



# ORAL PROFICIENCY

## SPEAKING TEST OPIC

**A helpful guide for English  
speaking tests.**



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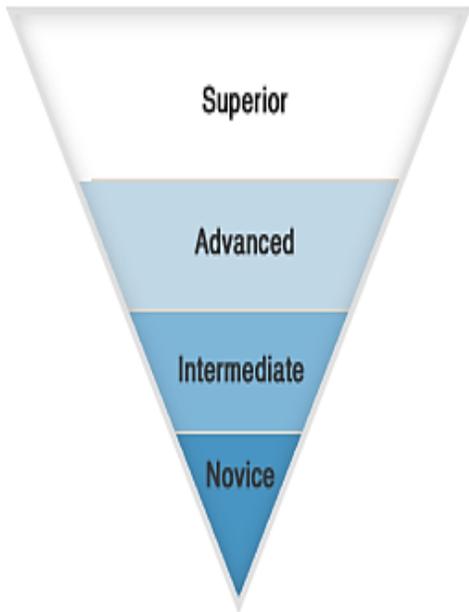
# OPIC DESCRIPTION

**Oral Proficiency Interview - computer (OPI-c)** is a computerized test of English-usage skills developed by the [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages](#)(ACTFL) and a computer company.

OPIC is a kind of test business interview. The one-hour test is a series of recorded questions. Test average is 20 to 40 minutes.

The goal of the instrument is the same as the OPI: to obtain a ratable sample of speech which a rater can evaluate and compare to the ACTFL or ILR Proficiency Guidelines in order to assign a rating. The current version of the OPIc rates the full range of the ACTFL scale, from Novice through Superior.

# OPIc SCORES



OPI

Superior

Advanced High

Advanced Mid

OPIc

Advanced Low

Intermediate High

Intermediate Mid (Mid1 < Mid2 < Mid3 로 세분화)

Intermediate Low

Novice High

Novice Mid

Novice Low

# Back ground survey Question:

## 1. What is your job?

- a) Company/office worker
- b) Housewife
- c) Teacher
- d) No experience / No job  
(are you a student?)

## 2. If you are a student: What is your purpose of studying?

- a) Getting a degree
- b) Continuing education
- c) Learning a language

## 3. What type of dwelling do you live in?

- a) House/Apt (alone)
- b) House/Apt (with friends/roommates)
- c) House/Apt (with family)
- d) School dormitory
- e) Military housing

## 4. What do you do in your free time?

- a) Watching movies (at cinema)
- b) Clubbing (Night Club)
- c) Watching performance/play
- d) Going to a concert
- e) Going to a Park
- f) Camping
- g) Going to the beach
- h) Watching sports
- i) Watching your kids play sports
- j) Coaching sports
- k) Playing games by yourself (cards, video, etc.)
- l) Playing games with adults (cards, pool, board games, etc.)
- m) Playing with kids (cards, board games, etc.)
- n) Helping with child's homework
- o) Helping with housework
- p) Maintenance of car

## 5. What come of interests and hobbies do you have?

(At least 1)

- a) Reading books for children
  - b) Listening to music
  - c) Playing musical instruments
  - d) Singing (alone)
  - e) Singing (with a group)
  - f) Teaching dance (dance classes)
  - g) Dancing
  - h) Writing
  - i) Painting / Drawing
  - j) Sewing
  - k) Knitting / Cross-stitching
  - l) Cooking
  - m) Gardening
  - n) Raising pets
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# Back ground survey Question:

## 6. What sports or exercise do you enjoy?

- a) Basketball
- b) Baseball / Softball
- c) Soccer
- d) Football (American Football – NFL)
- e) Rugby
- f) Golf
- g) Volleyball
- h) Tennis
- i) Badminton
- j) Table Tennis / Ping Pong
- k) Swimming
- l) Biking
- m) Motor Biking
- n) Skiing / Snowboarding
- o) Water Skiing
- p) Ice Skating
- q) Roller Blading (inline-skating)
- r) Horse riding
- s) Jogging
- t) Walking
- u) Doing Yoga**
- v) Hiking / Trekking**
- w) Fishing**
- x) Riding a boat**
- y) Working out (at the health club)**
- z.) Gymnastics**
- AA.) I don't do any physical activity or exercise**

## 7. Which type of traveling have you done? (At least 1)

- a) Domestic business trip
  - b) Overseas business trip
  - c) No traveling (Vacation at home)
  - d) Domestic trip
  - e) Overseas trip
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Briefly introduce yourself.

