**An Bhéaltriail- The Speaking Exam- Junior Certificate**

The speaking exam is worth 40% (160 marks) of the total mark. There are 4 parts to it:

1. Fáiltiú = The greeting (10 marks)

It lasts 1 minute and will include simple questions like:

* Dia duit (hello)
* Dia is Muire duit (hello to you too)
* Conas atá tú? (how are you?)
* Tá mé go maith, go raibh maith agat agus thú féin (I’m good, thanks and you?)
* Cad is ainm duit? (what is your name?)
* Jack is ainm dom (Jack is my name)
* Cén aois thú? (what age are you?)
* Tá mé ceithre/ cúig/sé bliana déag d’aois (I’m 14/15/16 years of age)
* Tá mo bhreithlá ar an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(my birthday is on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

* Cén rang ina bhfuil tú?

Tá mé I Rang trí ­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sa tríú bliain

* Cén scrúduimhir ata agat?
* Is é \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mo scrúduimhir.

1. Sraith Pictiúr= The Picture Sequence (30 marks)

You will be asked to describe 1 out of the possible 5 sraith pictiúr and will be given 3 minutes to do this. (1 minute to study the picture sequence and 2 minutes to describe what is happening in each picture)

1. Rólghlacadh= Role playing (40 marks)

There are 8 cards, which are advertisements for summer camps, restaurants etc. You are randomly given 1 card and **YOU must ask** the examiner 10 questions based on this card. You are given 3 minutes.

1. Agallamh= The interview (80 marks)

The examiner will ask you a series of questions based on your age, family, hobbies, school, where you live, holidays etc.

* Inis dom faoi do chlann (tell me about your family)
* Tá beirt/ triúr/ ceathrar/ cúigear/ seisear/ seachtar/ ochtar/ naonúr i mo chlann. (There are 2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 people in my family)
* Liam, m’athair, Áine, mo mháthair, Máire, mo dheirfiúr agus Séan, mo dheartháir.
* Úna agus Síle mo dheirfiúracha, Tomás agus Michéal mo dheartháireacha
* Tá beirt deirfiúracha/ deartháireacha agam (I have two sisters/ brothers)
* Tá deirfiúr/ deartháir amháin agam (I have one sister/ brother)
* Níl aon deirfiúracha/ deartháireacha agam (I have no sisters/ brothers)
* Is é Séan an duine is sine. Is í Úna an duine is sine (Séan/ Úna is the oldest)
* Is é Séan an duine is óige. Is í Úna an duine is óige (Séan/ Úna is the youngest)
* Is mise an duine is sine/ óige. (I am the oldest/ youngest)
* Tá mé i lár na clainne (I’m in the middle)
* Tá sé/ sí \_\_\_\_ bliana d’aois (he/ she is \_\_\_ years of age)
* Cá bhfuil tú i do chónaí? (Where do you live?)
* Tá mé i mo chónaí i \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Tá sé suite faoin tuath, in aice na farraige. (I live in \_\_\_\_\_\_. It is situated in the countryside, beside the sea)
* Is maith liom an áit, tá siopa, séipéal, oifig an phoist, leabharlann, páirc peile agus teach tábhairne ann. (I like the area, there is a shop, a church, a post office, a library, a football pitch and a pub there)
* Tá mo chairde ina gcónaí in aice láimhe (my friends live closeby)
* Inis dom faoi do theach (tell me about your house)
* Tá mé i mo chónaí i mbungaló/ teach dhá stór. Tá deich seomra sa theach. Tá cistin, seomra suite, seomra bia, seomra folctha agus trí sheomra codlata.

(I live in a bungalow/ 2 storey house. There are 10 rooms in the house. There is a kitchen, sitting room, dining room, bathroom and 3 bedrooms).

* Is fearr liom mo sheomra codlata mar tá mo teilifís féin agam

(I prefer my bedroom because I have my own tv)

* Glanaim mo sheomra codlata agus scuabaim an t-urlár sa chistin

(I clean my bedroom and I sweep the floor in the kitchen)

* Tá gairdín mór againn agus tá bláthanna agus crainn ag fás sa ghairdín

(We have a big garden and there is flowers and trees growing in the garden)

* Tá madra againn. Is bréa liom é. Rex is ainm dó

(We have a dog, I love him. Rex is his name)

* Inis dom faoi do scoil (Tell me about your school)
* Tá mé ag freastal ar scoil na sceachóige

(I’m attending Bush Post Primary school)

* Tá cúig chead dalta agus daichead múinteoir sa scoil

(There are 500 students and 40 teachers in the school)

* Is maith liom an scoil mar go bhfuil atmaisféar maith ann agus tá na múinteoir cairdiúil

