

English Conversation Practice for B1-B2 Learners

Feb. 12, 2026 – Course introduction:

- A. Self introductions**
- B. How to prepare an oral performance**
- C. Going to the airport**

Request: You need to go to the airport. Ask how to reach the airport and provide the necessary details to know what you have to do to fly abroad such as the time, your destination, your luggage, etc.

Details: You are helping somebody who needs to go to the airport and fly abroad. Inform about means of transport to reach the airport, documents, airport procedures, advice to avoid typical problems, etc

Feb. 19, 2026 – Lifestyles

Argument: Life was better when you were younger. Defend this view by concentrating on the main aspects in life: family, friends, security, opportunities, salaries, economy, toys, social relations, no contamination, direct contact, food, work, education, etc.

Counterargument: Life is better now than before. Defend this view by concentrating on the main aspects in life: family, friends, security, opportunities, salaries, economy, toys, social relations, no contamination, direct contact, food, work, education, etc.

Feb. 26, 2026 – Job interview

Interviewer. Adopt the role the role of the interviewer by behaving as him/her and asking questions about studies, past experience, personality, attitude, objectives, ambition, future plans and any other relevant questions you may consider necessary.

Interviewee. Adopt the role the role of the interviewer by behaving as him/her and asking questions about studies, past experience, personality, attitude, objectives, ambition, future plans and any other relevant questions you may consider necessary.

Mar. 05, 2026 – Past Habits

Argument: Your past habits were important to develop your present personality. Describe your principal past habits, give details about them and ask your mate about similar actions in his / her life. Use questions like: you / use to / ride on bicycle ? Your parents / use to go shopping with you? You / enjoy travelling? How.... ? Where?

Counterargument: Your past habits weren't important to develop your present personality. Answer your partner's questions about past habits by giving reasons. Then respond to his / her comments about his / her past habits. Describe your principal past habits, give details about them and ask your mate about similar actions in his / her life. Use questions like: you / use to / ride on bicycle ? Your parents / use to go shopping with you? You / enjoy travelling? How.... ? Where?

Mar. 12, 2026 – Discipline is necessary

Argument: Today's society needs more discipline. Argue that in past times society was more balanced and fair because of discipline. Ask your partner about specific aspects such as the family, the professional environment, policemen, justice, leisure establishments, the school, institute, university, etc. You can use modal verbs, passive (be supposed to... and vocabulary such as *obey, truant, naughty, get into trouble*, etc.

Counterargument: Today it isn't necessary more discipline. Argue that in past times society was less balanced and unfair because of discipline. Ask your partner about specific aspects such as the family, the professional environment, policemen, justice, leisure

establishments, the school, institute, university, etc. You can use modal verbs, passive (be supposed to... and vocabulary such as *obey*, *truant*, *naughty*, *get into trouble*, etc.

Mar. 19, 2026 – Future career.

Argument: Support the convenience of having your own business to develop your professional career. You can concentrate on the following aspects to support your views: challenges, objectives, innovation, freedom, incomes, successful personal projects, motivation, competition, feeling protagonist, training and teaching other professionals. You can use different forms of future as well as expressions such as *bound to*, *likely to*, *perhaps*, *maybe*, *probably*, *certainly*, *definitely*.

Counterargument: Support that it's better to work for a multinational or large company. You can concentrate on the following aspects to support your views: challenges, objectives, innovation, freedom, incomes, successful personal projects, motivation, competition, feeling protagonist, training and teaching other professionals. You can use different forms of future as well as expressions such as *bound to*, *likely to*, *perhaps*, *maybe*, *probably*, *certainly*, *definitely*.

Mar. 26, 2026 – A gastronomic menu

Guest: You are at a Spanish gastronomic restaurante because you want to enjoy Spanish gastronomy. Ask about typical dishes, their features, cooking methods, ideal drinks, appetizers, as well as the best recommendation to have a memorable experience in this restaurant. Ask about any set menu.

