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EnglishScore

# EnglishScore Speaking Test Guide

# Welcome to the British Council

## EnglishScore Speaking Test Guide

This is a step-by-step guide to help you to prepare for the EnglishScore mobile English Writing Test and get a Professional Certificate to support your future career and education opportunities.

### The EnglishScore test is:



**Accessible** take the test in your mobile device from anywhere, at any time, with results available within 24 hours.



**Affordable** our mobile test is up to 3x cheaper than alternatives; you can get a certificate for as low as US\$20.



**Accurate** our mobile test is designed by academic experts to accurately test and certify your English level.



**Trusted** a global standard of English proficiency, recognised by employers and education institutions around the world.

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Getting started



# 1 | Getting Started

## About the test

British Council EnglishScore is a recognised mobile-based English test and certificate. It measures core English language skills such as **reading and listening**, as well as knowledge of **grammar and vocabulary**.

A speaking assessment is also available to test your pronunciation, fluency and communication skills.

**Test results are available immediately** and aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). CEFR is the global standard, many other international tests such as TOEFL ITP, TOEIC and IELTS use it to align their scores.

## Where is EnglishScore accepted?

The EnglishScore test is used as proof of English proficiency by institutions and employers around the world. It is recognised by **thousands of employers and universities in over 150 countries**.

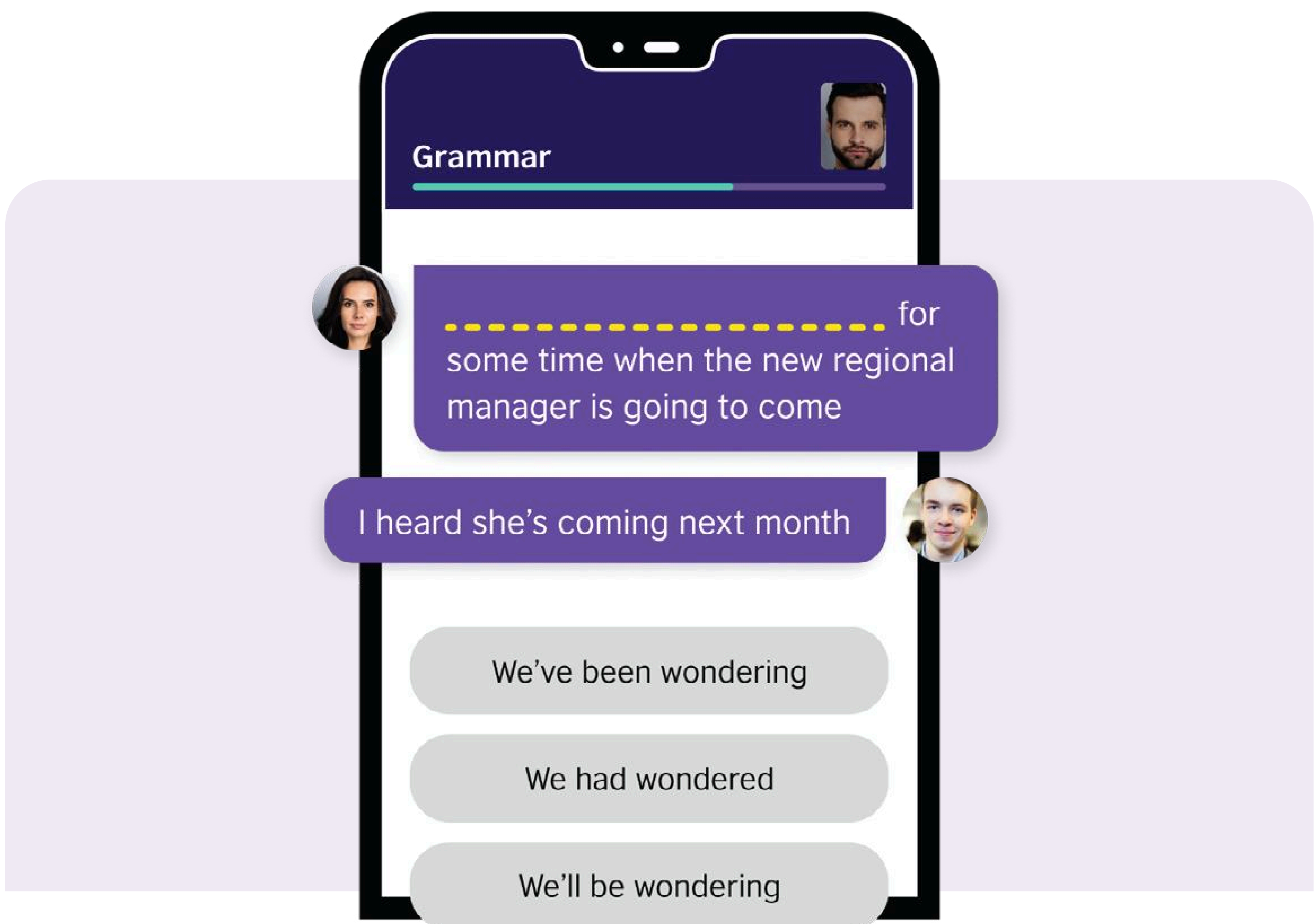
Our trusted and affordable Professional Certificate has **no validity period** and can be shared with an unlimited number of organisations.

**Tip !** Check with your university or employer to understand their English proficiency requirements before you get your certificate.

# 1 | Getting Started

## Download the app

To get started, you will need to go to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store to download the EnglishScore app. Once you have downloaded the app to your mobile device, you are ready to create an account.



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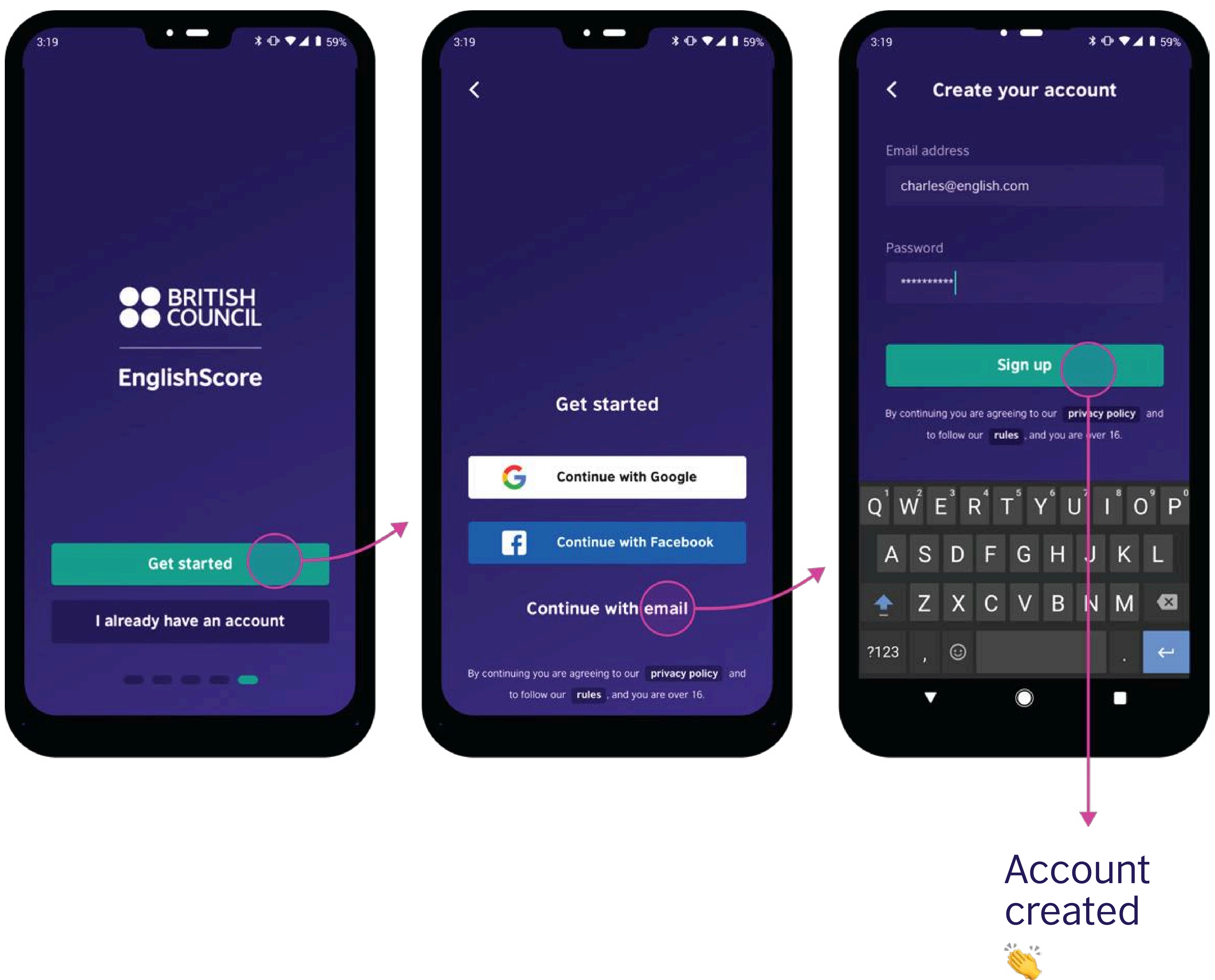
[bit.ly/escoregoogle](https://bit.ly/escoregoogle)

# 1 | Getting Started

## Create an account

You can create an EnglishScore account using your email and a password, or you can use your existing Facebook or Google login to create an account.

(The app only supports email and password on iPhone.)