QUESTION

## Sample response

My name is Eunju Kim. I am a qualified accountant with six years post qualified experience gained within the pharmaceutical industry. I have a reputation for my attention to detail and delivering within strict deadlines and enjoy working with financial data. Going forward I want to work in a challenging finance role within the same industry. I'm very dedicated to my work and I enjoy what I do. I have gained so much experience in this job. I learned how to deal with many people and how to interact with my supervisors and colleagues. I'm married and I have 2 children. I'm currently living with my family.

## Vocabulary enrichment

**pharmaceutical industry**- develops, produces, and markets drugs.

**Reputation** - a widespread belief that someone or something has a particular habit or characteristic.

**Dedicated** - devoted to a task or purpose; having single-minded loyalty or integrity



Introduce your family.

QUESTION

Sample response



I have been brought-up in a very discipline atmosphere where values and principles have always been given priority. It gives me great pleasure to give introduction of my family. My respected father name is Mr. Park Gun he is in government service while my mother's name is Lee Ga Eun she's a housewife. In spite of it, she has been a great source of motivation in my life, I have also an elder brother and sister. They are both very supportive in my life. We are very close to each other, even we have a very busy lives, we always try to communicate, sharing stories , dine out together and so on. I don't have a perfect family but I'm very proud of them.

## Vocabulary enrichment

**brought-up** - to care for during childhood; rear.

**Values** principle or standard, as of behavior, that is considered important or desirable.

**Priority** - Something afforded or deserving prior attention.

**Motivation** the reason for the action; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior.



Describe an interesting hobby that you particularly enjoy.

QUESTION

## Sample response

Blogging is the interest or hobby that I really enjoy and have been doing it very passionately for the last 2-3 years. Blog is basically the short form of 'weblog' and it lets the blogger write on topic s/he likes. It is very similar to a website and the blog posts I write is open for anyone to read using internet. The blogging I am doing is not collaborated with anyone else and I am alone maintaining and updating it. The blog I am maintaining has lots of importance both for me and for the intended readers. For me, the blog helps me improving my writing skill as it requires lots of content writing, helps me exploring of relevant topics that improves my knowledge and to upload the images I take with my camera. Sometimes I write on how-to and tutorials which are helpful for people looking for it. Sometimes I write on books I read, movies I watch or about new things I learn and that helps me observing those in a different perspective. People can comment on the articles I add and thus I have got many others in my blog who shares similar interest that I have. Thus the importance of my blog immense to me and I maintain my blog with utmost passion and fervor. For writing blog posts I need to explore different topics and thus this habit helps me increase my knowledge on different topics.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Blogging** - write about (an event, situation, topic, etc.) in a blog.
2. **Fervor** - intense and passionate feeling.
3. **Collaborated** - work jointly on an activity, especially to produce or create something.
4. **Immense** = extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree



Tell something about your friend.

QUESTION

## Sample response

Having friends makes me happy, the friend I like to spend time with is James. I met him when I was only 10 years old we talked for a long after school and our friendship started to begin. We went to college together and then got admitted in different Universities. Since we were studying in the same city, we can meet each other and spend time together. He is passionate about reading books and that makes a good bonding with me. We often exchange our thought and criticism about books and politics. I like to spend time with him because we have many common interests between us. I never feel bored spending time with him. Since we are friends for a long time, we understand each other. A good friend always extends helping hands when in need. I feel grateful and fortunate to know him.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Passionate**- showing or caused by strong feelings or a strong belief.
2. **Criticism** -the expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes.
3. **Politics** - the activities associated with the governance of a country or other area, especially the debate or conflict among individuals or parties having or hoping to achieve power



Tell me about your normal daily routine.

