

Speaking Test (Beginner Level)

The YCT Speaking Test (Beginner Level) assesses test takers' ability to expressing themselves orally in Chinese. It is the counterpart of the Level I and Level II of the *Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages* and the A Level of the *Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)*. Test takers who are able to pass the YCT Speaking Test (Beginner Level) can understand and use familiar everyday expressions that meet specific needs for communication.

I. Test Target

The YCT (Beginner Level) is intended for young students who have studied Chinese for 1-2 semesters, with 2-3 class hours per week. These students have mastered 200 commonly used words and related grammar patterns.

II. Test Content

The YCT Speaking Test (Beginner Level) is made up of three parts and contains a total of 25 items.

Section		Number of Items	Duration (Min)
Part I	Listen and Repeat	15	4
Part II	Listen and Reply	5	2
Part III	Describe Pictures	5	4
Total		25	10

The test will last for a total of 17 minutes (including 7 minutes for preparation).

There are 15 items in Part I. For each item, a sentence recording will be played. The test taker should repeat the sentence.

There are 5 items in Part II. For each item, the recording of a question will be played. The test taker should provide a brief answer.

There are 5 items in Part III. Each item consists of a picture. The test taker should use 2-3 sentences to say something based on the picture.

III. Results Certificate

The maximum score of the YCT Speaking Test (Beginner Level) is 100. A score of 60 or higher is considered a passing score.

Max Score	Passing Score	Your Score
100	60	

Speaking Test (Intermediate Level)

The YCT Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) assesses test takers' ability to expressing themselves orally in Chinese. It is the counterpart of the Level III of the *Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages* and the B1 Level of the *Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)*. Test takers who are able to pass the YCT Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) can understand simple spoken Chinese and engage in basic communication with native Chinese speakers.

I. Test Target

The YCT (Intermediate Level) is intended for young students who have studied Chinese for more than two semesters, with 2-3 class hours per week. These students have mastered 400 commonly used words and related grammar patterns.

II. Test Content

The YCT Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) is made up of three parts and contains a total of 14 items.

Section		Number of Items	Duration (Min)
Part I	Listen and Repeat	10	3
Part II	Describe Pictures	2	3
Part III	Answer the Questions	2	3
Total		14	9

The test will last a total of 19 minutes (including 10 minutes for preparation).

There are 10 items in Part I. For each item, a sentence recording will be played. The test taker should repeat the sentence.

There are 2 items in Part II. Each item consists of a picture. The test taker should write a passage based on the picture.

There are 2 items in Part III. The test taker should answer the two questions (using pinyin).

III. Results Certificate

The maximum score of the YCT Speaking Test (Intermediate Level) is 100. A score of 60 or higher is considered a passing score.

Max Score	Passing Score	Your Score
100	60	