

Released Sample Topics for MSU-CELC Speaking Test

The topics below are a sample of actual CELC speaking topics that have been used in recent test administrations. Each topic is designed to begin a short conversation. Each topic consists of a group of several related questions that might be used in a conversation about this topic. As in real life, every conversation is unique, so an examiner might ask additional, similar questions on the same topic.

Description	Narration	Supported Opinion
<p>* How do you get to school or work every day? What kind of transportation do you use? How long does it take? What route do you use?</p> <p>*Do you have any pets? Is there a type of pet you would like to own but don't currently have? Which traits about this pet are interesting or appealing to you?</p> <p>*I would like you to describe a funny or amazing video you have seen online recently. Tell me as much as you can remember.</p> <p>*Most people have one or several favorite movies. What about a movie that you didn't like very much? Can you describe it? What wasn't good about it?</p> <p>*Do you have a favorite meal to eat at a restaurant? What is it? Can you describe this food? Where can you order this type of food? How often do you eat it?</p> <p>*What is your favorite time of day? What happens during that time? What do you usually do then?</p>	<p>*Have you ever been late for class/school/work? What happened that day? Why were you late? What did you do to get there? What happened when you arrived?</p> <p>*Have you ever been to a gathering with many of your extended relatives? What happened on this occasion? Who was there? Where were you? What did you do there?</p> <p>*Have you ever gotten lost on the way to somewhere? Where were you going? Do you know how or why you got lost? Did you eventually reach your destination? How did you figure out where to go?</p> <p>*Have you ever fixed or repaired something? What was it? How did you fix/repair it? What steps did you take?</p> <p>*Can you think of a time when someone did something nice for you? Who was it? What did they do for you? How did it make you feel? How did you respond to the other person?</p> <p>*Have you ever had a difficulty or disagreement with one of your friends? What did you do to resolve the problem? What was the final result?</p>	<p>*What would you do if you arrived at school/work and no one else was there? Why would you react in this way?</p> <p>*Should parents help decide in what their children study at university? Why or why not?</p> <p>*If you had a time machine, would you rather travel to the past or the future? What specific times would you "visit"? Why?</p> <p>*Why is it important to be honest? What effects does this have on people's relationships? Is it ever OK to lie? Are there times when being honest isn't a good idea? Why not?</p> <p>*What would life be like if there were no cell phones? How would people communicate? What adjustments would people have to make?</p> <p>*What is one thing that you own now that you think you will still own 50 years from now? Why do you think you'll still own this item? What role does it play in your life? Will you still be using it the same way or doing the same thing with it 50 years from now?</p>