

Speaking – Benchmark 1



III. Getting Things Done

- Make and respond to simple requests related to immediate personal needs (such as asking for assistance, or for the time, a price or an amount).
 - Uses appropriate single words, phrases, memorized expressions and courtesy formulas.
 - Uses simple expressions of time.
 - Uses expressions for money, prices, and amounts.
 - Uses acceptable gestures and body language when making requests.
 - Demonstrates strengths and limitations typical of Speaking Benchmark 1, as listed in the Profile of Ability.

Sample Tasks

Attract a server's attention and make a request. (*Excuse me. Coffee, please.*)

Ask for the time.

Describe amounts of money. (*I have 2 quarters. Here is 1 dime. I have 60 cents.*)

Ask for assistance (*Help me, please.*)

IV. Sharing Information

- Give basic personal information in response to direct questions from a supportive listener.
 - Answers simple questions about personal information.
 - Uses alphabet to spell out words, such as own name.
- Ask for basic personal information.
 - Asks simple questions using memorized stock phrases.
 - Demonstrates strengths and limitations typical of Speaking Benchmark 1, as listed in the Profile of Ability.

Sample Tasks

Answer 2 or 3 questions from a co-worker, classmate or neighbour about self and family.

Answer 2 or 3 personal information questions (such as name, address, and phone number) from a librarian or store clerk.