

Intercambio Oral Evaluation

The Intercambio Oral Evaluation (I.O.E.) is the English language assessment used to place new students in levels 1-6. Similar to the BEST Test, the assessment consists of several open-ended questions, which gradually become more challenging. The questions are in line with the topics and structures introduced in the Intercambio Curriculum. Scores are based on fluency, vocabulary, and grammar.

Each question is scored on a 0-2 point scale.

0 = No response or the question is not understood.

1 = The question is understood and the response is partially correct.

2 = The response is completely correct.

Encourage them to answer in complete sentences if possible. For example:

What's your name? My name is Lee. That response would be 2 points.

What's your name? Lee = 1 point

Each question can be repeated one time only. Begin the evaluation by saying that if they don't know anything it's okay. This test is to help determine which level will be best for them. Be playful and set a comfortable tone with them, and if you want and are able to talk with them for a bit in their native language that can be a good way to settle the nerves.

If they can not understand the first few questions then end the test early and place them in level 1.