

HSK Speaking (Intermediate)

Level description

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

Candidates who are able to pass the HSK Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) can understand intermediate Chinese and converse fluently with native Chinese speakers.

Candidate description

HSK Speaking (Intermediate) is mainly designed for candidates who have been learning Chinese at a pace of 2-3 lessons per week for one to two academic years and have mastered around 900 commonly used words.

Test structure

The HSK Speaking (Intermediate) test consists of three sections, totaling 14 questions. The examination duration is 23 minutes, including 10 minutes of preparation time.

Test Content		Number of test questions (items)	Test duration (minutes)
Section 1	Listen and Repeat	10	5
Section 2	Picture Description	2	4
Section 3	Answer the Questions	2	4
Total		14	13

Speaking 100 points	Part 1 (10 questions) Listen and repeat (about 5 minutes)	The HSK Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) assesses candidates' ability to express themselves in oral Chinese. It is the counterpart of the Level III
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	Part 2 (2 questions) Picture description (about 4 minutes)	and Level IV of the Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages and the B Level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF). Candidates who are able to pass the HSK Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) can understand intermediate Chinese and converse fluently with native Chinese speakers.
	Part 3 (2 questions) Answer the questions (about 4 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](#).