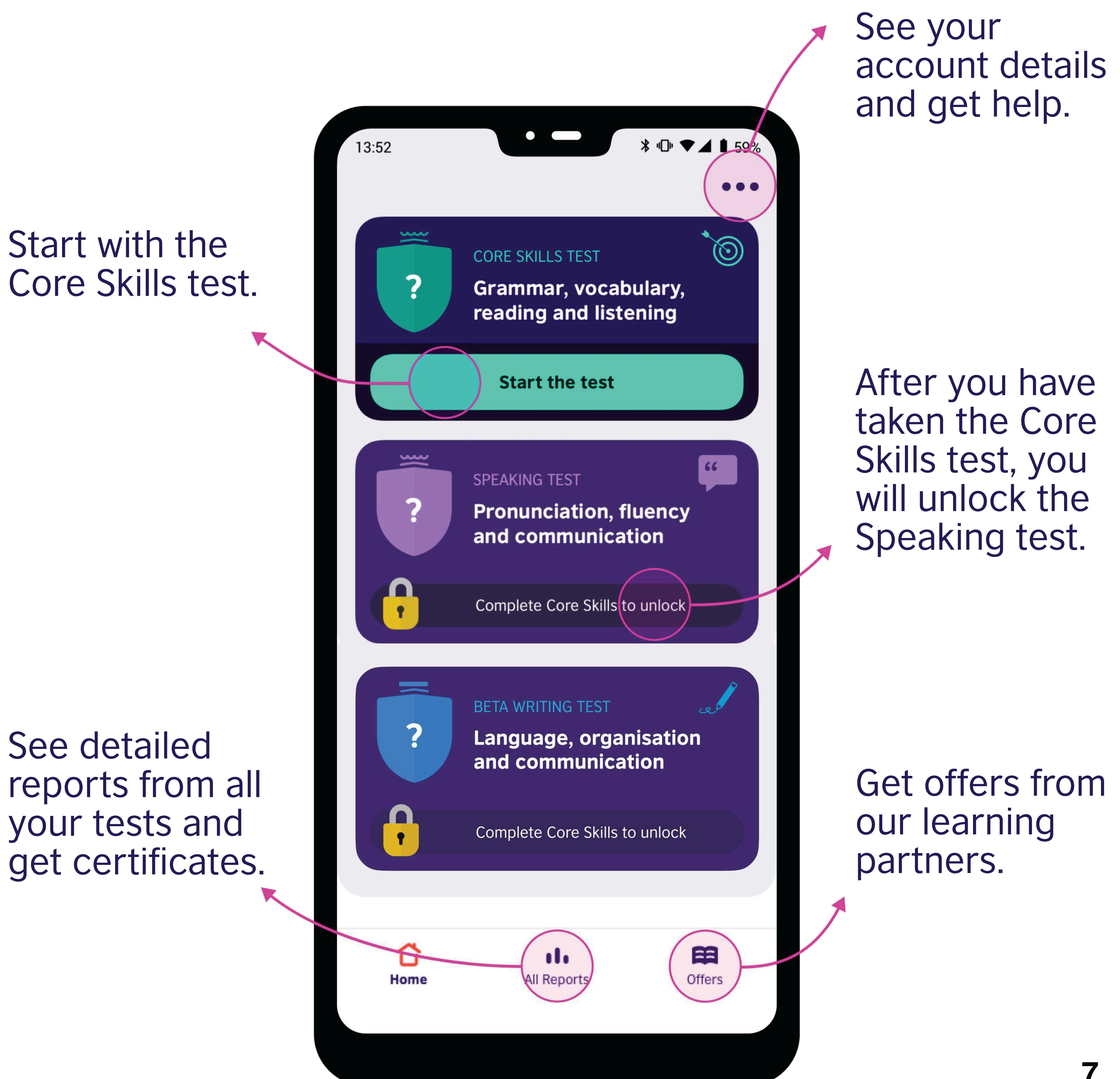
# 1 | Getting Started

## Create an account

Once you have created an account, you will see the home dashboard. From the dashboard, you will immediately be able to access the Core Skills Test. You will also be able to see your results, get your certificate and look for great learning offers with our partners. The Speaking Test is accessed through the dashboard.

To unlock the Speaking Test, you must first complete the EnglishScore Core Skills test and score at least A2.

Check our Core Skills Test Preparation Guide [here](#) for further details.





## Preparation and practice

## 2 | Preparation and practice

### **Learn how the Speaking Test works**

The EnglishScore Speaking Test tests your English pronunciation, fluency and communication skills.

The test is divided into three parts: Read Aloud, Listen and Repeat, and Answer Questions. Questions are on topics that can be from daily life, e.g. going to the supermarket, or from the workplace, e.g. office-related conversations. After completing your test, you must also grade others to receive your score. This is the fourth and final part of the Speaking Test.

Test-takers are notified via email and through app notifications when their test results are available. Test results are usually available within 24 hours of taking the test.



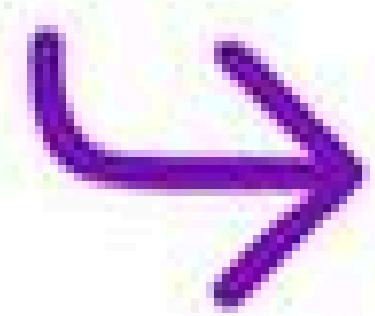
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### Part 1

#### Read Aloud

4 short sentences (8–24 words)

Reading text on screen

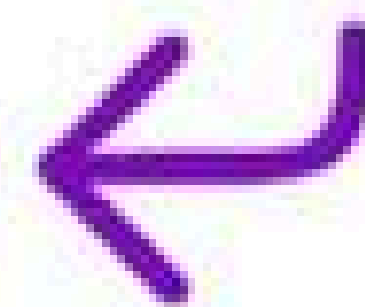


### Part 2

#### Listen and Repeat

4 short videos

Repeating sentences from video

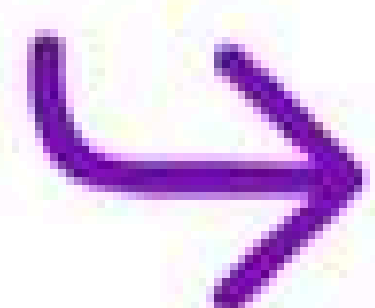


### Part 3

#### Answer Questions

4 short questions

Responding to questions  
(max. 30–45 seconds)

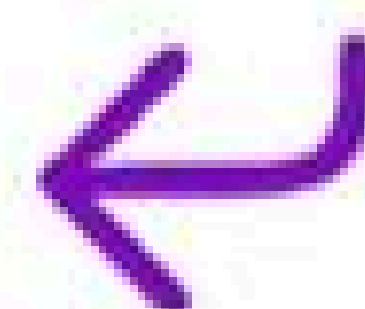


### Part 4

#### Grade Others

16 peer responses

Answering questions about other  
test-takers' responses



Your  
Speaking Score

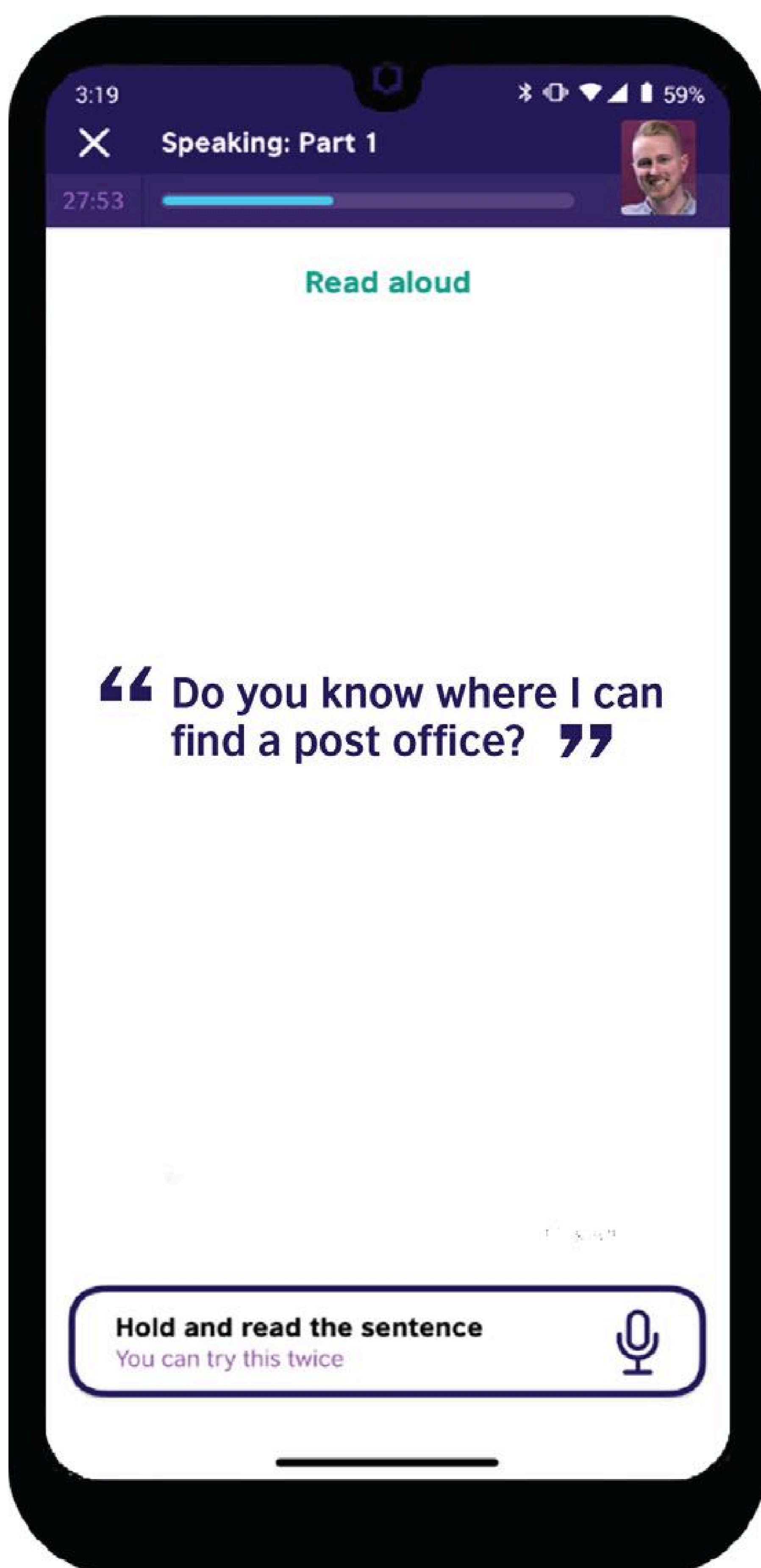


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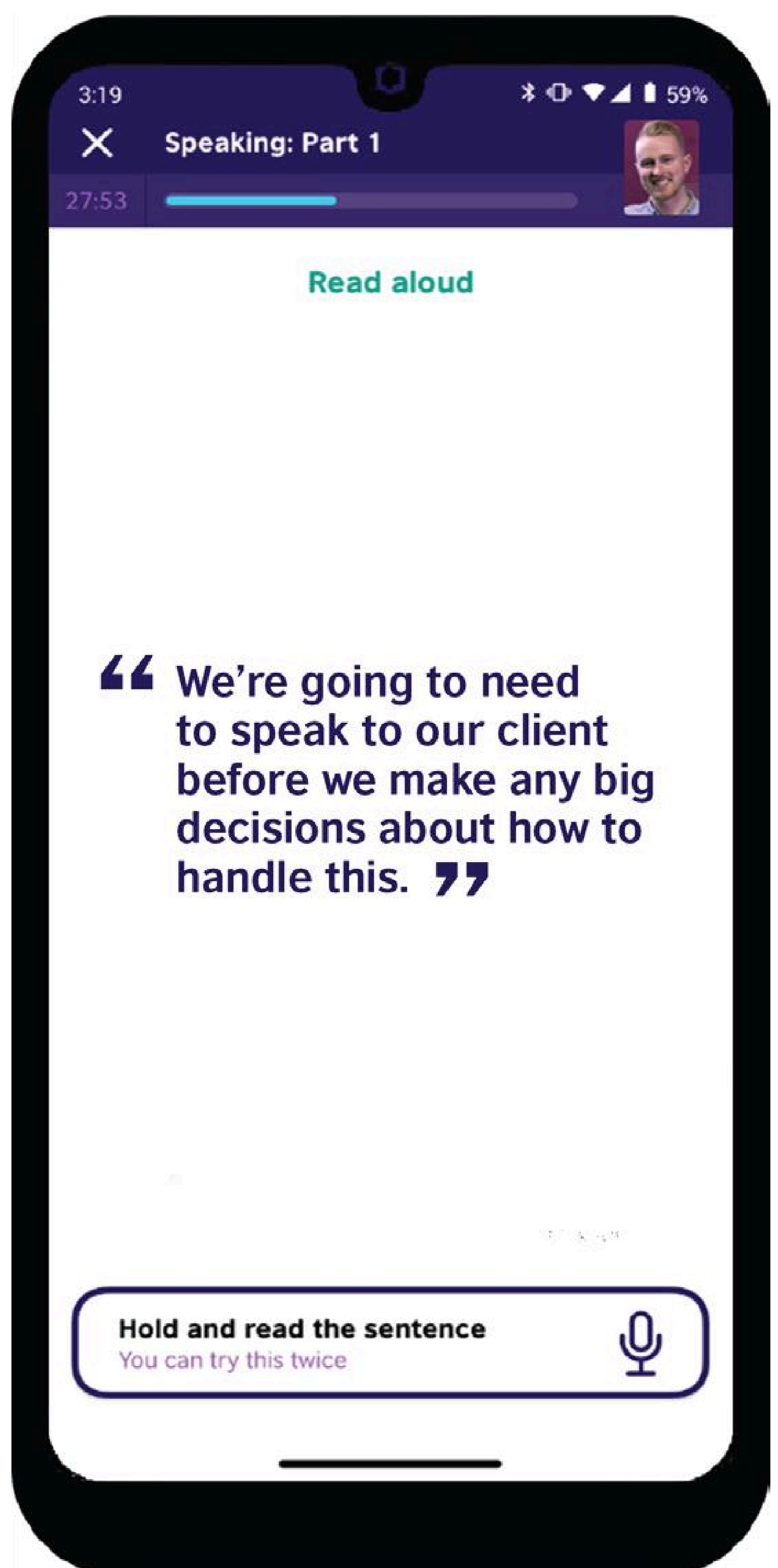
### Part 1: Read Aloud

In this part, you will see a sentence (8–24 words). You must record yourself saying the sentence. You can try this twice.

