

B1 English

THE BUILDING BLOCKS GUÍA



The Building Blocks Guide Your speaking exam foundation

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1: INTRODUCTION

Use The Building Blocks Guide as a reference to help you prepare for your speaking exam.

This guide will help you save time as it focuses your exam preparation on using **sentences and phrases** which demonstrate the **EOI exam assessment/marking criteria** –i.e. sentences which are **exam-ready**.

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This Guide Gives You

- 1. A list of exam-ready sentences using key grammatical structures
- 2. A list of exam-ready sentences using key language functions:
 - a) Advice
 - b) Suggestions & Recommendation
 - c) Possibility
 - d) Prohibition
 - e) Obligation
- 3. Advice on how to improve richness and range:
 - A list of exam-ready sentences to express general statements
 - b. A list of exam-ready sentences to give personal opinions
 - c. A list of useful vocabulary, expressions and idioms
- 4. Advice on how to improve coherence:
 - a) A list of useful connectors/linkers
 - b) A list of useful adverbial phrases

Advice & Tips

- 1. The **EOI exam** has questions about a lot of **different topics**. The topics in this guide are mostly about **health**, **the environment and technology**.
- 2. Look at past exam papers to get to know the different topics.
- Do not try to remember everything; learn and copy a few grammatical structures from each section and change the vocabulary depending on the topic.
- 4. There is a big difference between a low B1 and a high B1 so change the sentences in this guide to make them easier or more complex according to your level and the time you have to study.
- 5. The truth is not important. **To pass the exam you have to demonstrate examples of the assessment criteria.** (Example EOI Assessment Criteria Matrix at the end of the guide)
- 6. **Different regions have different time restrictions; know** how long your exam tasks last and practise in exam conditions.
- 7. **Be smart and study intelligently.** Plan everything in English. If you translate, use AI or copy from the internet, you will have problems with your exam.
- 8. All the sentences in the guide will be useful for your writing exam as well as your speaking exam.
- Many people fail exams because they have nothing to talk about or write about. Use the infographic The
 Fabulous 8 on the next page to help you.

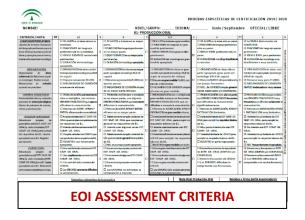


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The Monólogo

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES

You are going to talk about the topic of the use of technological devices in your daily life. Express your ideas and use arguments to justify your opinion. Use the following statements to prepare your monologue:

- 1. **Talk about** the technological devices you use in your daily life, how much you use them and how important they are for you.
- 2. **Describe** how much your life has changed since you started using these devices (meeting people, keeping in contact with friends...)
- 3. **Narrate** an anecdote that you or somebody you know has experienced related to the use of technology. **Give details**.

DIET

You are going to talk about the topic of food and diets. Express your ideas and use arguments to justify your opinion. Use the following statements to prepare your monologue:

- 1. Talk about what you consider a healthy diet.
- 2. **Discuss** your preferences when shopping for food: what kind of food you prefer to buy and where.
- 3. **Tell us** an anecdote about the last time you had junk food. **Give details about it** (when and where it was, what you had, who with and why you chose that food).

HOLIDAYS

You are going to talk about the topic of holidays. Express your ideas and use arguments to justify your opinion. Use the following statements to prepare your monologue:

- 1. **Describe** the type of holidays you usually have and your ideal type of holidays. **Give details** (places to visit, duration, people to go with, etc.)
- 2. Talk about the most important things you need to prepare when you organize your holidays.
- 3. **Tell a memorable anecdote** about something you (or somebody you know) have experienced during one of your holidays. **Give details** about it.

TAREA 1: MONÓLOGO

Talk about how good or bad television is in your country and how it affects our daily life. If we didn't have TV, would your life be better or worse? Why? What sort of programmes do you prefer watching? Which ones do you dislike? Do you still watch the same type of programmes that you watched 10 years ago?

TAREA 1: MONÓLOGO

Do you think you have healthy habits? What would you do to change your unhealthy habits? How have your health habits changed in the last 10 years? Are people obsessed with health nowadays? Why/Why not?

2: GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES

	MINIMUM GRAMMATICAL RANGE
Present Tenses: Simple Present Continuous	 Nowadays, many young people are vegetarians and vegans. Nowadays, more people go on foreign holidays. At the moment, I am dieting to lose weight. Thankfully, nowadays, the Spanish government is taking the problem of health and fitness much more seriously. Unfortunately, eating disorders are increasing. It's a sad fact of modern life that people eat more junk food than they eat healthy food. Despite more information about how to keep healthy, many people are still eating too much junk food and not doing enough exercise. My community association organises healthy eating workshops to teach people how to improve their eating habits.
	Remember: The past tenses are very useful for anecdotes
Past Tenses:	1. Last year, I gave up eating red meat, sugar, snacks and processed food.
Simple Past+Used to	2. When I was a child, I ate a balanced diet and used to do a lot of outdoor sports.
Past Continuous	3. Last night at about 8 pm, I was cooking a healthy vegetarian meal to celebrate my birthday.
Present Perfect+S	4. I have been on a diet for three years. Also, last month I joined a gym to improve my
Past	fitness.
	5. Over the years, I have met many foreigners.
Used to	6. My neighbourhood used to have a free public gym, but <i>unfortunately</i> , last week it shut
Remember + Simple	down because of financial problems.
Past + Used to Simple Past +	7. As for an anecdote, I remember when I was a child I used to go camping with my parents. I couldn't stand camping because I was afraid of insects.
reported speech	8. Once, when I was on a <i>skiing</i> holiday I fell over and broke my leg. It was a disaster because I spent the whole vacation watching my friends have a great time while I was bored. Indeed, because of this experience, I said to myself that I would never go on
	another dangerous holiday again.
Future Tenses	1. Next year/summer, I'm going to take up cookery classes.
Be going to +B INF	2. Next weekend, I'm going to go to an organic farmers market.
Will +B INF- future	3. According to doctors, by 2030, people will spend more money on diet pills and cosmetic
prediction	surgery than they will on fresh food and physical exercise.
	4. According to the Ministry of Health, by 2030 , most teenagers will have an eating disorder.
	5. According to recent research, by 2030 , most young people will have a technology addiction.
Conditional	1. When I have more money, I will buy a new smartphone.
Clauses/Phrases	2. When I am older, I will set up a business.
Zero – CO	3. CO: If there is a <i>choice</i> , I buy organic fruit and vegetables because they are healthier.
First - C1	, , ,
Second – C2	5. C2: If I worked for the government, I would reduce the number of <i>fast-food chains</i> in the country.

NEED MORE HELP?

A: EOI Digital Survival Guides Summary

1. The Building Blocks Guide:

- Exam-ready sentences for you to copy and adapt for the speaking exam
- A list of useful grammatical structures
- A list of useful vocabulary, expressions & idioms
- A list of useful connectors & adverbial phrases

2. The Monólogo Guide:

- Exam-ready recorded monólogo: audio (mp3)
- Complete transcript colour-coded to show you how to use the grammar, vocabulary and connectors

3. The Diálogo Guía:

- Exam-ready sentences to start, interact and end an exam dialogue
- Examples of formal & informal situations
- Best used with the Diálogo Tutorial

4. The Diálogo Tutorial

- Step-by-step tutorial on how to develop an exam-ready dialogue
- Complete model from start to end

B: ⋅60-minute English Online Exam Clinic 1-1

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