



## Message from the Principal

It's a pleasure to introduce this book series for the students as a guide to practise English speaking. This booklet is the first part of the speaking English book series which have three books called level 1, level 2, level 3. It is compulsory for grade 6,7,8,9 students to use this booklet and get ready for the English oral test at the term tests to score 15 marks. It will be increased to 20 marks in 2019.

Any other student who is interested in obtaining a certificate can refer the content and walk in for an interview. Certificate will be awarded at a special felicitation ceremony.

At the same time "English as a Life Skill Club" will be established to develop English speaking in the college. A sixty day programme will be carried out at the smart classes. It will be an after school session with evaluation after 8 lessons. The one who will pass all the levels will be awarded with a certificate.

I believe all the students from grade 1 to 13 will actively participate in these English programmes in addition to Interact club, Gavel club, Model United Nations club, Leo club and Opportunity Education Unit Programmes.

I hope all these attempts would create the background of making Richmond an English speaking school. I wish the teachers and students who take part in the programme all the best.

**Sampath Weragoda,  
Principal.**

# SPOKEN ENGLISH QUESTIONNAIRE



1. What is your name ?  
My name is .....
2. How old are you ?  
I am ..... years old.
3. When is your birthday ?  
My birthday is on.....
4. What is your surname? / What is your family name ?  
My surname is .....  
My family name is.....
5. What is your father ?  
My father is a / an .....
6. What is the name of your mother ?  
My mother is Mrs. ....
7. What is she ?  
She is a / an .....
8. Do you have any siblings ? Or do you have any brothers or sisters?  
Yes. I have .....  
No. I do not have brothers or sisters.
9. Where do you reside/ Where do you live ?  
I live in/at .....



10. Who is your best friend ?  
My best friend is.....
11. What is your class ? In which Grade are you ?  
My class is .....  
I'm in Grade .....
12. What are your goals and ambitions in life?  
My ambition is to become a /an  
.....
13. Who is your class teacher ?  
My class teacher is .....
14. What is your duty as a student ?  
My duty is to study hard and to get through my exams.
15. What are the good qualities you expect from a good friend?  
If you are a good friend, you must be supportive at all times.
16. Who's the principal of your school?  
Mr..... is the principal of my school



17. Who is the Head of your section?  
The Head of my section is  
Mr/ Mrs .....
18. How many students are there in your class?  
There are ..... students in my class.
19. What's the Motto of your school?  
Nisi Dominus Frustra.
20. What are the colours of your school flag?  
Maroon, electric blue and navy blue.
21. At what time does your school start and end?  
It starts at 7.30 a.m. in the morning and ends at  
1.30 p.m. in the afternoon.
22. Name some important events in your school?
- Annual Inter House Athletic Meet.
  - English Day celebrations
  - College Day
  - Annual Prize Giving
  - Rivimini Udana
  - Rivimini Harasara
23. What do you gain from your school?  
I gain knowledge, skills, values and experiences.
24. What are the benefits of doing sports?
- You will be active
  - You will be healthy
  - You feel relaxed
  - You will be a stable person



25. Did you take part in any events in the Sports Meet this year?

Yes, I took part in .....

No, I didn't take part in any event.



26. Who is your favourite sports star/ sportsman/ sportswoman/sports personality?

My favorite sports star / sportsman/ sportswoman is .....

27. Where is our school situated ?

In Galle

28. What's your favourite subject in school ?

My favourite subject is .....

29. Why do you like that subject ?

i. I find it interesting because it's easy to learn.

ii. I like to learn a lot about that subject.

iii. Because my teacher teaches the subject well.

30. Do you participate in any sports activity in school?

What is it ?

Yes, I do. It is .....

No, I do not participate in any sport activity.



31. Who is your favourite cricketer ? Why ?  
My favourite cricketer is .....  
i. I like him because he plays well.  
ii. I like him because he knows the strokes.  
iii. I like him because he is efficient and talented.
32. What are your responsibilities as a student?  
- I must attend school regularly  
- I must be punctual  
- I must observe silence during class hours  
- I must be attentive to the lessons
33. Who is your class monitor ?  
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34. Do you study with your friends in the class ?  
Yes / No
35. What would you do when you come to the class every morning?  
- Clean the classroom  
- Arrange the desks and chairs  
- Bring the register  
- Light the oil lamp
36. How do you greet a teacher or any other person in the morning?  
Good morning teacher / sir / madam
37. How would you ask permission to enter the classroom?  
Excuse me, please may I come in?