QUESTION

Sample response



I'm an entrepreneur. Usually, I wake up at around 7 a.m. and immediately start my task. I head out for a walk. I always bring my iPhone to use the Stitcher app to listen to a variety of podcasts on topics such as self-publishing, Internet marketing and investing. Also, I keep the Ever note app in a key location on my phone—in case I want to record an idea from one of these podcasts. I do my first (and sometimes only) block of writing. Usually, I work on a Kindle book, blog post or piece of content. On occasion, I'll write something for my own personal enjoyment. After 8 p.m. is relaxation time. My fiancée and I will eat dinner, do a little cleaning and basically unwind for the rest of the night. At 11 p.m., I'll go to bed and do a little bit of fiction reading. I usually fall asleep around 11:30 p.m.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Entrepreneur** - a person who organizes and operates a business.
2. **Blog** - a regularly updated website or web page, typically one run by an individual or small group, that is written in an informal or conversational style.
3. **Podcast** - is a form of digital media that consists of an episodic series of audio or digital radio, subscribed to and downloaded through web syndication or streamed online to a computer or mobile device.



**Tell me about the nature of your job.**

QUESTION

## Sample response

My duties and responsibilities as an Administrative Officer. I sort mail and often respond to letters that are of routine nature. Make daily schedule for teachers/students both offline and online. I do preliminary interviews of job applicants. Maintain office efficiency by ordering supplies and being prepared for rush jobs. Organize students profile etc. I set up or administer meetings. I also organize social affairs for the company. I am responsible for the care of personnel records, including the coordination of vacation time. I always make various kinds of contracts, memos, announcements and proposals. I handle correspondence It's my job to Orient new employees, conduct research on the Internet, and operate and troubleshoot new office technologies. Do the payroll and deal with the accounting department regarding errors in paychecks and withholding taxes are one the most complicated part of my job.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **preliminary interviews** - is an initial meeting to gather basic information about how an applicant's goals, skills and qualifications can benefit a company's needs.
2. **Administrative Officer**- an officer of the executive department of government
3. **Payroll** - The sum total of all compensation that a business must pay to its employees for a set period of time or on a given date.



**Please give me a description of the company you work for. What is the name of the company? What kind of business does it do? Where is it located? Give me a detailed description of your company.**

QUESTION

## Sample response

I work for a marketing consulting firm called Copernicus. It was established in 1988. Our headquarters is in Seoul, but there are six other branches in Korea and we are trying to expand more. There are around 200 people working here. Copernicus offers marketing strategy consulting services that lead to transformational marketing strategies for brands products, and services, as well as increased sales and profits. It specializes in developing strategic marketing and advertising programs to help our clients build successful and highly profitable businesses. We work with many major international companies who want to do business in Korea. These companies come to us for help because they don't know the Korean market very well. Overall, I love my job and I enjoy working in this company.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **expand** - to increase the size, volume, quantity, or scope of; enlarge.
2. **marketing strategies**- is the fundamental goal of increasing sales and achieving a sustainable competitive advantage.
3. **profitable** - making money. : producing good or helpful results or effects.



Tell me how do you get to work? How long does it takes?

QUESTION

## Sample response

My office is located in Gangnam District. It is quite far from our house, I have to commute everyday. I usually take a bus and a subway to work. First, I need to ride a bus going to the subway station. It takes about ten minutes. from subway which normally takes thirty to forty minutes . From my subway stop, I need to transfer again to another bus that will bring me to my office. So normally it takes me one hour or one hour and a half. I'm actually planning to move out for safety and convenience.

## Vocabulary enrichment

- 1. Commute** - travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis.
- 2. move out-** eave or cause to leave one's place of residence or work.
- 3. safety-** the condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger, risk, or injury.



Tell me something about your work space and work place.

QUESTION

## Sample response

I work at my company headquarters, which is in downtown Seoul. The office I work in is on the tenth floor. I share an open-air office space with twenty other co-workers. So while I work, I can see everything that is going on. And there are windows everywhere, which give us a lot of light. Everything is well-organized and easy to find at our office. For example, the photocopiers, printers, and fax machines are all in the middle of the office. There's also a lounge on our floor where we can go to relax. When I look outside my office window, there are many office buildings. When I look down, I can see busy streets with lots of people and cars. The roads are especially crowded with cars during rush hours. The sidewalks are packed with people all day long. There is also a subway station and a city park nearby. Overall, the view from the office building is a typical view of a commercial district .