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#### B2 | Example

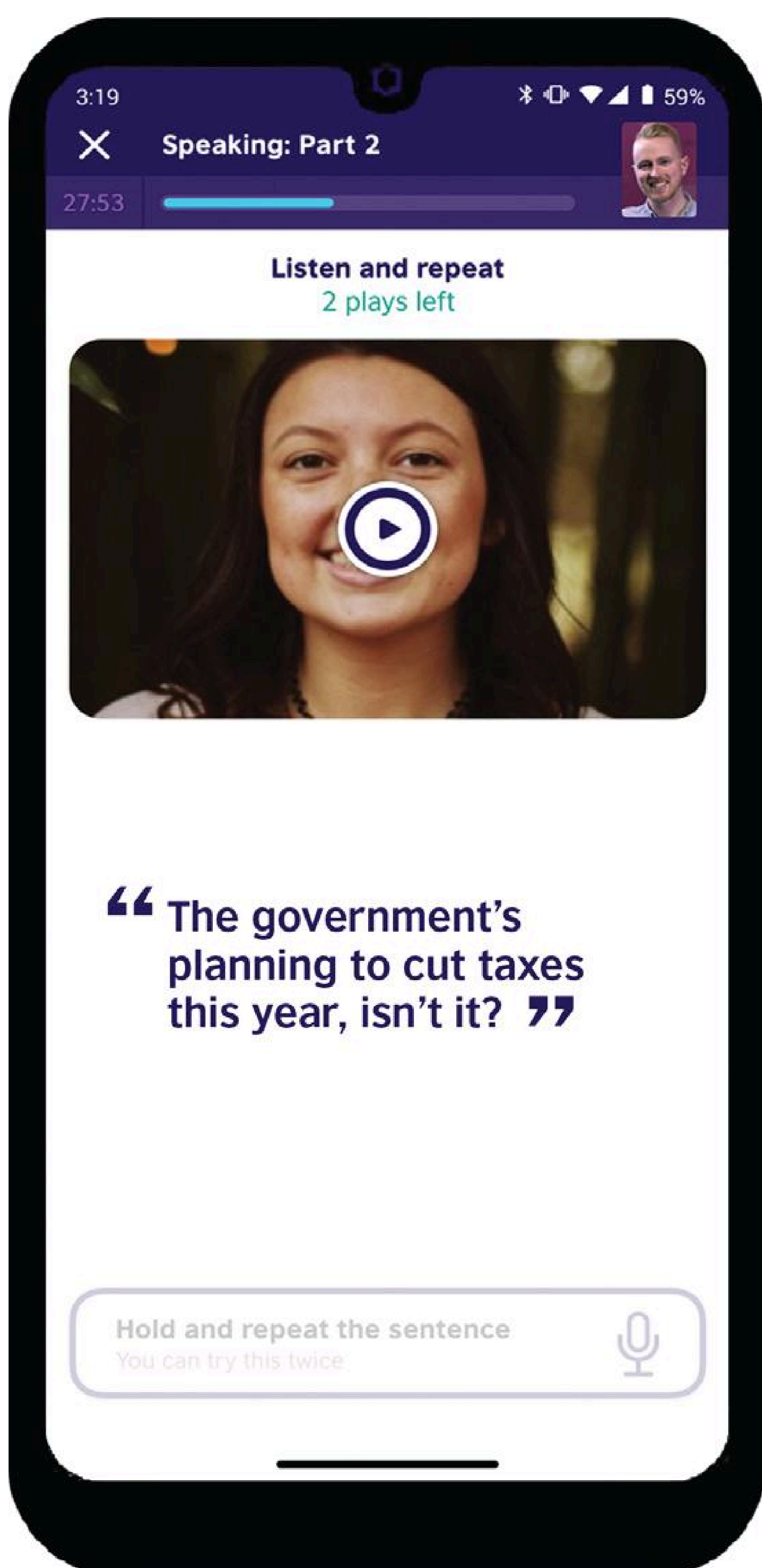


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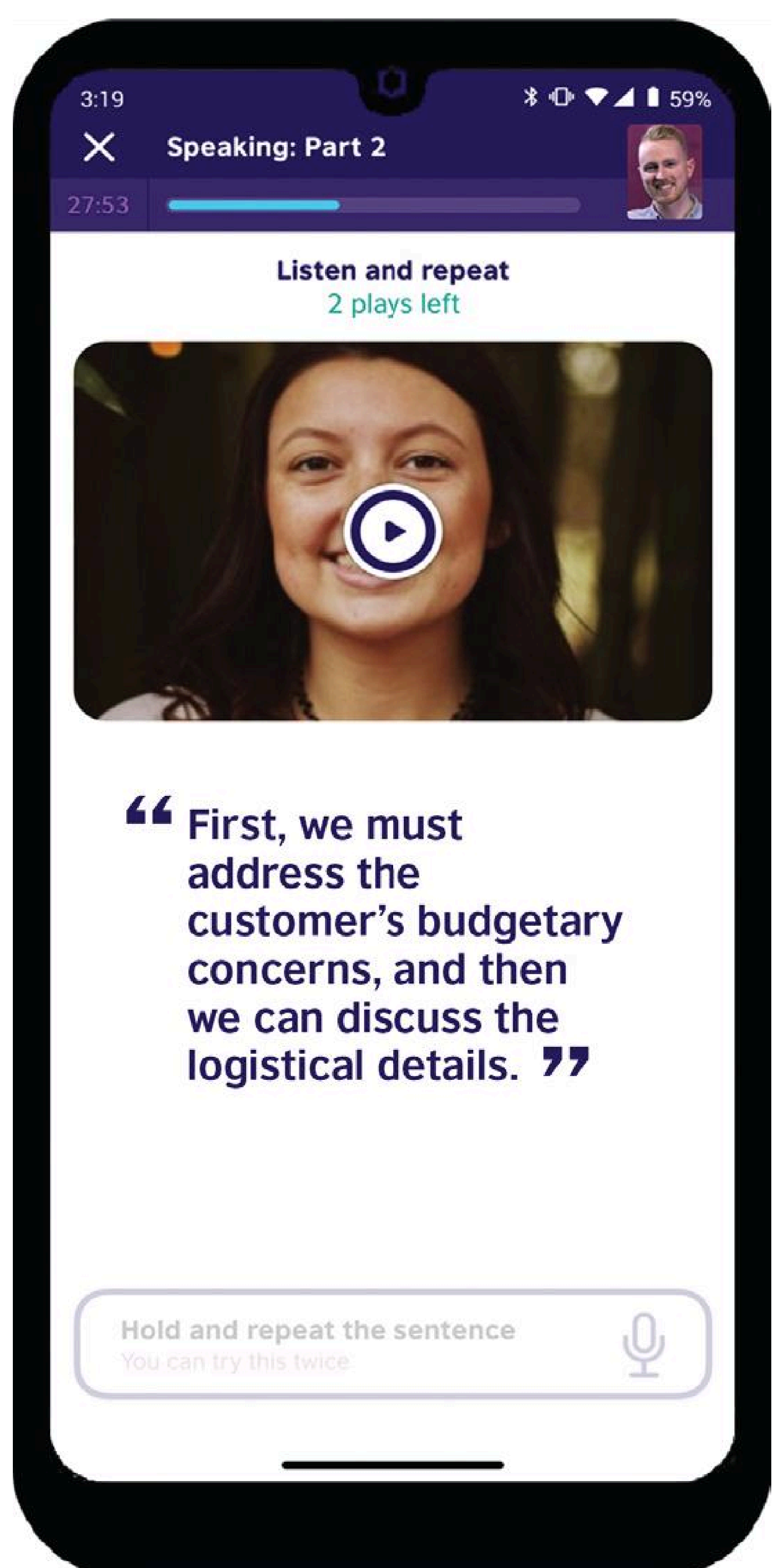
### Part 2: Listen and Repeat

In this part, you will watch a video of someone saying a sentence (5–16 words). You must record yourself repeating the sentence. You can try this twice.

