

C2 English

THE BUILDING BLOCKS GUÍA

"Like a hand in glove to prepare for C2 certification." Albert Arnau



The Building Blocks Guide Your speaking exam foundation

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1: INTRODUCTION

The Building Blocks Guide should be used as a reference to support your speaking exam preparation.

Using this guide should help you save time and therefore money because it focuses your exam preparation on developing **sentences** and **phrases** which demonstrate the **exam assessment criteria** –i.e. sentences which are **exam-ready**.

Take care of your brain - use the same structures and language points for your writing and mediation exam tasks!

This guide gives you:

- A list of exam-ready sentences using key grammatical structures
- A list of exam-ready sentences using key language functions:
 - a) Advice
 - b) Suggestions
 - c) Likelihood & Speculation
 - d) Prohibition
 - e) Obligation

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MONÓLOGO

Audio

Guía

DIÁLOGO

Tutorial

Guía

EOI ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- 3. Advice on how to improve richness and range:
 - a. 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 broad range of topics. The sentences in this guide **cover a wide variety of topics.**
- 2. **Different regions have different time restrictions.** You must know how long your exam tasks last as you must practise in exam conditions.
- 3. Don't try to remember everything. **Learn and copy a range of structures and phrases from each section.** Adapt the vocabulary to suit different topics.
- 4. Become familiar with exam topics by using past exam papers. Moreover, no matter your interests, C2-level students are expected to be able to speak fluently and coherently about abstract concepts, unfamiliar topics and controversial matters. You should already be following current affairs.
- 5. There is a huge difference between a low C2 and a high C2, so adapt the sentences in this guide to make them easier or more complex to suit your level.
- 6. **To pass the exam you have to demonstrate the assessment criteria.** Remember, the truth is not important.



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The monologue:

NIVEL C2 TASK ONE: MONOLOGUE 2A

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CLIMATE CRISIS

World scientists have warned humankind by saying, "We declare clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency. To secure a sustainable future, we must change how we live. This entails major transformations in the ways our global society functions and interacts with natural ecosystems."

Talk about:

- - · The negative impact of fossil fuels and farming on the planet
 - · How our lifestyle choices can be modified to promote a greener future

NIVEL C2 TASK ONE: MONOLOGUE 2B

CITIES OF THE FUTURE

Countries all over the world are becoming more and more urbanized. According to a recent report by the United Nations, 70% of the world's population will be living in cities in 2050. This poses a series of challenges to urban planners who have to provide adequate housing, basic infrastructure and public services to all city dwellers.

Talk about:

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- The social, economic and environmental issues that many big cities face today.
- What needs to be done to make urban areas more eco-friendly and sustainable.

NIVEL C2 TASK ONE: MONOLOGUE 8A



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COMMUNICATION

Although many people believe that online communication is preferable to face-toface communication, there are others singing from a different hymn book.

Talk about:

- The positive aspects
- The negative impacts

2: GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES

	MINIMUM GRAMMATICAL RANGE
Present Tenses Simple Present Continuous Past Tenses	 Despite the mounting evidence of climate change, some individuals choose to bury their heads in the sand and ignore the urgent need for environmental action. Nowadays we hear a lot about the growing threat of globalisation, but many supporters of globalisation argue that this narrative undermines the far-reaching positive effects. Many are the causes that have led us to a better and longer life. The proliferation of mobile communication devices in conjunction with the widespread use of social media has fundamentally altered our way of life. However, have you ever considered whether these changes have led to more or less freedom? Unfortunately, it's an under-known fact that the catalyst for mass emigration, far from being economically motivated, is the result of racial persecution and civil unrest. Conventional wisdom suggests that money can't buy you happiness, although, according to recent studies, people tend to feel happier as their income increases. Opponents of GM foods argue that there is little scientific data to conclusively prove that they are safe for human consumption in the short or long term. The notion that technology intrinsically enriches our lives is flawed for countless reasons. A key indicator of the superficiality of digital communication is the year-on-year increase in youth stress and loneliness. According to many research studies, celebrities have a long-term detrimental impact on young minds since they encourage underage drinking and unhealthy binge diets. Advocates of free speech often claim that censorship stifles debate. However, opponents argue that this standpoint naively ignores the true complexity of the issue. It is a sad reflection of modern-day society when young people appear to be more influenced by social media bloggers than journalists, scientists and politicians. Despite the recent measures to reduce carbon
	 jobs and generated over €12 billion for the regional economy. 3. Unsurprisingly, the medical community pointed out years ago that loneliness and acute depression would increase as a direct consequence of digital technology addiction. 4. A few months ago, I read an inciteful article in which the business community reported that productivity in teleworkers is much lower than in office-based workers.

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 (writing & mediation tasks)
- 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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