## Vocabulary enrichment

- 1. Lounge** - a public room, as in a hotel, theater, or club, in which to sit and relax.
- 2. rush hours** - a time during each day when traffic is at its heaviest.
- 3. Crowded** - full of people, leaving little or no room for movement; packed.



Can you describe one of your colleagues that you work with?  
What does he/she look like?

QUESTION

## Sample response

I'm currently working. this co worker that I will be introducing to you is my friend for almost 4 years now. She's tall maybe like 5'6 in height, she has fair skin with a Chinese blood. She has pointed nose that I think marks as her asset. She has long black hair too and she has a good sense in fashion. She's also a hardworking, intelligent reliable and devoted kind of person . That is the reason why a lot of our colleagues admire her.



## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Asset** - A useful or valuable quality, person, or thing; an advantage or resource
2. **Reliable**- dependable
3. **Devoted**- being focused on that particular thing almost exclusively.



Tell me what your boss does on a typical day. What are some of his or her responsibilities?

QUESTION

## Sample response

My manager has a lot of responsibilities in our company such as maintaining staff by recruiting, selecting, orienting, and training employees; maintaining a safe, secure, and legal work environment; developing personal growth opportunities. Establishes strategic goals by gathering pertinent business, financial, service, and operations information; identifying and evaluating trends and options; choosing a course of action; defining objectives; evaluating outcomes. Everyday he is very busy performing his duties.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Recruiting** - to hire or enroll, or seek to hire or enroll (new employees and member
2. **Strategic goals** - The planned objectives that an organization strives to achieve
3. **Pertinent** - relevant or applicable to a particular matter;



**When you go to work, where do you usually eat lunch? Who do you eat lunch with?**

QUESTION

**Sample response**



Even I'm very busy at work I never skip lunch , beside our office is a Korean restaurant, I like to go there because they serve healthy and delicious food at convenient price, aside from the fact that it has a good ambiance it makes me feel relax. I usually eat together with my colleagues, it is a great chance for us to talk our personal life, office work and so on.

**Vocabulary enrichment**

1. **Skip a meal**- to miss a meal
- 2 **Aside** – in addition to
3. **Personal life** - the course of an individual's life, especially when viewed as the sum of personal choices contributing to one's personal identity



Tell something about your workshop or training that you had to get to do your job.

QUESTION

## Sample response

I was hired as an English instructor. When I first started working for my company, I had to go on a three -week Teachers Training Course for new ESL Instructors of the Company. My colleagues and I learned many things through various workshops. We especially learned a lot on how to teach English as a second language. Our mentor taught us various teaching strategies. We were assigned to have demo teaching in every session of our training. When we finished the training, we were all assigned to our teaching loads and signed six months contract. These programs really helped me adjust to the work environment at my company.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Training** - a process by which someone is taught the skills that are needed for an art, profession, or job.
2. **Contract**- a written or spoken agreement, especially one concerning employment
3. **Teaching strategies** - refer to methods used to help students learn the desired course contents and be able to develop achievable goals in the future.



QUESTION

Describe some projects or ideas (not necessarily your own) that were implemented, or carried out successfully primarily because of your efforts.

## Sample response

I had been recently given the duty of being the head swim-team coach for the YMCA I was employed with. A swim meet was just around the corner, but only five swimmers had enrolled for the program, none of whom had ever been a part of an organized team. Funding would be cut for the team if more interest could not be generated. So I decided that I would take action and actively recruit people to join. Not only did I have to run the practices and correct any technical mistakes the swimmers were making, but I had to contact other local swim teams to invite them to join the meet. I had to meet with the parents and the children separately and organize a way to help pay for t-shirts, swimsuits, goggles, and swim caps. By the third week of the program, I had gained 15 more swimmers and every single one had beat his or her own time in practice. When the meet came, I organized the events, ordered ribbons, and recruited volunteers. At the end of the meet, my team had come in first place among four other teams. The parents were delighted, and the profits from the swim team had skyrocketed to the approval of the board of directors.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Coach** - a person who is responsible for managing and training a person or a team
2. **Volunteers** - a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.
3. **Skyrocketed** - increase very steeply or rapidly



Describe a situation that required a number of things to be done at the same time. How did you handle it? What was the result?

