

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS A**

Paper 4 Oral Communication Test 5

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Approximately 20 minutes

**PART 1  
READING ALOUD**

*You and your friends want to set up a circus club at school. You decide to give a talk to your class about your plans for the club to encourage students to join. This is what you say.*

We're here today to tell you about our plans to start a new club. Some of us went to the circus at Marina Bay Sands last weekend and it inspired us.

It was a traditional circus with people performing all sorts of tricks. For instance, we saw a woman walking on a tightrope high in the air, holding a special pole to help her balance. She made it look effortless! Then there was a fire eater who amazed us by seeming to eat a burning flame! There were lots of different circus acts, each one truly fascinating to watch.

After the show, the audience was invited to talk to the performers, who were very keen to tell us about what they do. We talked to the tightrope walker, who told us:

'You actually start by learning to walk along a long straight line on the ground. Pretend it's a tightrope and walk along it. The key to balancing is to focus on a spot ahead of you. Spreading your arms out helps, too. I learnt the basics by watching a video online.'

We'd love you to join our club and learn some circus skills with us. And who knows? We may even get good enough to perform in front of the school!

**PART 2  
SPOKEN INTERACTION**

This video shows a woman performing at some traffic lights for money.

You will not be asked any questions about what people say.