Waitress/Waiter: Explain the difference between a menu and a set menu. Then explain what gastronomy is and the difference between gastronomic and common dishes. Suggest the main Spanish typical specialities, how they are cooked, served, eaten, etc. Propose the guests adequate drinks and offer typical appetizers before the meal. Explain the difference between an appetizer and a first course.

Apr. 9, 2026 – Material world

Argument: Money and possessions give you freedom and happiness. Consider aspects as food, health, clothes, transport, comfort, housing, professional objectives, leisure, prestige, image, enjoyment. Summarising a material life versus an spiritual life or other positive values. You can use words and expressions such as: *earn*, *run out of*, *worth*, *good value for*, *raise*, *to be a waste of*, *inherit*, *overdrawn*, *hard up*, *afford*, *invest*, *savings*, *mortgage*, *bonuses*, *wage(s)*.

Counterargument: Values such as friendship, love, family, health, etc. Are more important than a life based on money. Consider aspects as friendship, welfare, position, vocation, family, love, empathy, food, health, clothes, transport, comfort, housing, professional objectives, leisure, prestige, image, enjoyment. Summarising a material life versus an spiritual life. You can use words and expressions such as: *earn*, *run out of*, *worth*, *good value for*, *raise*, *to be a waste of*, *inherit*, *overdrawn*, *hard up*, *afford*, *invest*, *savings*, *mortgage*, *bonuses*, *wage(s)*.

Apr. 16, 2026 – Long-Term Relationships

Argument: everlasting love, growing something together, stability, fidelity, responsibility, mutual support, personal and couple balance, children's security and stability

Counterargument: submission to your couple, dependence, lost personality, routin and monotony, predictable behaviour, agreement on shared tasks, time management, individuality vs Togetherness or Interdependence.

Apr. 23, 2026 – Film Sensations

Argument: The film you have seen and everybody SHOULD SEE. Think about the film you have seen which, according to you, everybody should see. Defend your view by providing

reasons, asking questions about other films people have seen, comparing the film with other similar or different ones, etc. You can use words such as storyline, performances, actors and actresses, the stars, soundtrack, supporting actors / actresses, special effects, setting. Agree and / or disagree with your partner. You can use these expressions and words: *overrated, breathtaking, worth, disappointing, can't stand / support, expectation, take your breath away*.

Counterargument: The film you have seen and everybody SHOULD SEE. Think about the film you have seen which, according to you, everybody should see. Defend your view by providing reasons, asking questions about other films people have seen, comparing the film with other similar or different ones, etc. If you have chosen the same film as someone else, then compare your experiences, feelings, moral, aroused feelings or sensations, etc. You can use words such as storyline, performances, actors and actresses, the stars, soundtrack, supporting actors / actresses, special effects, setting. Agree and / or disagree with your partner. You can use these expressions and words: *overrated, breathtaking, worth, disappointing, can't stand / support, expectation, take your breath away*.

Apr. 30, 2026 – Have Mobile Phones Changed Our Lifestyles?

Argument: connectivity / feeling of protection / feel protagonist / creativity increase / increased personal security / adaptation to new information environment / cognitive evolution (new technology, new skills) / mobile as complementary tool to other devices / broader reality (learning from different cultures / individual empowerment (sharing own views with others)

Counterargument: more impersonal relationships / anxiety (immediate response) / addictive behaviour / Narcissism and social recognition / effortless achievements / constant availability of distractions / instant gratification / short-form video / Doomscrolling / Highlight Reel Effect (empathising with models of perfect lives) / exposition to pre-existing interests and beliefs / fake news and misinformation

May. 7, 2025 – Trip Arrangements.

Argument: Prepare your trip or journey to avoid surprises. Decide on destination, means of transport, visitor attractions, accommodation, timetables, etc.

Counterargument: Spontaneous decisions, adventure makes travelling attractive and enjoyable, being left to your own devices to learn, manage with unexpected situations and enrich yourself with other cultures