QUESTION

## Sample response

In my current job, I have to handle multiple responsibilities in developing new projects, maintaining existing ones, and maintaining good client relations. I allocate a certain amount of time for each area daily. That way clients can see very clearly that projects are progressing, and I have more satisfaction in accomplishing multiple tasks under pressure.



## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Currently**- belonging to the present time; happening or being used or done now.
2. **Client**- a person or organization using the services of a lawyer or other professional person or company.
3. **Allocate** - distribute (resources or duties) for a particular purpose.



Please describe your house that you are living in. Why do you love it?

QUESTION

## Sample response

The house we are living in is situated in the suburb of HCM city, We have lived there for more than twenty years. This is a fairly large house surrounded with a luxuriant garden. My house consists of four bed-rooms, a living-room, a bathroom with a shower, a dinning-room, a kitchen and a toilet. It is air-conditioned and well-furnished. The living-room is decorated beautifully. Paintings by famous artists are hung on the walls. At night, the color neon lights increase the beauty and coziness of the room. There, on Sundays and holidays my father usually spends his time playing chess or drinking tea with his friends. My mother and my two sisters are diligent and hard-working women. They often keep the house clean and tidy. On suffocating days of summer, we usually take meals in the garden. It is fairly cool and quiet here. We enjoy our meals amid the melodious twitters of birds. On stormy and rainy nights all whole family members gather in the living-room, watching television or telling each other about their daily activities.

I love my house very much because it is the place where I was born and have grown up in the education of my father and in the tender loving care of my mother. I have spent my whole childhood in the love and affection of my dear ones with so many sweet memories.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Luxuriant** - rich and profuse in growth
2. **Coziness**- Snug, comfortable, and warm
3. **Melodious**- of, producing, or having a pleasant tune; tuneful.
4. **Amid** - surrounded by; in the middle of.



**What furniture is used in your house? Do you furnish your home with a particular style of furniture? Where do you prefer to purchase your pieces?**

QUESTION

## Sample response

I stay at our own house and my room still gives the impression of a student's room though I have recently finished my graduation. My favorite piece of furniture at my home belongs to my room and it is the wooden bookshelf. This is in fact a large bookshelf and it comprises all of my favorite books.

I have this wooden bookshelf for the last 3 years after my parents bought it for me. Initially I had only few books to keep there and most of the part of the shelf remained empty. But overtime, my book collection increased and the bookshelf is not almost full.

There are 4 layers of this wooden bookshelf and the front side is made of glass. I read plenty of story books and often visit the bookshops to purchase new books. This bookshelf offers a good way of arranging all of my books and secures them with the lock system it has. I often look at my bookshelf and feel kind of proud to have a good collection of books.

My parents bought me this piece of furniture after noticing that I keep books almost everywhere in my room and they thought it would be good idea to buy me a bookshelf where I would be able to neatly arrange my books. This bookshelf became very handy for me as it helped me keeping of my books.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Purchase** - obtain in exchange for payment
2. **Collection** - several things grouped together or considered as a whole



Describe a furniture in your house that you own. Is it useful?

QUESTION

## Sample response

I live in an apartment and there are various types of furniture inside. Some are purely utilitarian purposes and some are for beautification reasons only. To me, my wardrobe is very useful furniture that I would like to talk about. The wardrobe I have is big and has 5 drawers. This piece of furniture is very handy furniture for me. I keep my dresses organized there at the bottom part. The second drawer from the top is the place where I keep my personal belongings including my diary and keys. The top drawers are used for keeping important documents. I keep my academic documents, money-receipts and warranty papers of different newly purchased devices in this drawer. All of the drawers are can be locked and this gives some additional security and privacy. It is good looking furniture that matches with the design and color of other furniture of the room as well. If I had not own this furniture it would have been very difficult to keep my clothes arranges, valuable documents secured. I have placed my CD player at the top of the wardrobe and the CD's are placed inside a drawer. So you can guess how useful and utilitarian this furniture for me as I'm not using it only for placing dressed in the drawers.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Utilitarian** – designed for use rather than beauty.
2. **Wardrobe** A tall cabinet, closet, or small room built to hold clothes.
3. **Beautification**-the act of making something more beautiful.



Talk about your ideal house.