(I like the school because there is a good atmosphere and the teachers are friendly)

* Tosaíonn an scoil ar a naoi a chlog gach lá agus críochnáionn sé ar fiche chun a ceathair (school starts at 9.00 every day and it finishes at 3.40)
* Tagaim ar scoil sa bhus/ charr (I come to school in the bus/ car)
* Tosaíonn lón ar deich tar éis a haon (Lunch starts at 1.10)
* Tá a lán áiseanna sa scoil, tá saotharlann, leabharlann, ceaintín, seomra ríomhairí, raon reatha, halla spóirt agus cistin

(There are a lot of facilities in the school; there is a laboratory, a library, a canteen, a computer room, a running track, a sports hall and a kitchen)

* Imríonn daltaí cispheil, peil agus galf sa scoil

(students play basketball, football and golf in the school)

* Caitheann na daltaí geansaí dúghorm, bristí liath/ sciorta gorm, léine gorm agus carbhat strípeach (the students wear a navy jumper, grey trousers/ blue skirt, a blue shirt and a stripy tie)
* Inis dom faoi do chaitheamh aimsire (Tell me about your past-times)
* Imrím peil. Imrím leis an fhoireann Ciceim Cuailigne/ Naomh Phádraig/ Gael Chú Chulainn. Bíonn traenáil agam gach seachtain.

(I play football. I play with the team Cooley Kickhams/ St. Patricks/ Cú Chulainn Gaels. I have training every week)

* Is fearr liom an clár teilifíse ‘The Simpsons’. Tá sé greannmhar agus suimiúil. Féachaim ar an teilifís gach lá

(I prefer the tv programme ‘The Simpsons’. It is funny and interesting. I watch the tv every day)

* Is fearr liom an banna ceoil ‘The Script’. Tá siad ar fheabhas. Chomh maith leis sin, is aoibhinn liom ‘The Kings of Leon’.

(I prefer the music band ‘The Script’. They are excellent. As well as that, I love ‘The Kings of Leon’.)

* Chuaigh mé go dtí ceolchoirm ‘The Script’ an samhradh seo caite le mo chairde. Bhí an-chraic agam. Chosain an ticéid caoga euro.

(I went to ‘The Script’ concert last summer with my friends. We had great fun. The ticket cost 50 euro).

* Cad a dhéanann tú ag an deireadh seachtaine/ sna tráthnóna/ gach samhradh?

(What do you do at the weekend/ every evening/ every summer?)

* **Bím** ag siopadóireacht, ag dul go dtí an phictiúrlann, ag léamh agus ag éisteacht le ceol.

Chomh maith leis sin, bím ag imirt peile

(I do be shopping, going to the cinema, reading and listening to music. As well as that I do be playing football).

* Cad a rinne tú ag an deireadh seachtaine? (What did you do at the weekend?)
* **Bhí mé** ag siopadóireacht, ag dul go dtí an phictiúrlann, ag léamh agus ag éisteacht le ceol. Chomh maith leis sin, bhí mé ag imirt peile.

(I was shopping, going to the cinema, reading and listening to music. As well as that I was playing football)

* Cad a dhéanfaidh tú ag an deireadh seachtaine seo chugainn?

(What will you do next weekend?)

* **Beidh mé** ag siopadóireacht, ag dul go dtí an phictiúrlann, ag léamh agus ag éisteacht le ceol. Chomh maith leis sin, beidh mé ag imirt peile. (I will be shopping, going to the cinema, reading and listening to music. As well as that I will be playing football)
* Cad a rinne tú an samhradh seo caite? /An raibh tú riamh ar laethanta saoire?

(What did you do last summer? / were you ever on holidays?)

* Chuaigh mé agus mo chlann go dtí an Spáinn agus bhí sé go hiontach.

Bhí an aimsir go hálainn agus bhí mé ag snámh gach lá.

Chuaigh mé go dtí an dioscó gach oíche.

Chaith mé seachtain ann.

D’ith mé burgair agus sceallóga. Bhí sé blasta.

(My family and I went to Spain and it was wonderful. The weather was beautiful and I was swimming every day. I went to the disco every night. I spent a week there. I ate bugers and chips, it was tasty)

* An raibh tú riamh sa Ghaeltacht? (Where you ever in the Gaeltacht?)
* Bhí mé sa Ghaeltacht anuraidh. Bhí mé i Rann na Feirste. Bhí sé go hiontach. Bhí mé ag snámh agus ag imirt peile gach lá. (I was in the Gaeltacht last year. I was in Rannafast. It was wonderful. I was swimming and playing football every day)