#### B1 | Example



#### C1 | Example

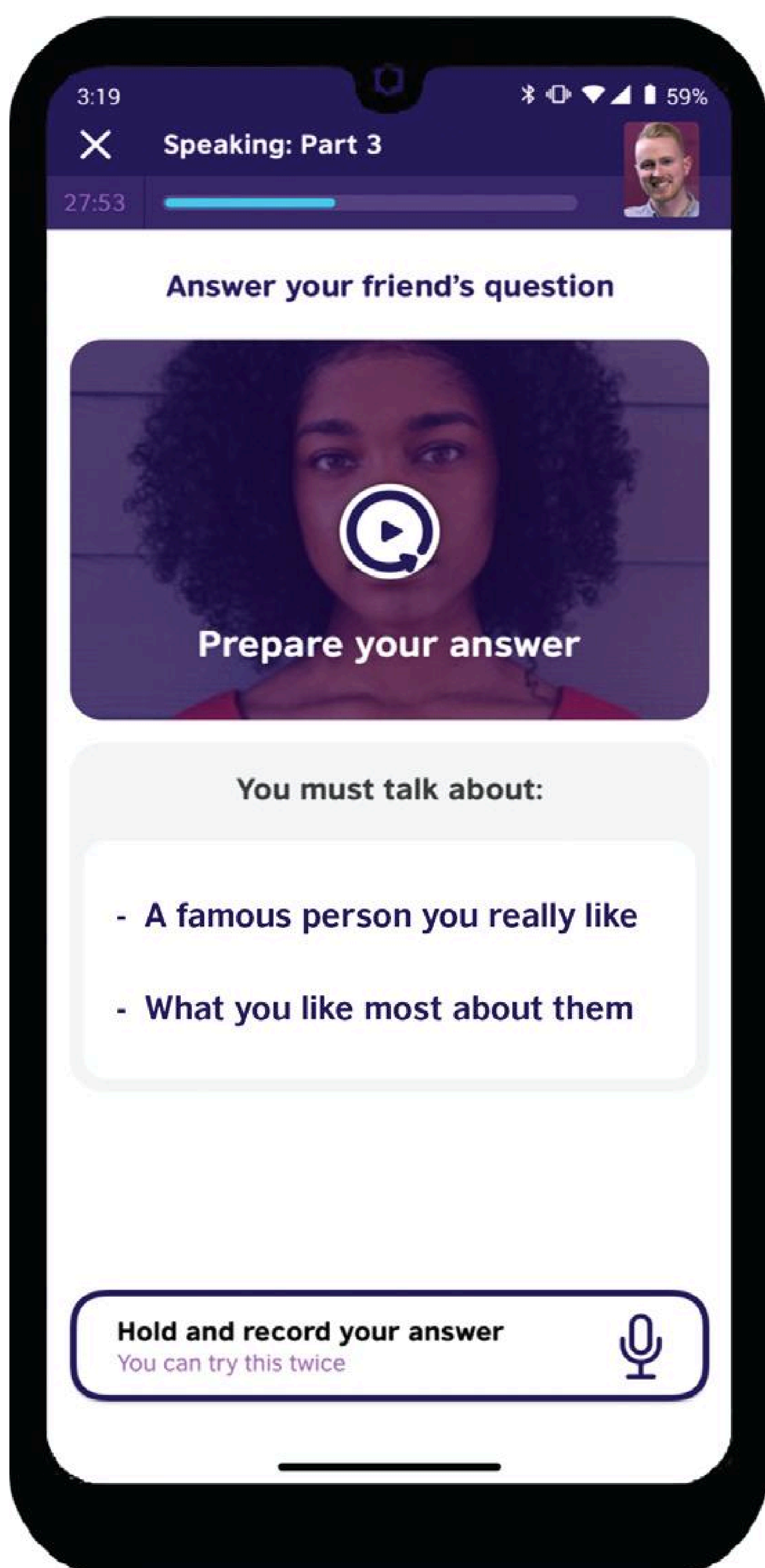


## 2 | Preparation and practice

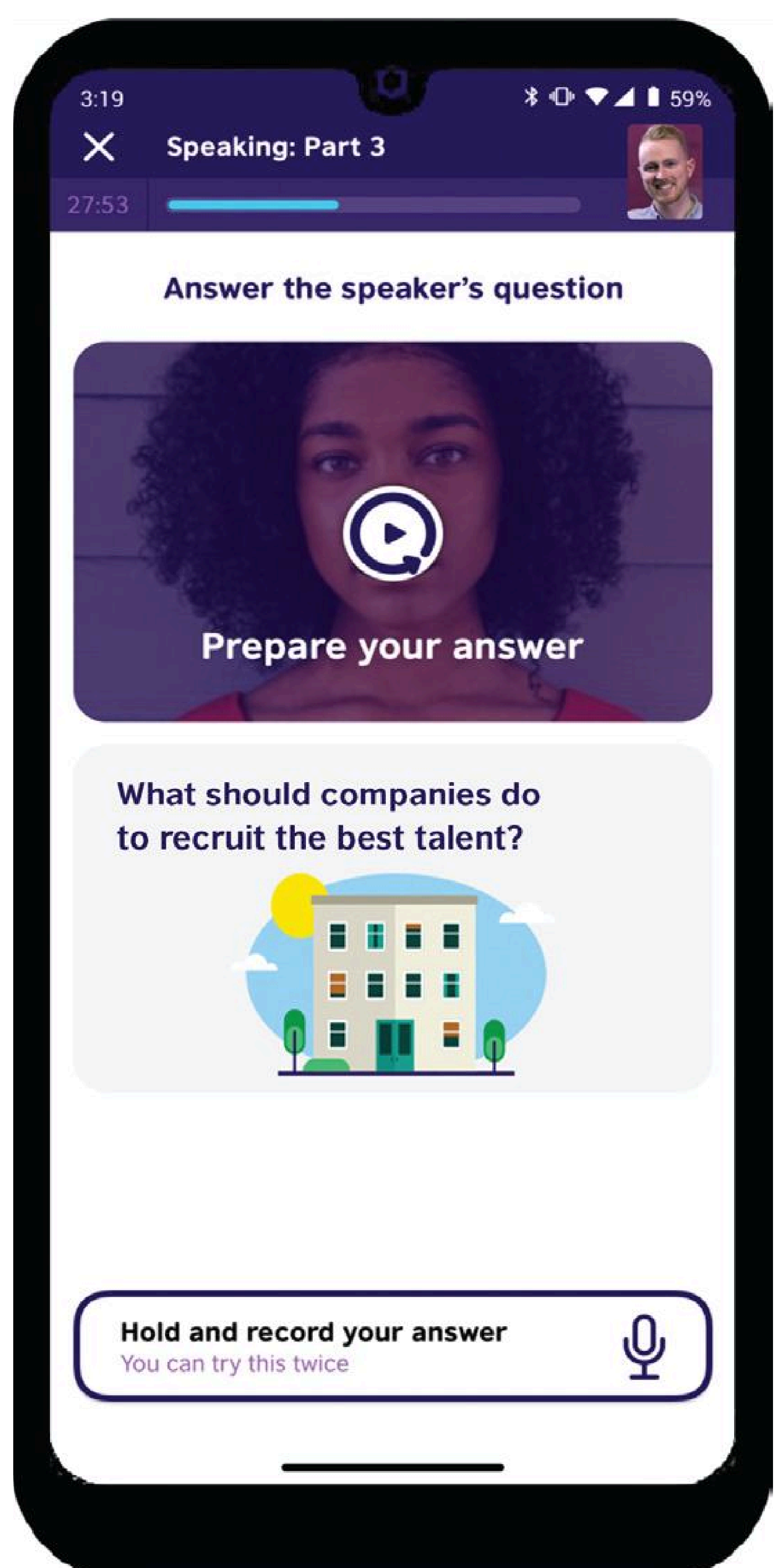
### Part 3: Answer Questions

In this part, you will watch a video of someone asking a question. You must follow the instructions and record your answer. You can try this twice. Your answer must be at least 18 seconds long and answer every part of the question.

#### B1 | Example



#### B2 | Example

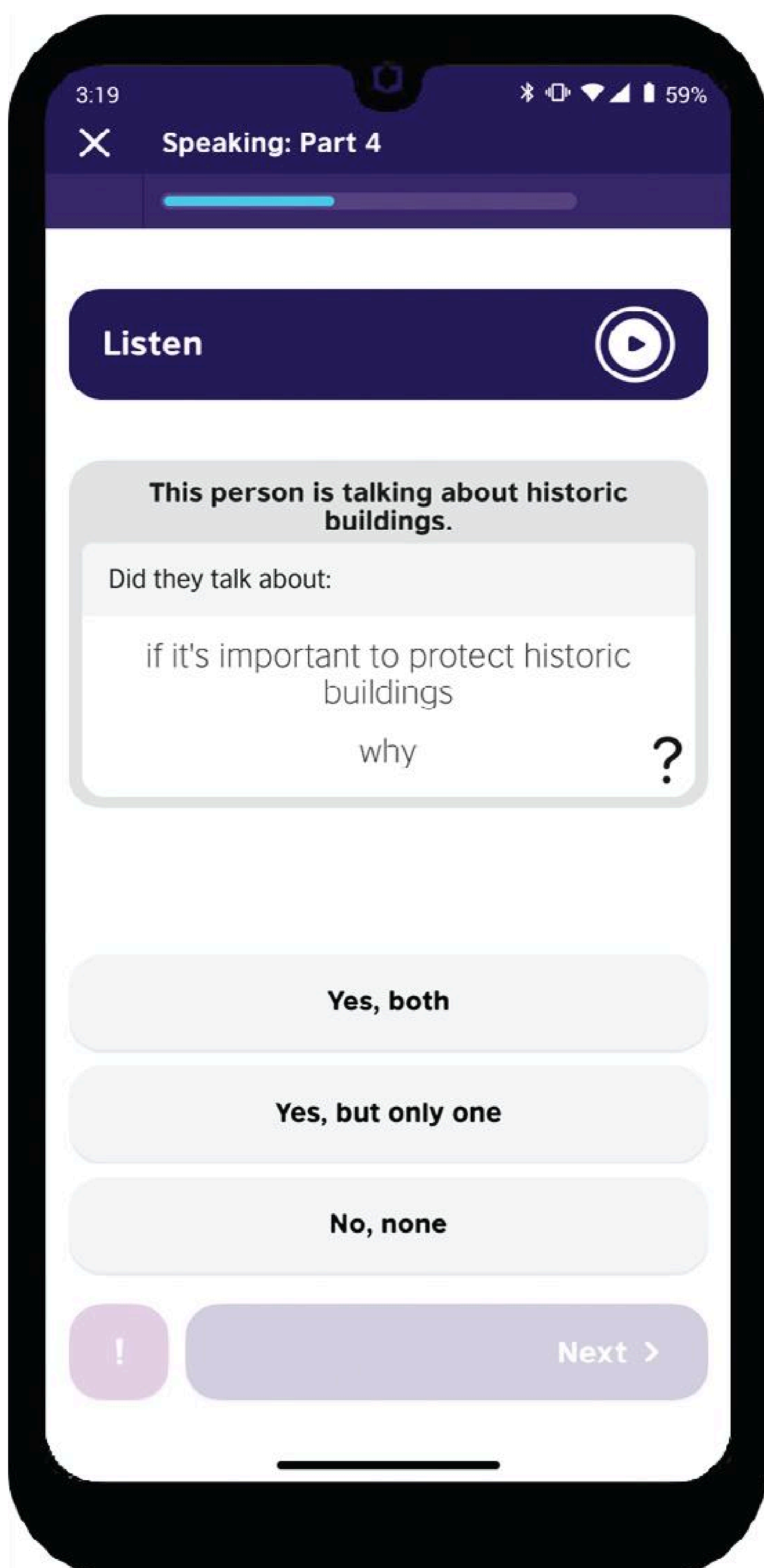


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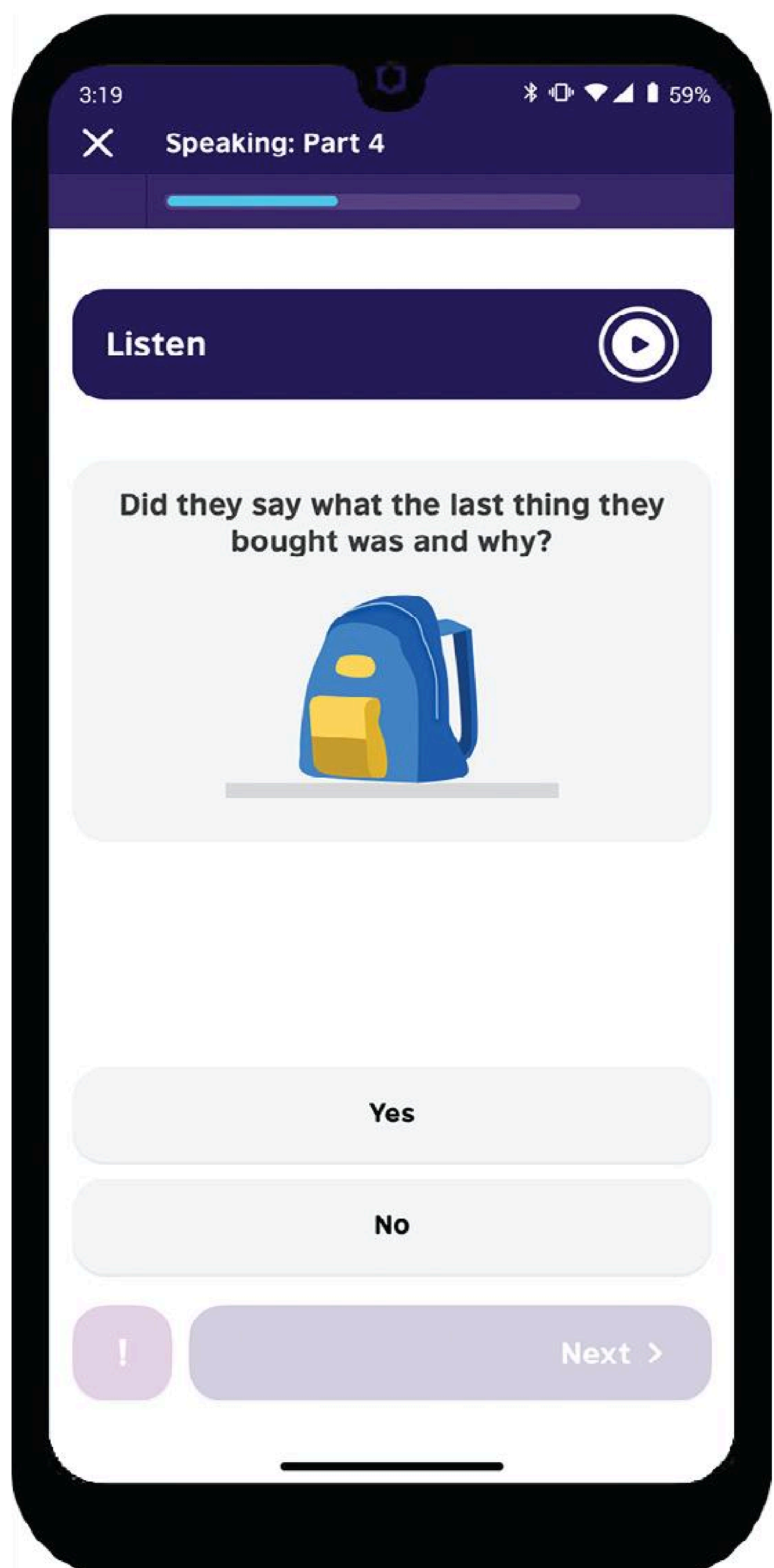
### Part 4: Grade Others

In this part, you will listen to the responses other test-takers gave to Part 3. You must follow the instructions and answer questions about the responses. You can listen to the responses as many times as you need. Remember that other test takers will also be listening to your responses.

