

HSK Speaking (Primary)

Level description

The HSK Speaking Test (Primary Level) assesses the candidates' ability to express themselves in oral Chinese. It is the counterpart of the Level I and Level II of the Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages and the A Level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF).

Candidates who are able to pass the HSK Speaking Test (Primary Level) can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and meet specific needs for communication.

Candidate description

HSK Speaking (Primary) is mainly designed for candidates who have been learning Chinese at a pace of 2-3 lessons per week for one to two semesters and have mastered around 200 of the most commonly used words.

Test structure

The HSK Speaking (Primary) test consists of three sections, totaling 27 questions. The examination duration is 20 minutes, including 7 minutes of preparation time.

Test Content		Number of test questions (items)	Test duration (minutes)
Section 1	Listen and Repeat	15	6
Section 2	Listen and Answer	10	4
Section 3	Answer the Questions	2	3
Total		27	13

Speaking 100 points	Part 1 (15 questions) Listen and repeat (about 6 minutes)	The HSK Speaking Test (Primary Level) assesses the candidates' ability to express themselves in oral Chinese. It is the counterpart of the Level I and Level II of the
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	Part 2 (10 questions) Answer after listening (about 4 minutes)	Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages and the A Level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF). Candidates who are able to pass the HSK Speaking Test (Primary Level) can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and meet specific needs for communication.
	Part 3 (2 questions) Answer the questions (about 3 minutes)	

Achieving a full score entails earning 100 points, while a cumulative score of 60 or above qualifies as a passing mark. The HSK Speaking scores are valid for two years, starting from the test date.

Resources, vocabulary and sample papers can be found [here](#) and [here](#).