38. If you want to get a book from your friend to read, how would you ask?  
Would you please lend me your book?  
Please can I borrow your book?
39. If you want to borrow a pen from your friend, how will you ask ?  
Excuse me, please may I borrow your pen ?
40. How will you ask permission, if you want to go to the washroom?  
Please, may I go to the wash room ?
41. If you are absent from school, how would you excuse yourself?  
Teacher, sorry I couldn't come to school yesterday as I was down with a flu/ as I was sick /.....
42. If you forget to bring a book to school, how will you excuse ?  
Sorry teacher, I forgot to bring my text book / (exercise book)
43. If you are not feeling well, what would you tell the teacher?  
Teacher, I am not feeling well. May I go to the health centre?
44. If another student hits or troubles you, how would you bring this to the notice of the teacher?  
Excuse me teacher, he always troubles me/ always hits me/annoys me



45. Did you attend a wedding or a function last week?

- i. Yes, I attended my uncle's / aunt's wedding
- ii. Yes, I attended a birthday party
- iii. Yes, I attended a carnival
- iv. No, I did not attend any



46. Did you attend anyone's funeral last week ?

- i. Yes, I attended the funeral of my  
.....
- ii. No, I didn't.

47. How long do you study at home in the evening?

I study for about ..... hours in the evening / at night.

48. If you meet someone who has lost a dear one recently, what would you say ?

- i. My heartfelt condolences to you !
- ii. Please accept my deepest sympathies !

49. When you meet a friend who is sick and in the hospital, what would you say?

- i. How are you ?
- ii. Get well soon !
- iii. Take the medicine on time. Take care.





50. How would you inform your mother about your afterschool sports practices ?

Mom, Today I have sports practices after school ; I'll get late to come home.

51. How will you wish someone, before an examination ?

- i. I wish you all the best!
- ii. Do well in your exams !
- iii. Best of luck !

52. Give the directions to go to the Main Hall from the entrance ?

Go straight from the entrance passing the principal's office on your right and the L' Block building on your left. Next to the 'L Block' building is the main hall.

53. Where is the students' hostel ?  
It's next to the play ground.

54. Would you like to play cricket?

- i. Yes, I do
- ii. No, I don't



55. Why do you like cricket ?

- i. I like it because it's an interesting game.
- ii. Because it's one of the world's famous sports.
- iii. Because my country is famous for cricket.

56. Did you visit any places during your last school vacation ?

- i. Yes, I visited Nuwara Eliya / Kataragama/Anuradhapura/ Kandy /Trincomalee etc
- ii. No, I did not visit any place.



57. How do you greet a person, who visits your home?

- i. Oh ! It's so nice to see you.
- ii. Hello ! Please come in and take a seat / be seated

58. What would you ask from him / her after he/she is seated ?

- i. What would you like to have ?
- ii. Would you like to have some biscuits ?
- iii. Would you like to have a cup of tea / coffee?

59. How would you ask from a stranger, the direction to go to the post office ?

Excuse me, can you direct me to the post office please ?

60. How would you instruct a little boy or a girl to cross the road ?

First look to your right, then to your left and look to your right again. If the road is clear you can cross the road.

61. What would you say about today's weather ?

- i. It looks a sunny day.
- ii. It's windy.
- iii. It may rain today.
- iv. It is gloomy.

62. Can you play any musical instrument ?  
What is it ?

- I. Yes, I can play the piano / guitar / drums / flute etc...
- ii. No, I can't play any instrument.



63. What do you normally do during your free time / leisure time?

- i. I read books and magazines.
- ii. I help my mother in the garden.
- iii. I watch T.V. or listen to music
- iv. I play my favorite game.

64. Have you ever been abroad?

- i. Yes, I have been to Singapore / Malaysia / India / Australia / England etc.....
- ii. No, I haven't been to any country.

65. If you are given a chance to give a speech, how would you begin?  
I would begin by greeting the audience.

66. How will you conclude your speech ?

- i. Thank you for listening to my speech
- ii. I hope my speech inspired you.



67. You seem to be in a good mood today. Why ?  
i. Because today is an important day for me.  
ii. Because today is my birthday.
68. You don't look well. What's wrong with you ?  
i. I'm not feeling well ; I think I'm having fever.  
ii. I'm having a slight headache.  
iii. I'm having cold.
69. If your friend misses a lesson what would you say ?  
Don't worry. I can help you.
70. When you want to know about the train schedule to go to Colombo, how will you ask?  
Excuse me, what time is the next train to Colombo ?
71. When your friend is in a deep trouble what will you tell him ?  
Don't worry. Everything will be alright soon.
72. Do you watch T.V. ? What's your favourite programme ?  
Yes. My favorite T.V. programme is BEN 10 / Power Rangers / Discovery / Animal planet / National Geography.



73. What's your favourite food item?  
I like to eat milk rice / pizza /  
fried rice / pasta / rice & curry etc.



74. Are you afraid to talk in English ? Why?
- i. Yes, I am afraid because I am shy to talk in front of others.
  - ii. I am afraid because I may make mistakes.
  - iii. No, I'm not, because I speak English at home.
75. You see your friend after a few years. What will you say to him?
- i. Hi ! Lovely to see you after a long time.
  - ii. Hello ! It's so nice to see you after so long.
76. Your mother sends you to the shop to buy a kilo of sugar. How will you ask the shop-keeper ?  
Can I have a kilo of sugar please ?

