understand, you said, "Could you repeat that?"

How you can improve: In the future, you should try to ask more follow-up questions about your partner's answer. For example:

Kei: Do you like to send email?

Jenny: Yes, I do everyday.

Kei: That's good. I write to my father. (You didn't ask a follow-up. You could say, "That's good. Who do you send emails to?" or "What do you write about in your emails?" or "How much time do you spend on emails.")

Kei: Do you like exercise?

Jenny: I like running.

Kei: Oh. (No follow-up question)

Your grade: Pass

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Name: Jia

Your good conversation points: You looked interested in your partner and used a variety of rejoinders. This made him feel good. You are good at asking follow-up questions, for example, “How about you.” Your listening is improving because you tell me when you don’t understand something. That’s good. When we first started the course, I think you often asked me to repeat, but recently you are able to understand a lot.

How you can improve: You need more practice talking. You are good at asking questions, but you should practice giving longer answers. This means that you should answer with more than one sentence.

Your grade: Not Passing. You missed six classes this session, so you cannot pass. If you came every day and practiced, I think you could get a good grade.

ESL Level 4 Evaluation

Name: Adya

Your good conversation points: You listened to your partner and responded very naturally. You asked good follow up questions about what he said. Also, when you answered his questions, you answered with many details and several sentences. In other words, you didn’t just give short answers. You looked interested in your partner and used a variety of rejoinders. This made him feel good. You made a good effort at trying to understand your partner. If you didn’t understand, you said, “I’m sorry. I don’t understand.”

How you can improve: I think that your pronunciation has improved greatly this session. Everyone can usually understand you clearly. However, you will need to continue to make an effort to pronounce every word completely. With more practice and concentration, this will become natural for you and you won’t need to think about your pronunciation so much. (The only problem that I heard on Thursday was when you said, “You will pay (play).”

Also, your listening ability has improved a lot. When we first started the course, I think you often asked me to repeat, but recently you are able to understand everything I say. You have a big passive vocabulary. This means you understand words that you read. Now you need to activate that vocabulary when you hear those words and try to use them in conversation.

Your grade: Pass

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Name: Alvin

Your good conversation points: You looked interested in your partner and used a variety of rejoinders. This made her feel good.

How you can improve: I think that you are trying to be polite, so you hesitate to talk too much. Therefore, often you give kind of short answers. It would be better if you gave longer answers with more details. For example, you could say longer sentences or answer with more than one sentence. This will help your conversation partner, because then she will have a lot more to ask you about.

Your grade: Pass

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Your good conversation points:

How you can improve:

Your grade: _____