

AFYON KOCATEPE UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
2025–2026 Academic Year (Fall Term)
Proficiency Exam (YDYS Category A) – PHASE 2 – SESSION 3
SPEAKING EXAM INFORMATION

Please read the following information about **AKU YDYS CATEGORY A – SPEAKING EXAM** carefully.

DURATION:	2-3 minutes
PURPOSE:	To assess and evaluate students' overall proficiency in spoken English
FORMAT:	One-on-one interview with an interlocutor and one or more scorers
TOPICS:	Students will be given a general topic in the form of a question.

SPEAKING TASK DESCRIPTION: Short Talk

Your task is to give a short talk on the topic provided. You should share your opinions, thoughts, experiences, preferences, or any other relevant information related to the topic.

If you cannot think of a personal experience or preference, feel free to use your imagination. Imagination is always welcomed as long as it is in real life limits.

Remember to:

- Speak clearly and fluently.
- Use a variety of vocabulary and grammar.
- Pronounce words correctly.
- Organize your thoughts logically.
- Express your ideas creatively.

You will have 2-3 minutes to complete your talk.

SPEAKING EXAM PROCEDURE:

- 1. Topic Presentation:** You will receive the topic that you are going to talk about in the form of a question written on a piece of paper.
- 2. Preparation Time:** You will have approximately 2-3 minutes to prepare your response.
- 3. Speaking Task:** You will be asked to speak on the given topic for 2-3 minutes.

FURTHER DETAILS:

1. Make sure you have your **STUDENT ID CARD or any official document proving your student status** with you.
2. You will be summoned to the exam hall according to your place on the exam hall list.
3. If you are late for the exam or if you decide not to take the exam, the next student on the list will be summoned to the exam hall. Therefore, please be at school at the specified exam time.
4. When you enter the exam hall, you need to **sign the exam attendance list**.
5. You need to **leave your mobile phones or other smart devices** on an empty desk in the classroom when you enter the exam hall. You **CANNOT USE YOUR PHONE OR THE INTERNET** while you are in the exam hall before or during the exam.
6. There will be two students present at the exam hall at the same time. While the first student is answering the speaking exam task, the second student will receive his/her short talk question and prepare for his/her speech.
7. You are **NOT ALLOWED** to **take notes** during your thinking time.
8. You have to talk about the topic you are given. You **CANNOT CHANGE** the topic that you are given. However, you are allowed to ask the interlocutor to paraphrase the question if there are any unfamiliar words to you.
9. During the speaking exam, there will be two or three instructors in the exam hall. One will be the **interlocutor**, asking you questions and guiding the conversation. The other

instructor(s) will act as **observer(s)** and will focus only on evaluating your spoken performance.

10. Speaking exam will be audio recorded to ensure fairness and transparency. These recordings will be used to evaluate student performance and may be referred to in the event of any grade-related inquiries or appeals.

11. Scoring Criteria: You will be evaluated on the following aspects:

- **Task Achievement:** Your ability to address all aspects of the topic and provide relevant information.
- **Coherence:** Your ability to organize your thoughts logically and connect your ideas.
- **Creativity:** Your ability to express your ideas in an original and interesting way.
- **Fluency:** Your ability to speak without long pauses or hesitation.
- **Pronunciation:** Your ability to pronounce words and sounds correctly.
- **Accuracy:** Your use of correct grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structure.
- **Vocabulary Range:** Your ability to use a wide variety of vocabulary to express your ideas.

SAMPLE SPEAKING EXAM – SHORT TALK TASK QUESTION:

“What does stress mean to you? How do you typically cope with stress?
Give examples.”

Respecting the Exam Space

To minimize distractions during the speaking exam, we kindly ask all students to remain quiet and avoid making noise in the corridors while waiting for their turn. Please respect the exam environment for all participants.

SAMPLE SPEAKING EXAM - SHORT TALK TASK RUBRIC (25 points)

CRITERIA	GRADING
TASK ACHIEVEMENT & COHERENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the question correctly Gives clear, appropriate, and comprehensible responses Connects ideas logically and uses features that create coherent speech Speaks effectively within the assigned time 	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
CREATIVITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands ideas with details and examples beyond the basic response Avoids <u>unnecessary repetition</u> 	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
GRAMMATICAL ACCURACY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a sufficient range of grammatical forms accurately and appropriately (verbs, tenses, articles, etc.) Minor errors do not obscure meaning 	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
VOCABULARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a sufficient range of words and phrases for the task Chooses words appropriately and <u>avoids frequent repetition</u> Uses <u>paraphrasing</u> and <u>fillers</u> when needed 	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
PRONUNCIATION & FLUENCY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaks clearly and at a natural pace with intelligible pronunciation Uses natural intonation Avoids <u>long pauses</u>, <u>hesitation</u>, and <u>unnecessary self-correction</u> Avoids <u>using Turkish</u> (their first language) Minor pronunciation difficulties lapses do not affect overall intelligibility. 	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
Expected Speech Length: 2-3 minutes <i>(Speeches slightly shorter than the assigned time may be accepted if they are satisfactory.)</i>	SCORE: _____ / 25

- ★ Points will be deducted if the speech is significantly shorter than the assigned time.
- ★ If students only answer the given question, but fail to expand their ideas, use “coherence, grammar, and vocabulary” criteria only.

REMINDER

You are obliged to read the information and instructions in this document. AKU School of Foreign Languages is **NOT responsible** for the problems caused by lack of information on your part.