

3 | Progress test

Complete these sentences with words from the list.
Change the form if necessary.

option put in place enter carry out
procedure means transform implement

- 1 We're _____ a very busy period now, so we need people to work overtime.
- 2 _____ extensive research is essential before redesigning the workplace.
- 3 What's the exact _____ for the fire drill?
- 4 They are _____ a new expense accounts system and it should be much better.
- 5 The _____ to the office is spectacular! It looks so much better now.
- 6 Our boss has a lot of new ideas, but as you can see from our current sales figures, we haven't got the _____ to see them through.
- 7 I would like to work flexible hours, but they don't give us the _____ to do so.
- 8 Senior management have established new rules for getting promoted, and HR now have to _____ them.

Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

- 9 The sales team will get a big bonus this year. They achieved all their *targets* / *progress*.
- 10 The idea of an inter-departmental sports competition has certainly generated a lot of *performance* / *enthusiasm*. Fifty people have signed up already!
- 11 We anticipated that there would be a lot of *problems* / *growth* during the project, but we didn't think it would be quite that bad!
- 12 Regular team meetings have enabled staff to exchange *productivity* / *information* about their schedules and workloads.
- 13 We need the latest sales figures to help us measure the *progress* / *special requirements* of the company.

Complete these sentences with phrases from the list.

Just to digress for a second
Perhaps here I should explain what I mean by
Now, I don't know if you're familiar with
Just to fill you in on some of the background
I'd like to start by

- 14 _____ saying how excited we are to be collaborating with you on this project.
- 15 _____. The idea for the project came about after a chance visit to one of our customers, whose office space has been totally redesigned.
- 16 _____ their design concept, but this slide outlines the key points.
- 17 _____ a 'career nomad'. It's when employees move from one company to another, or even one career to another.
- 18 _____, I'd like to congratulate the divisional golf team, who won the tournament at the weekend.

Correct the two mistakes in these sentences. (2 points per sentence)

- 19 I know what you are meaning, things aren't looking good – I think they are making people redundant sooner or later.
- 20 I know this is a tricking time for you, but everyone is expected working overtime next week because we're really busy.
- 21 You might best want to word this letter differently, so it's a little more diplomacy.
- 22 This time tomorrow you are flying to New Mexico – it might be worth to try to check in online today.
- 23 I can see where you're going from, but everyone's exhausted. By the time we finish, we will be working on this project for eight hours.
- 24 They think that the reaction to the takeover will have been quite aggressive. We'll have to wait until tomorrow to find out for certainty.

Result _____ / 30 marks

Role card

This Speaking test has only one role card because each student has to give an individual presentation. Copy this page and cut out the role card for the student. Then use the *Speaking test results* forms to evaluate the student's performance. You can then cut out the results and give them to the student.

Cut along this line

Student A

Prepare a five-minute presentation on one of the topics in the list.

- recent changes in my company and their impact
- how to boost morale in a company
- my predictions for the future world economy
- how to improve your work / life balance
- my hobby

When giving your presentation, you should

- outline your presentation and give background information
- signal the different sections of your presentation
- refer to something you'll say later or that you said earlier
- ensure your audience understands
- finish appropriately

Cut along this line

Speaking test results

Use this form to evaluate the student.

Cut along this line

Can the student ...	Didn't do this (0 points)	Yes, but with some mistakes (1 point)	Yes, did this very well (2 points)
outline the presentation / give background information?			
signal the sections of the presentation?			
refer to something that will be said later / was said earlier?			
ensure the audience understands?			
finish appropriately?			

Result _____ / 10 marks

Cut along this line