

SPROOCHENTEST · SPEAKING GUIDE

Picture Description Master Sheet

A complete cheat sheet for describing any image in the Sproochentest oral exam. Structure, vocabulary, ready-made sentences, and emergency fillers.

Speaking · Image Description · Vocabulary

Keep speaking. Describe what you see. Stay organized.

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The Goal of the Exercise

The examiner does NOT expect perfect grammar. The goal is simple: keep speaking, describe what you see, organize your ideas, and use simple vocabulary correctly. A simple fluent description is much better than complicated broken grammar.

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The Perfect Structure

Always follow the same order. This makes you sound organized.

STEP	WHAT TO DO	EXAMPLE FOCUS
1. General Situation	Where? Inside/outside? Weather?	Set the scene
2. Foreground	Describe the closest things	Am Vierdergrond...
3. Middle	Describe the center	An der Mëtt...
4. Background	Describe distant things	Am Hannergrond...
5. Opinion	Say what you think is happening	Ech mengen datt...

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Start Every Description the Same Way

BEST OPENINGS

Op der Foto gesinn ech ...

Um Bild gesinn ech ...

Dëst Bild weist ...

EXAMPLES

Op der Foto gesinn ech eng Famill.

Um Bild gesinn ech eng Stad.

Dëst Bild weist eng Kichen.

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General Situation: Inside / Outside

LOCATION SENTENCES

Si sinn dobannen. / Si sinn dobaussen.

D'Leit sinn doheem.

D'Leit sinn an enger Stuff.

D'Leit sinn an engem Restaurant.

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Weather Vocabulary

The weather is one of the easiest ways to speak longer.

LUXEMBOURGISH	ENGLISH
D'Wieder ass schéin.	The weather is nice.
Et ass sonnég.	It is sunny.
Et ass waarm. / Et ass kal.	It is warm. / It is cold.
Et reent. / Et schneit.	It is raining. / It is snowing.
Et ass wollekeg.	It is cloudy.
D'Sonn schéngt.	The sun is shining.
Den Himmel ass blo. / Den Himmel ass gro.	The sky is blue. / grey.

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Seasons

SUMMER

Ech mengen datt et Summer ass.
 D'Leit droen T-Shirten a Shorts.
 Et ass waarm a sonnég.

WINTER

Ech mengen datt et Wanter ass.
 D'Leit droen déck Jacketten.
 Et schneit. Et ass kal.

AUTUMN

Ech mengen datt et Hierscht ass.
 D'Beem hu giel Blieder.
 D'Wieder ass gro.

SPRING

Ech mengen datt et Fréijoer ass.
 Et gétt vill Blummen.
 D'Wieder gesäit flott aus.

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Activities

LUXEMBOURGISH	ENGLISH
Si iessen. / Si drénken.	They eat. / They drink.
Si schwätzen. / Si schaffen.	They talk. / They work.
Si maachen Sport.	They do sports.
Si entspanen sech.	They relax.
D'Kanner spillen.	The children play.
Hien liest. / Si schreift.	He reads. / She writes.

Position Vocabulary

LUXEMBOURGISH	ENGLISH	USE
Am Vierdergrond	In the foreground	Closest things
An der Mëtt	In the middle	Center of image
Am Hannergrond	In the background	Distant things
lénks / riets	left / right	Sides
uewen / ënnen	top / bottom	Vertical
nieft / hannert / virun	next to / behind / in front of	Relative

Most Useful Sentence Patterns

PEOPLE

Ech gesinn ee Mann. / Ech gesinn eng Fra.

Ech gesinn e Kand. / Et gi vill Leit.

ACTIONS

Hien sëtzt. / Si steet. / Hatt leeft.

Si schwätzen. / Hien drénkt. / Si schaffen.

OBJECTS

Um Dësch steet eng Taass.

Um Buedem läit e Buch.

Um Sofa leien Këssen.

Clothing & Colors

LUXEMBOURGISH	ENGLISH	COLOR	ENGLISH
den T-Shirt	t-shirt	blo	blue
de Pullover	sweater	rout	red
d'Jackett	jacket	gréng	green
d'Box	pants	schwaarz	black
d'Schong	shoes	wäiss	white
de Sonnebrëll	sunglasses	gro	grey
d'Kap	cap	brong / giel	brown / yellow

Ready-Made Clothing Sentences

CLOTHING DESCRIPTIONS

Hien huet e bloen T-Shirt un.

Si huet eng schwaarz Jackett un.

Hatt huet eng rout Box un.

Hien huet Sportschong un.

D'Fra huet e wäisst Hiem un.

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Ready-to-Use Full Descriptions

FAMILY PICTURE

Op der Foto gesinn ech eng Famill.
Si sinn dobaussen. D'Wieder ass schéin.
D'Eltere schwätzen. D'Kanner spillen.
Ech mengen datt si an der Vakanz sinn.

OFFICE PICTURE

Op der Foto gesinn ech eng Fra.
Si schaff op hirem Computer. Si sëtzt um Büro.
Um Dësch stinn e Laptop an eng Taass Kaffi.
Ech mengen datt si midd ass.

RESTAURANT PICTURE

Op der Foto gesinn ech vill Leit.
Si sëtze beim Dësch. Si iessen an drénken.
D'Atmosphär gesäit flott aus.
Ech mengen datt si Spaass hunn.

WINTER PICTURE

Op der Foto gesinn ech eng Strooss.
Et schneit. D'Leit droen déck Jacketten.
Et ass kal. Den Himmel ass gro.

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Opinion Sentences

USE THESE TO CONTINUE SPEAKING

Ech mengen datt si an der Vakanz sinn.
Ech mengen datt si glécklech sinn.
Ech mengen datt et Summer ass.
Ech mengen datt si Spaass hunn.
Ech fannen d'Bild schéin.
D'Atmosphär gesäit roueg aus.

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Emergency Fillers

Use these when you forget vocabulary. They stop silence.

FILLERS THAT SAVE YOU

Ech weess net genee wat dat ass.
Ech mengen datt ...
Vläicht ...
Et gesäit aus wéi ...
Ech sinn net sécher mee ...

Common Mistakes

Avoid these errors that candidates make frequently.

X Op der Foto ech gesinn ...

> Op der Foto gesinn ech ...

X Hien huet un e bloen T-Shirt.

> Hien huet e bloen T-Shirt un.

X Si ass um Kichen.

> Si ass an der Kichen.

X Et ass Sonne.

> Et ass sonnég.

Final Strategy

Never panic if you do not know a word. You can survive the entire exercise with simple vocabulary.

If stuck, describe: colors, weather, clothes, actions, emotions, positions.

The examiner mainly wants to see:

WHAT THEY LOOK FOR	WHAT THIS MEANS
Communication	You can get your message across
Organization	You follow a logical structure
Fluency	You keep speaking without long pauses
Confidence	You sound natural, not panicked

THE REAL OBJECTIVE

Keep speaking continuously. A simple fluent description beats complicated broken grammar every time. Use the structure, use the chunks, and never stop talking.