

The Guide To Get Ready For The Sproochentest

Get ready for the Oral Test:

Day 1

Read about the procedure and the content of the Sproochentest on the website of the [Institut National des Langues \(INL\)](#) so that you know all about the test format, the content, the requirements and the passing criteria.

Download all the documents of the [sample test](#)!

Day 2

Set your **study goals** and **your study schedule**. I suggest to set aside for these 30 days a specific block of time for studying. Planning it out, having a daily routine will help you to stay motivated, to keep track about your daily progress and to achieve your goals.

Day 2-5:

Describing a picture: The INL has published 2 examples of pictures under the rubrique "Sample Test". Practice - 1 picture a day - by writing a description for each. While writing the description of each picture it is best to think about: **who - what - where - when**. Think about the subject, environment, time of day, weather, location, the activities. This will give you ideas to keep you talking.

In my online course "[Succeed at the Sproochentest](#)" I teach you a useful technique how to best describe a picture in less than 5 minutes.

Practice your oral expression by **reading aloud** your description. This is very important as it will help you gaining confidence. Do you feel unsure about the pronunciation of some words? Check it on the Luxembourgish online dictionary: [LOD](#)

Then choose in a magazine or on the Internet 3-4 other pictures showing people and describe them and practice as explained above. Take 1 day per picture.

Day 6:

Download the example of questions "[Gespréich](#)" which you can find under the rubrique "Sample Test" on the website of INL. These are questions the examiner might ask about the weather, the seasons and daily activities, holidays etc Answer these questions. Take time to write down a short answer to each question.

Day 7-31:

Learn and practice to talk about the following topics:

1. Meng Famill
2. Mäin Alldag
3. Meng Hobbyen / Sport
4. Meng Vakanz
5. Meng lessgewunnechten
6. Meng Aarbecht / meng Formatioun
7. Medien & Liesen
8. De Stot maachen & akafe goen
9. Transportmëttel
10. Sproochen
11. Gesondheet
12. Meng Uertschaft / Mäi Wunnuert

Take my useful tips:

- 1** Gather the necessary vocabulary to talk about the different topics. For example if you want to talk about your family you would need to name the family members: Elteren, Grousselteren, Geschwëster, Mann, Fra, Cousinen, Tatta, Monni, Kanner ...
- 2** Write a text for each topic (it should always be personal as the questions the examiner will ask in the test are always about you and your family). Think about: **who - what - where - when**
- 3** Speak out loudly your written texts and record yourself on your smartphone. Then practice over and over again. This is very important as it will help you get familiarised with the vocabulary and with the pronunciation of the words.
- 4** Take 2 days to prepare each topic.

5 Frequency of repetition is more important than the length of your text! Why is repetition important? Well, repetition because that's the way our brain works. The more our brain sees something, the more likely it is to remember. And don't forget that vocabulary is all about being emotional. Be creative by personalizing what you are writing. As a result your text will be more memorable and meaningful.

In the description of this oral test you are allowed to make mistakes. The mispronunciation of individual words is accepted. You don't need to have a perfect grammar. Keep in mind that the required level is A2. You are expected to be capable of using simple language.

The most important is :

Make sure to understand what is required from you.

Show that you are able to handle a social exchange, to make a simple conversation.

Show that you can **talk about the topic** and support your ideas with examples!

The whole test (part 1 & part 2) lasts about 10 to 12 minutes.

In my online course "**Succeed at the Sproochentest**" I provide you for each topic with the useful vocabulary so to be able to express yourself and I have included questions the examiner might ask about a given topic so that you can prepare the answers to those questions

Get ready for the Listening Comprehension Test:

Day 1

Download the examples which you can find under the rubrique "Sample Test" on the website of INL.

- 1 Listen to the instructions.
- 2 Read the questions
- 3 Listen to the 3 recordings (following the instructions)
- 4 Answer the multiple choice questions for each recording
- 5 Check your answers with the answer sheet (*Key-Lösungen*)

Day 2-7

Listen to short radio news items or short interviews and practice! Listen many times until you are sure to have understood the context, the main point and try to recognise the important vocabulary which often comes up in.

Alternatively ask your teacher to give you some audios (level B1) with multiple choice questions.

Choose audios with the transcript so that you can afterwards listen to the audio and read simultaneously the transcript. This will help you strengthen your listening and understanding skills. After that, you can try to read aloud with the transcript: this will help you to strengthen your pronunciation.

With my online course "[Succeed at the Sproochentest](#)" you can practice your listening comprehension skills with 6 examples exactly as in the test.