#### B1 | Example



#### B1 | Example



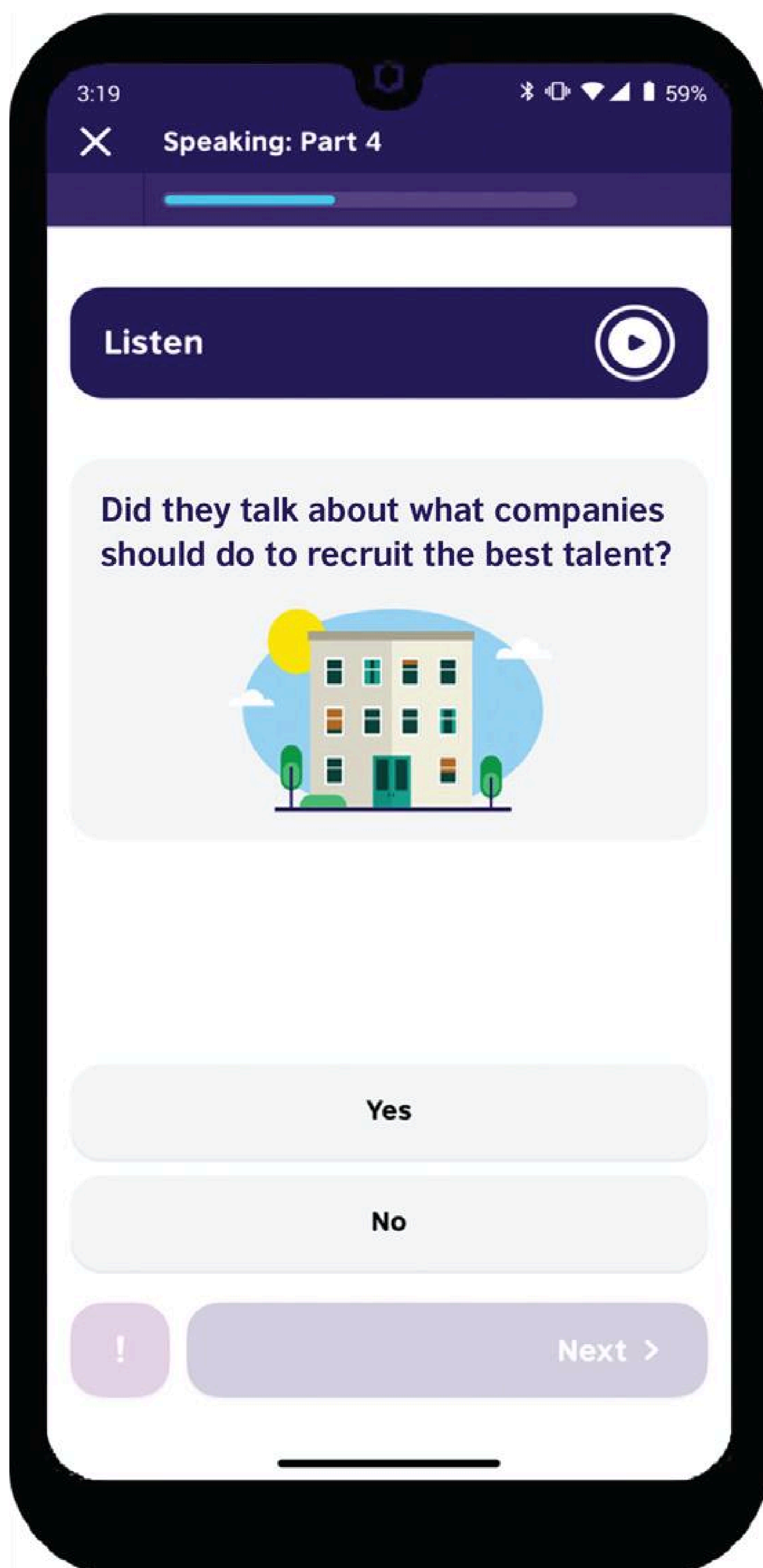


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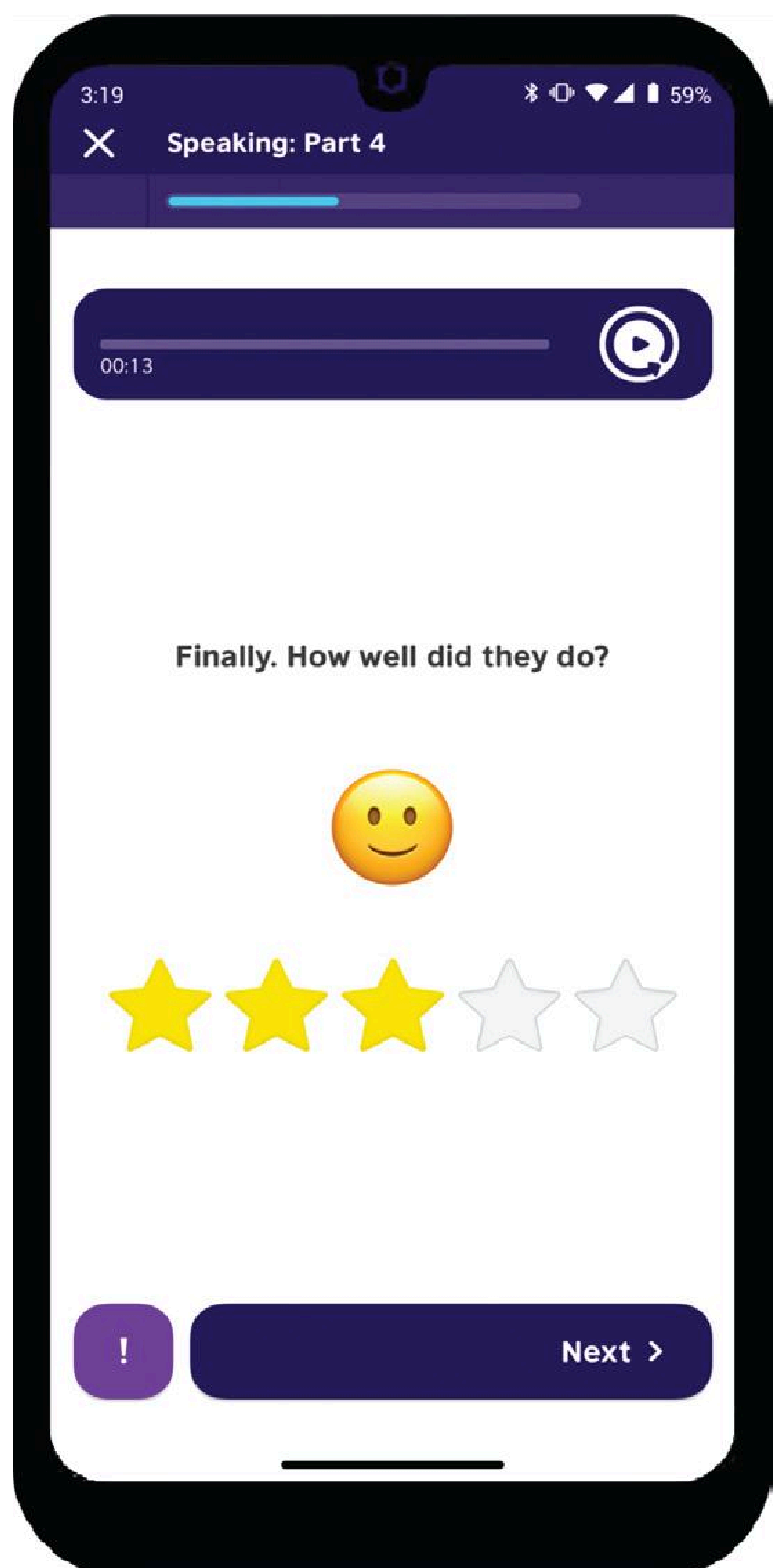
### Part 4: Grade others

Further examples.

#### B2 | Example



#### Rating | Example



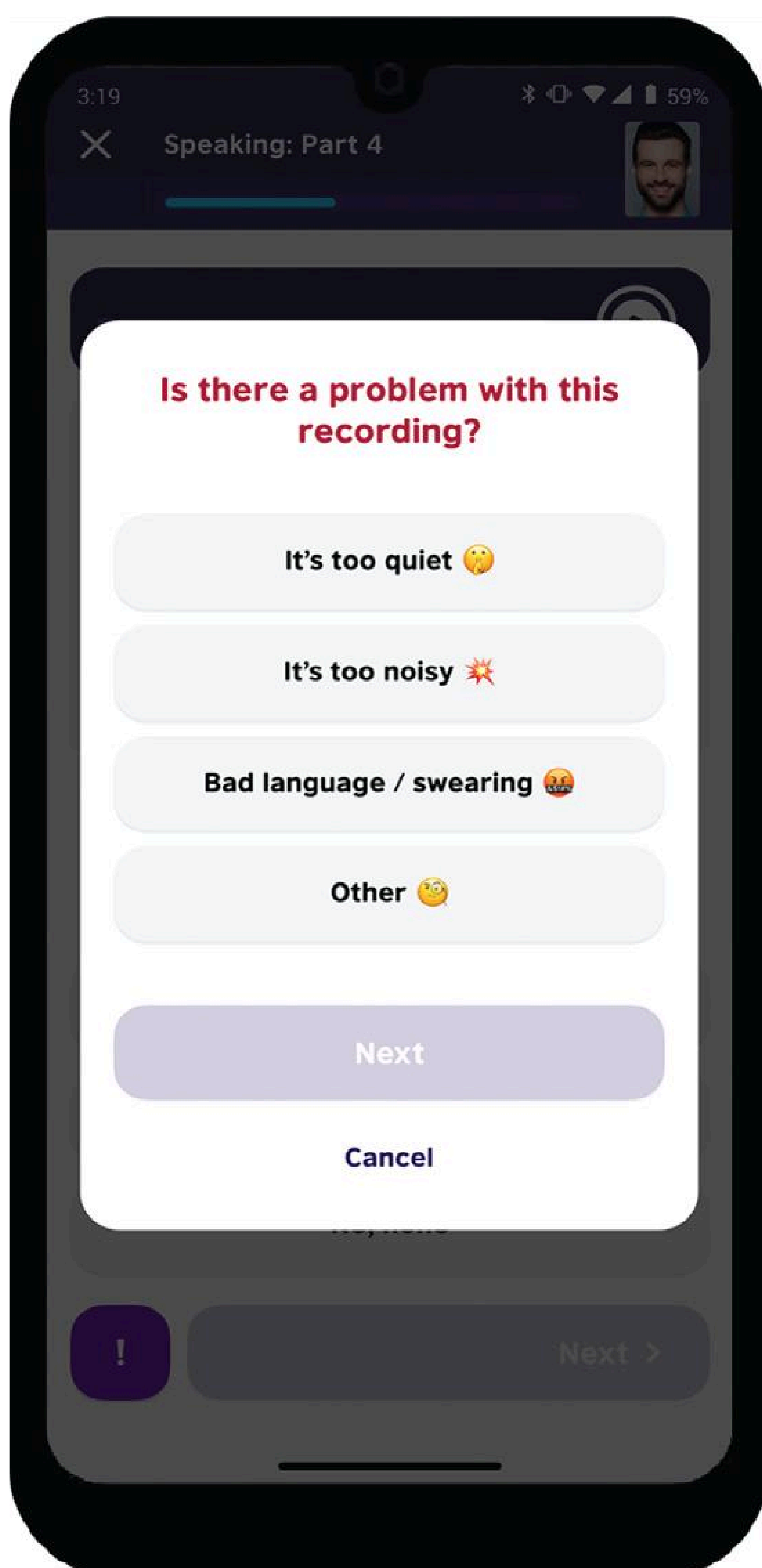


## 2 | Preparation and practice

### Part 4: Grade Others

If there are any problems with the recording (e.g. you can't hear anything, or the test taker uses bad language), you can report this by clicking on 'Report'.

