

Student Tips on Taking the CSA Speaking Questions



The California Spanish Assessment (CSA) includes Speaking items mixed in with the Listening items. To respond to the Speaking items, you will need to record your responses in the student interface.

Here are some tips for success on the Speaking part of the CSA.

Tip One

Read the questions carefully. It helps to know what to listen for before listening to a passage.

Tip Two

Do not whisper when you record your response. Speak clearly into the computer microphone or the headset microphone so it can pick up your response.

Tip Three

Use the provided scratch paper to take notes while listening to the passage. It can be used as a reference when recording your response.

Tip Four

Listen to your recorded response so you can decide if you are happy with it or want to rerecord it.

Tip Five

Use the training or practice tests before you take the real test. This will give you the chance to be as prepared as possible on the actual test day.

Note: Practicing the Speaking test questions before taking the real test is highly encouraged as it is a great way for you to get an idea of the types of questions that will be asked on the CSA. You can take the CSA training test or practice test on the [CAASPP & ELPAC Website](#).