



BULATS First lesson

Needs Analysis, tense review and speaking practice

Ask your partner the topics below and make brief notes in the relevant boxes, using suitable tenses to talk about the past, present and future.

Name (of person being interviewed):		
Present	Past	Future
Home/ Accommodation		
Work		
Education/ Training/ Study		
Travel		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Studying English		
Using English		
English tests		
Interests/ Hobbies		



Ask questions from below that you haven't yet to add more information about your partner to the form above.

- Do you live near here?
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- Are you from Tokyo?/ Where are you from?/ Where were you born?
- Would you like to move?
- What kind of home would you like to live in?
- What is the area where you live/ your home town like?
- Are there many things to do near where you live?

- Are you working or are you a student?/ What do you do?/ What's your job?
- Are you working at the moment?
- What did you do before that?/ Is this your first job?
- How long have you been working there/ doing that job?
- What would you like to do in the future?

- Are you studying anything at the moment?
- What did you study at university?
- Is there anything that you'd like to study in the future?
- What was your favourite subject at school?
- Do you need any more qualifications for your future career?

- Have you been to many foreign countries?
- Do you have any plans to travel?
- What countries would you like to visit?
- Do you need to travel as part of your work?
- Will you travel as part of your future work?

- Do you speak any other languages?
- Are you taking an English course at the moment?
- What do you plan to do to improve your English?
- Would you like to study any other languages?

- What are your hobbies?
- What did you like doing when you were a child?
- Are there any new hobbies that you'd like to take up?
- Do you do any sports?

Ask about questions which you couldn't understand, are not sure you answered well, etc.

Label the questions above with the topics and times practiced during the needs analysis.

Practise answering one question over and over, giving a slightly longer answer each time.

Give short answers to each question and see if your partner can come up with follow-up questions to make you say more.

Match these follow-up questions to the questions above.

- ✧ Did you have any problems communicating there?
- ✧ Why did you choose that subject?
- ✧ Do you enjoy it?
- ✧ What was your favourite place?
- ✧ What do you think about it?

Practise a whole BULATS Speaking Part One. Interview your partner for approximately four minutes, in this order:

1. Questions about themselves, where they live and where they work or study
2. Questions about their work (if they are presently working) or studies (if they are a student)
3. Questions about one of: travel, language learning, future career prospects or interests/hobbies

Ask at least three or four questions about each topic, including follow-up questions (especially if their answers are short).