### Report | Example



## 2 | Preparation and practice

### Practice questions

To get familiar with the different types of test questions, you can try some here.

Try some

[Speaking questions](#)

#### Tip !

The best way to practise is to take the test. You can try the test many times in the app. This will help you to get comfortable with the Speaking Test and to understand your score and the skills you need to improve on.

Remember, you must wait for your results from one Speaking Test before you can start another. This can take up to 24 hours. You can only take the test once in 24 hours and 4 times in 28 days.

## 2 | Preparation and practice

### Tips to prepare for the test

The tips below will help you succeed when taking the tes

- ✓ **Learn about the test.** Read this test guide!
- ✓ **Understand the rules.** Get familiar with the test and the rules, download the app and have a go.
- ✓ **Understand the questions.** You can practise in the app, and you can also try some of our [practice questions](#)
- ✓ **Study and prepare in advance.** You will feel more confident and relaxed when you come to take the test.
- ✓ **Plan ahead and set a time to take the test.** This will allow you to get your environment and equipment ready in advance.
- ✓ **Don't leave the test once you start.** Have a glass of water next to you and go to the bathroom beforehand.

## 2 | Preparation and practice

- ✓ **Have a good internet connection.** You need to be online to complete the test.
- ✓ **Don't get distracted.** Find a quiet place without any distractions.
- ✓ **Watch the time.** You have 40 minutes to complete the test.
- ✓ **Answer every question.** You cannot skip questions, so always submit an answer even if you are unsure.
- ✓ **Try again if you think you can do better.** If you aren't happy with your first answer, you can choose to try again and re-record your answer, but be aware that your new answer will replace your first try.

You can also check out our blog for further help to prepare for the Speaking Test:

[Workplace English: five phrases you need to know](#)

[How to unlock career opportunities with an English certificate](#)



## Taking the Test



## 3 | Taking the test

### Preparing your environment and equipment

The tips below will help you succeed when taking the test



Find a **quiet** place.



You must be alone.



Make sure you have good lighting.



Check you have a good internet connection.



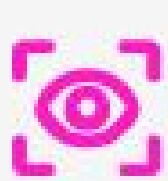
Make sure your device is charged.



Have your Connect Code ready to enter (if you have been given one by your organisation).



Check the volume of your device so you can hear clearly for the Listening part of the assessment.



You will need to do a camera security check - you must be alone and show your whole face clearly.

#### Tip!

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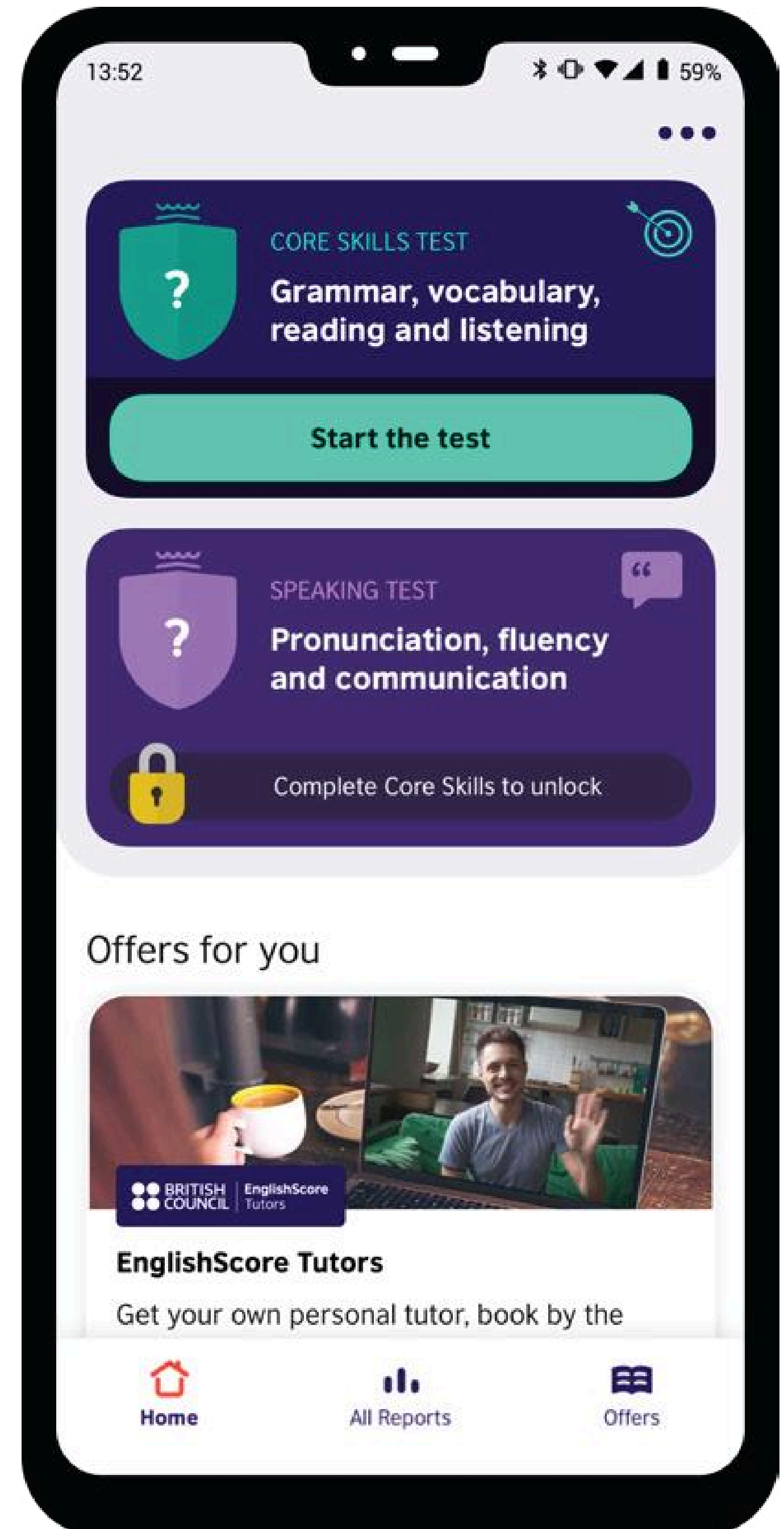
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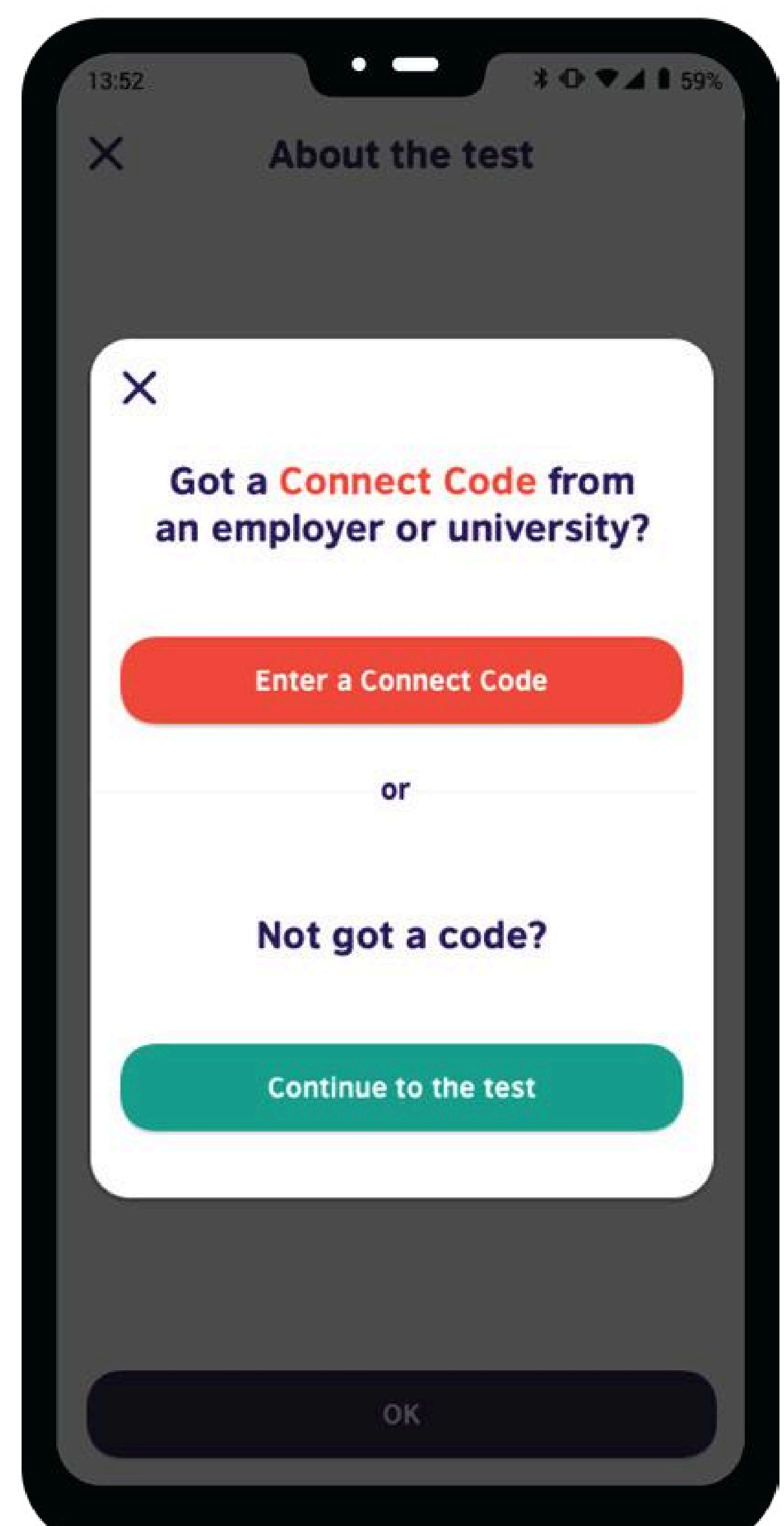
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## Getting set up