QUESTION

## Sample response

I would like to live in a house by the sea where I can see the sun rise and sunset every day. This is how I will want my house to be like. After passing the front gate, there will be a lovely rose garden. Then, the big white house comes into view. When I walk through the door, a white sitting room with a pink sofa set will greet me. Paintings of beautiful flowers hanging on the walls will make the room look comfortable and fresh. The three bedrooms will be on the second level. One is for my parents, one for my brother and one for me. I will like my room to be painted pink. Above my bed, I will hang a big picture of ballerina dressed in white. The grey carpet on the floor will be strewn with many cushions for me to lie on and enjoy a novel. I will do my homework at my study table by the window through which I can see the stars at night. On the highest level there will be an open space which overlooks the sea. It will be used for barbecues in the evening.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Ballerina** – a female ballet dancer.
2. **Strewn** - To spread here and there; scatter or distribute.
3. **Novel**- a fictitious prose narrative of book length, typically representing character and action with some degree of realism.



Describe your room. What furniture's do you have?

QUESTION

## Sample response

I'm going to talk to you about my bedroom. It's probably the favorite room in the house where I live or at least it's the place where I spend most of my time. It's actually more like a bedsit in that it's not just a place where I sleep. Because I'm still studying I also use the room as my study too. It's not exactly a large room but it's spacious enough and there's room for all my things – books, etc. It's fairly lightly furnished because I'm living in rented accommodation and the only furniture there came with the room. There's a bed and a wardrobe as you would expect but there's also a small desk in the corner where I have my computer and printer. I spend quite a lot of time doing my assignments for college there but I also use my bed as a kind of couch when I just want to read. I share the house with a number of students and so there isn't much privacy. It's nice to have other people about and I wouldn't want to live by myself. But there are times when I want to be in a quiet place and concentrate on my work and that's when I tend to go up to my room and study. If I'm in the mood for company I'll go back downstairs to the communal living room and watch TV with one of my housemates. There's almost always someone around. So I think I get the best of both worlds.

## Vocabulary enrichment

1. **Spacious-Having** enough or abundant space or room; large in area or extent
2. **Accommodation**- a room, group of rooms, or building in which someone may live or stay.
3. **Privacy**- the state or condition of being free from being observed or disturbed by other people.
4. **Communal**- shared by all members of a community; for common use.



**QUESTION** Was there ever a time when you had to have something in your house fixed? If so, what was the problem about? How did you resolve it?

**QUESTION**

## Sample response

Yes, there was a time when I had to fix something at home by myself. Two weeks ago, I noticed that water was still dripping in the faucet even though it's already been turned off. I checked and realized that the pipe burst. There's a pinhole leak. It was something I should' not ignore, unfortunately, it was around 10 in the evening and there's no way a plumber would come to check and fix it so I have decided to do it myself. First, I turned off the water at the main shut-off valve. I then placed a piece of rubber over the area where the pipe was leaking. Then I put the block of wood on top of the piece of rubber. I opened the C-clamp wide enough to surround the pipe, the gasket material and the block of wood. Lastly, I placed the stationary part of the opening of the C-clamp against the pipe, and the screw pipe of the C-clamp against the block of wood. I tightened the screw clamp until its snug.

## Vocabulary enrichment

- 1.Pinhole** - a small puncture that might have been made by a pin
- 2.Shut-off valve** – a valve designed for and capable of positive closure to prevent flow within a piping system
- 3.Gasket** – a seal consisting of a ring for packing pistons or sealing a pipe joint
- 4.Snug** - well and tightly constructed



**Think back to the day when you moved into the place you live in. When did you move? Did you have anybody who helped you?**

QUESTION

## Sample response

It was last year when i moved out from my parents apartment. I used to live together with my family, after I graduated from my university I decided that I should live independently and get a job , i actually didn't bring any furniture because i want to experience buying everything that i need in my own pocket.

It was really hard at first because everything is new, but as times goes by I learned how to adjust living by myself. I'm proud of my new apartment because everything that I see here comes from the fruit of my labor.

I knew that I worked hard for it. It is a big achievement for me.

## Vocabulary enrichment

- 1. Independent** –Free from the influence, guidance, or control of another or others; self-reliant:
- 2. Achievement** - something accomplished, especially by superior ability, special effort, great courage, etc.
- 3. Furniture** - things such as chairs, tables, beds, cupboards, etc. that are put into a house or other.