

CORE ROLE PLAYS

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Candidate: Tourist

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1. Say you are from/coming from The Bahamas.
2. Say that The Bahamas is near to Florida.
3. Say there are 700 islands.
4. Say that conch/fish is the most popular dish.
5. Say you plan to spend two weeks in Spain.

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1. Ask what there is for breakfast.
2. Say you don't like Mexican breakfast.
3. Say yes, and that you want ham also.
4. Say no, you prefer coffee with milk.
5. Ask the waiter if he has orange juice.

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1. Ask what you can do for him/her.
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4. Say that you are going to Nassau.
5. Ask if (s)he wants to see your ticket.

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2. Ask how much they cost
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1. Say there are 900 students.
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2. Say yes, but that it is a bit small.
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4. Say that you only drink mineral water.
5. Ask what side it is on.

B. You are working as a hotel receptionist for your twelfth grade job-training class. One day a Spaniard comes to book a room. The role of the guest will be played by the Examiner who will speak first.

1. Greet the guest and ask him/her how you can help him/her.
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B. While on vacation in Spain, you wish to see a Bullfight. You ask the clerk at your hotel for information. The role of the clerk will be played by the Examiner. The candidate will speak first.

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B. Your pen-friend has arrived from Peru. Later that evening he/she asks you some questions about The Bahamas. The role of the pen-friend will be played by the Examiner who will speak first.

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3. Say it is a beautiful country.
4. Say it is your first visit.
5. Say yes, and that you like the churches.

B. You are visiting Mexico and your host/hostess welcomes you. The Examiner will play the role of the host/hostess and will speak first.

1. Say thank you and tell your host/hostess that he/she has a lovely garden.
2. Say that it was very pleasant.
3. Ask for a cold drink.
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3. Find out if you have to prepare anything.
4. Say that you want to help.
5. Say that you love parties.

B. In Spain you go to a kiosk. The Examiner will play the role of the person selling the newspapers and will speak first.

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B. In Venezuela for the Central American Games, you and a Venezuelan student discuss sports. The Examiner will play the role of the Venezuelan student and will speak first.

1. Say that soccer is not very popular in The Bahamas.
2. Say that the students prefer basketball.
3. Say that you like to swim.
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B. You are shopping at a market in Spain. The examiner will play the role of the vendor and will speak first.

1. Say that you want ten apples.
2. Ask for a kilo of sugar.
3. Say no, and ask the price of the pineapples.
4. Say that you don't have enough money.
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2. Say you prefer white eggs.
3. Ask if he or she sells apples.
4. Ask for a kilo of red apples.
5. Ask how much everything costs.

B. You are on holiday in Peru. You go into a bank in Lima. The Examiner will play the role of the clerk.

1. Say you would like to exchange a twenty-dollar traveller's cheque.
2. Say you are a tourist and you live in The Bahamas.
3. Apologise and say you did not bring your passport.
4. Answer appropriately.
5. Ask at what time the bank closes.

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1. Ask where the cheese is.
2. Ask where the knives are.
3. Ask if you can help.
4. Say you can wash the fruit.
5. Say you eat a lot of fruit.

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1. Say you prefer to sit near the window.
2. Say your friends would like pineapple juice but you do not like it.
3. Answer appropriately.
4. Ask if the restaurant serves only Dominican dishes.
5. Say that you are sure that your friends want to try it.