**1** Complete the Core Skills Test to unlock the speaking test. You must score at least A2 to access the Speaking Test.

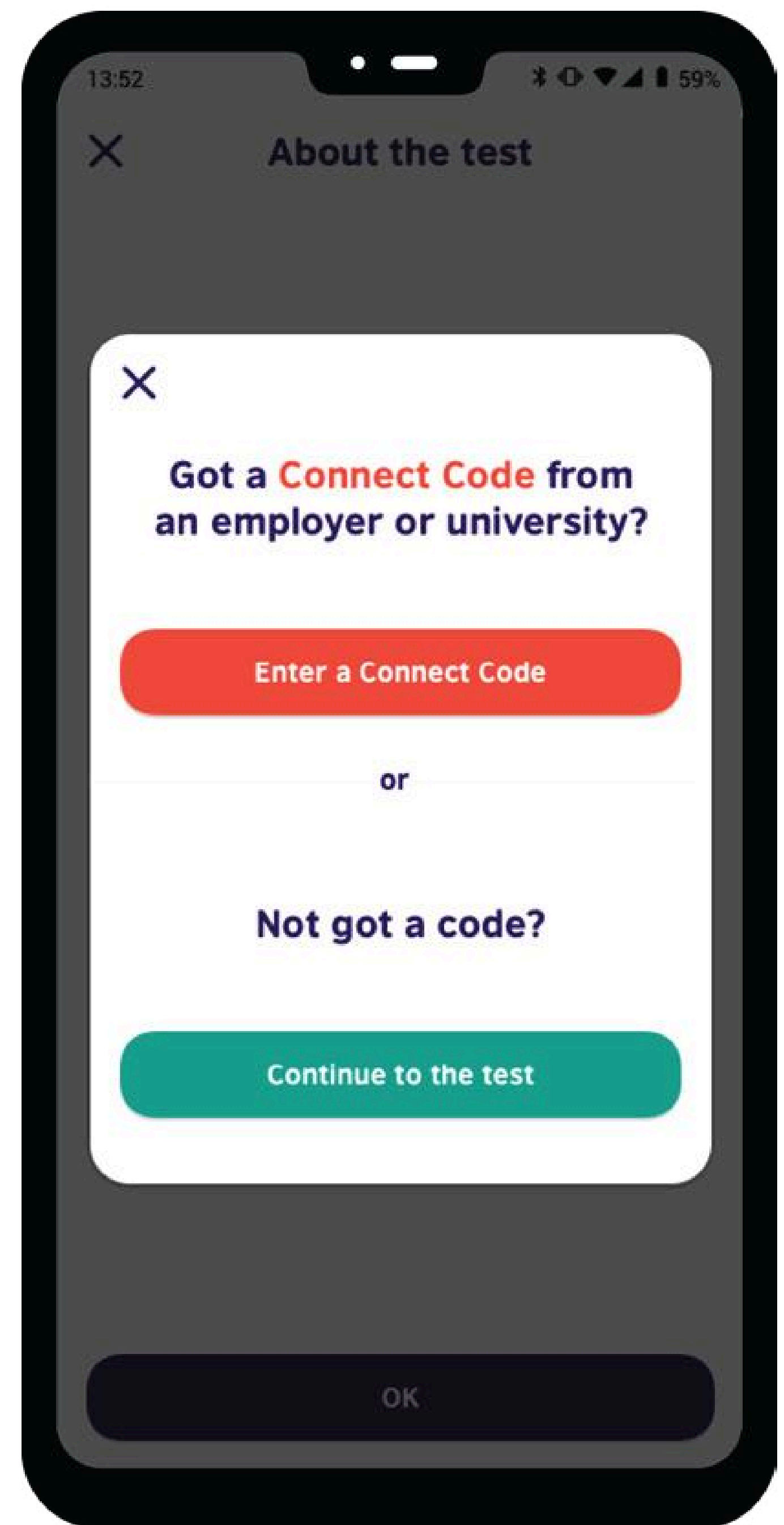


**2** When you are ready, tap 'Start the test' on the dashboard. You can find this below the Core Skills Test.

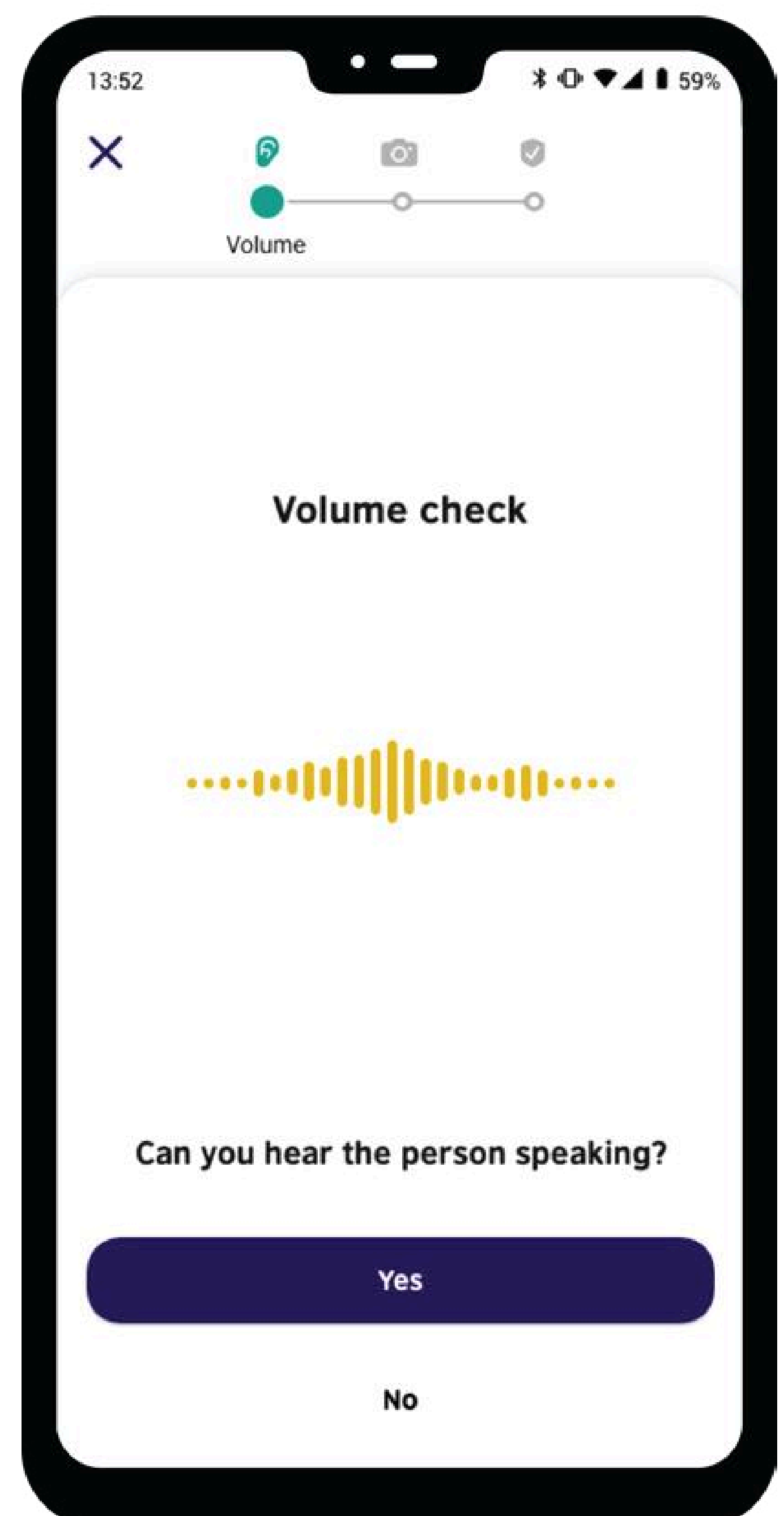


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**3** Have your Connect Code ready to enter (if you have been given one).



**4** Check the volume on your device. You need sound for Parts 2 & 3, as well as for Part 4 - Grade Others.

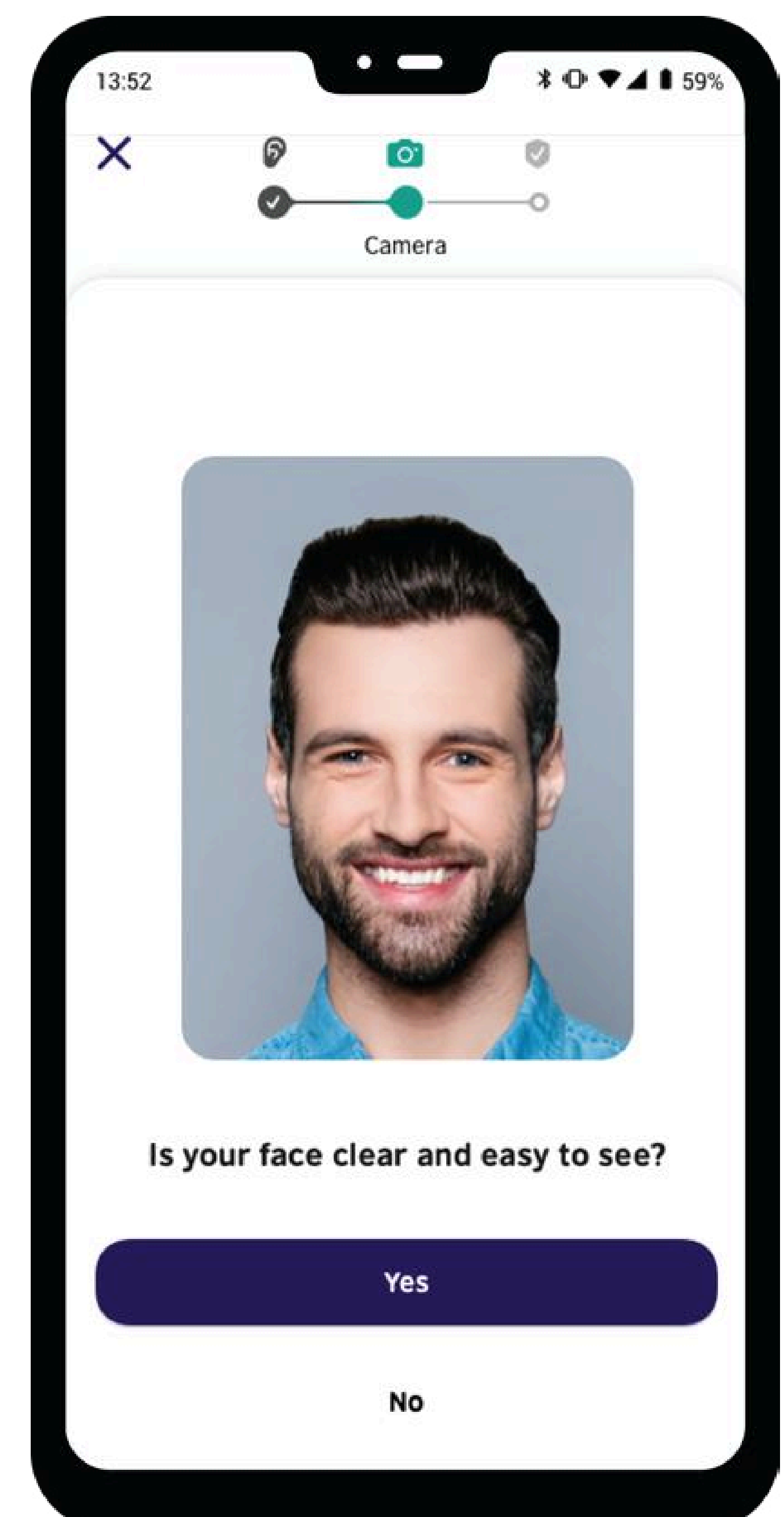


## 3 | Taking the test

- 5 Check the volume on your microphone. You need to allow microphone access to record your answers.



- 6 The front camera is used to check you are taking the test correctly. Make sure your face is visible and you are alone.