77. Do you like reading ? What types of books you like to read ?  
Yes I like to read adventure stories /  
folk tales / children's novels/  
comics and cartoons.



78. Think that you are late to school today. How would you excuse yourself?
- Excuse me teacher, I'm late because I woke up late.
  - I was late because there was a breakdown of the bus.
  - I got late because there was an accident on the road.
79. What did you do during your last holidays ?
- I went to ..... and enjoyed the holidays.
  - I played a lot with my friends.
  - I didn't go anywhere but I enjoyed staying with my family.
80. What do you do generally on weekdays?  
I go to school / I play in the evenings, study at night, then do religious observance and sleep.
81. What do you do generally during weekends?
- I go for my sports practices.
  - I attend my classes.
  - I spend time with my family watching TV / going for outings.
  - I go to Sunday school.
82. Did you do well in your last term test?
- Yes, I did well.
  - No. I didn't perform well.



83. What is your plan for the next term?
- I have plans to improve the subjects in which I am weak.
  - I have plans to get an average above 75% to get a certificate.
  - I have plans to work hard.
84. What are the values you have learnt at school?  
I have learnt about :-
- honesty
  - obedience
  - punctuality
  - respecting elders
  - cleanliness
  - humility
  - avoiding vandalism
85. If you see an old lady struggling to cross the road, what would you do ?  
I'll help her to cross the road .
86. What are your ideas to protect nature ?
- We must plant more trees.
  - We should avoid deforestation.
  - We must keep the environment clean.
87. What is your advice to your brothers / sisters to lead a healthy life ?
- I would advise them to eat a balanced diet with lots of vegetables and fruits.
  - I would advise them to do exercises / sports regularly.
  - I would advise them to avoid eating junk food.
  - I would advise them to be clean.

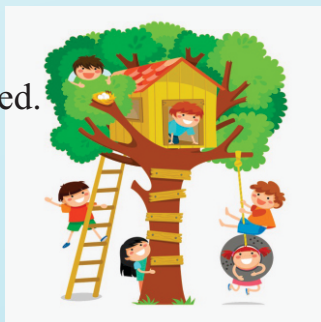


88. What are the rules that you should follow when you walk on the road ?
- We must walk on the right side of the road.
  - We must use the pedestrian crossing when we cross the road.
  - We should not disturb the public.
89. What is your opinion about the recent hot weather?
- It's unbearable.
  - The humidity is very high.
  - We get tired so quickly and my opinion is that we should plant more trees to make the environment cool.
90. What are the methods you use to develop your studies ?
- I study methodically.
  - I do practice papers.
  - I do self- studies.
  - I discuss with my friends.
91. How will you look after your parents when they get old?
- I'll look after them with great care and love.
  - I'll spend time with them to make them happy.
  - I'll listen to them when they need me.
  - I'll treat them with care when they are sick.





92. Why do you think that our school is very special and popular?
- Because our school has a disciplined learning environment.
  - It gives us integral education with great values.
  - Our school shapes character and promotes values.
93. Why do you think regular attendance to school is important for a student?
- If we attend school regularly we will not miss our lessons.
  - We will have a clear understanding about our school activities.
  - We can organize our school work methodically.
  - We can perform well.
94. What are the qualities that you should have to be a class leader / monitor?
- I should be honest, active, smart, observant, efficient, understanding and kind etc...
95. What are the things / activities that make you happy and peaceful?
- Being honest.
  - Associating good friends.
  - My religion.
  - My hobbies.
  - Being methodical / organized.



96. If you want to get some information, how do you ask the librarian, IT teacher etc. .
- i. Excuse me can I have some information on .....
  - ii. Would you please help me to get some information on .....
97. How would you help your parents at home ?
- I. I help my father to wash his car / clean the garden.
  - ii. I arrange my bed myself.
  - iii. I polish my shoes.
98. Why do you think 'home - made food' is the best?
- i. Because it is healthy, clean and prepared hygienically.
  - ii. There are no preservatives added.
  - iii. Because our mother prepares it with great love and care.
  - iv. It contains a lot of nutrients.



99. Why do you think learning English is very important ?
- Because it is an International Language.
  - It helps to communicate with other communities and foreigners.
  - To do our higher studies in future.
  - To get a good job / to be employed.
100. What is your contribution towards Richmond College ?
- I must behave well inside and outside school.
  - I must conduct myself well, with great values in the society.
  - I must perform well in my studies and sports activities.



## Level 1

Names of the Panel of Teachers :- .....

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Date :- .....

Signature :- .....

2<sup>nd</sup> attempt

**Level 1**

Names of the  
Panel of Teachers :-

Date :-

Signature :-

3<sup>rd</sup> attempt

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