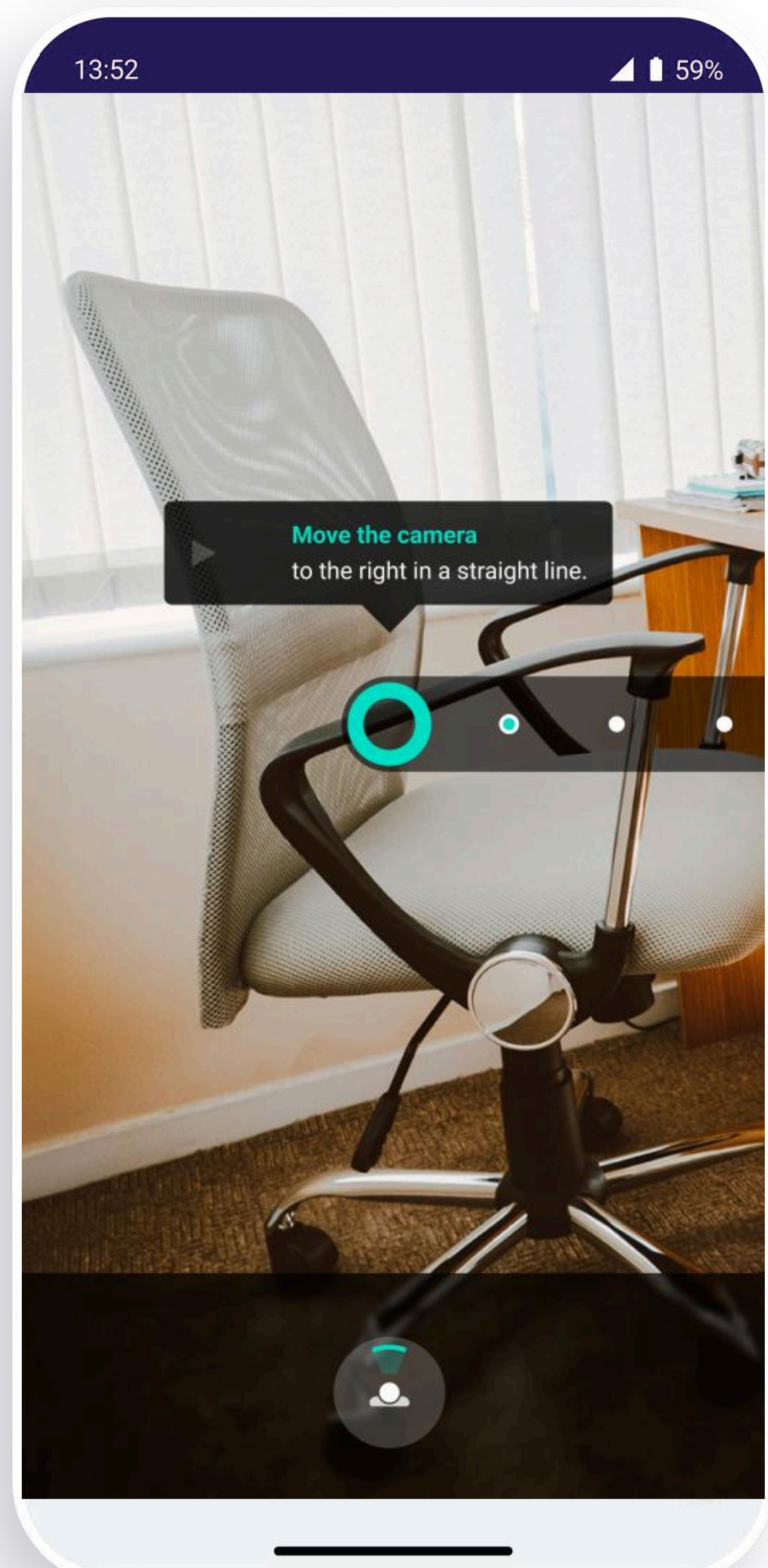
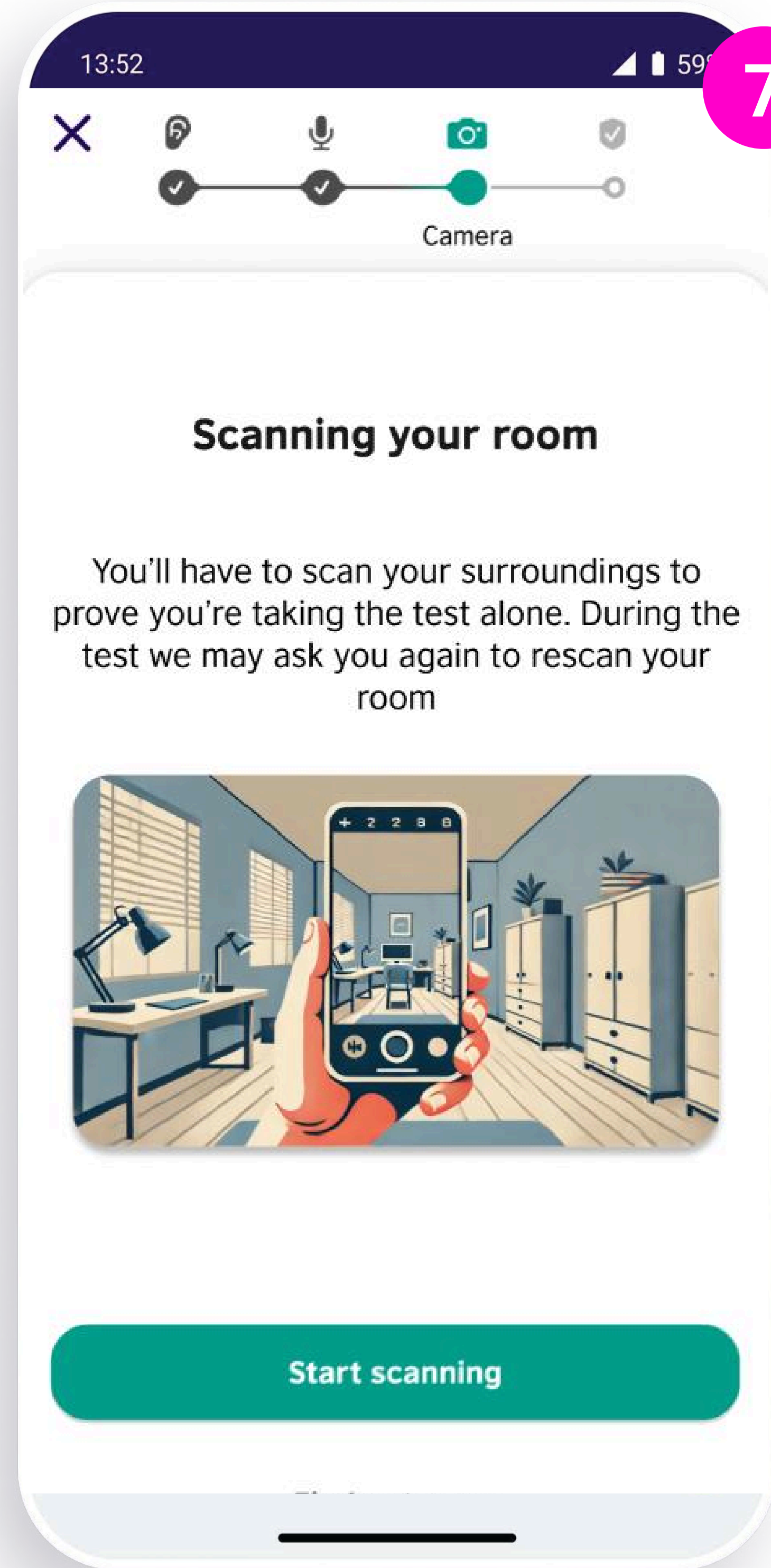




### 3 | Taking the test

7 After you have taken your first selfie for your camera check, you are now required to perform a 360-degree scan of your surroundings to confirm that you are alone in the room, have a quiet and well-lit environment, and that there are no distractions or unauthorised devices (laptops, phones, monitors, etc.) around.

Please make sure you are following the direction that is displayed on the app, including camera angle, and camera scanning speed.

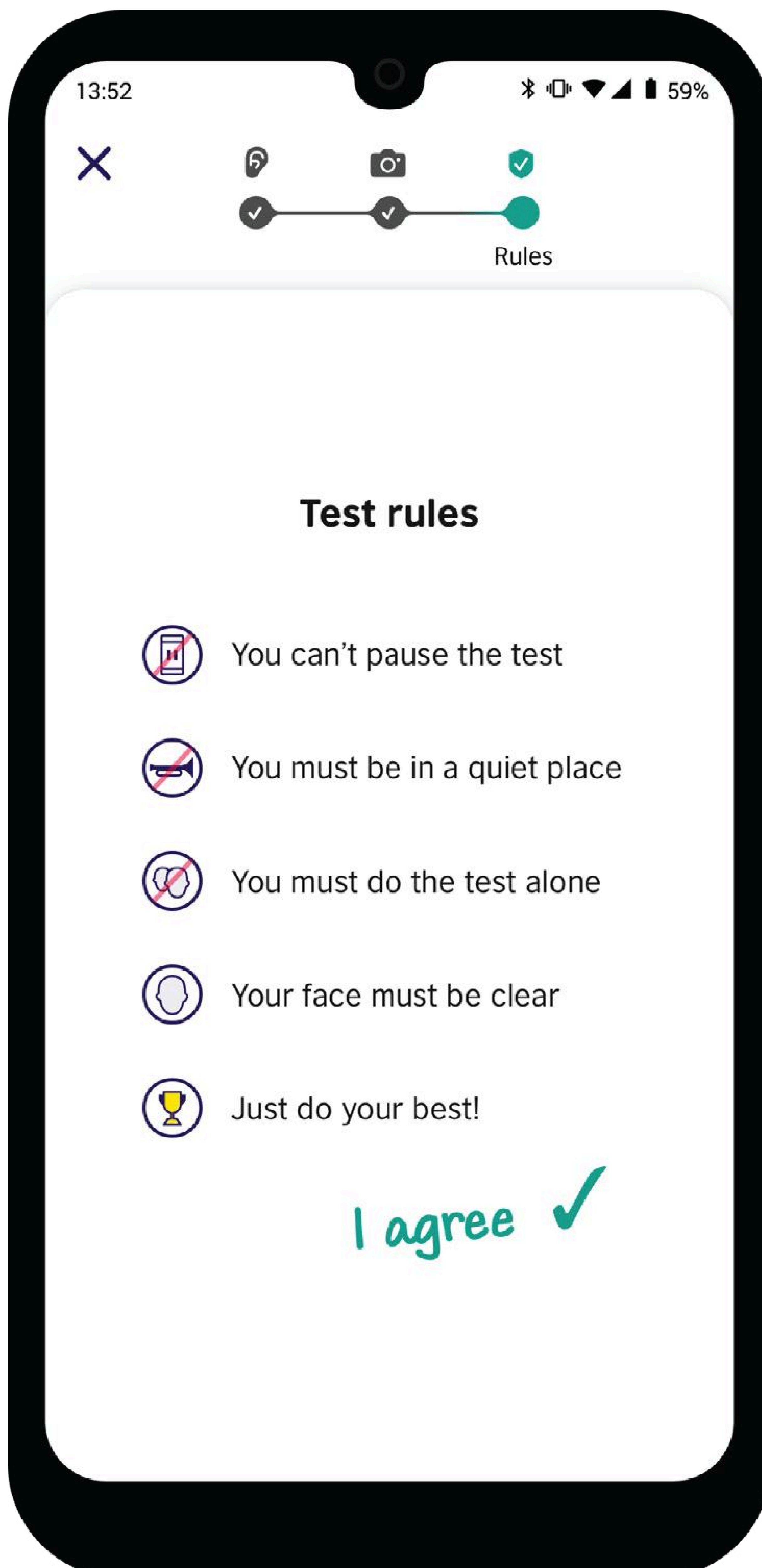




## 3 | Taking the test

### Test rules

These rules help to give you and your organisation confidence that your results are accurate and reliable.



## 3 | Taking the test

The main speaking test rules:

- Smoking cigarettes or vapes.
- Talking to other people when taking the test.
- Wearing no clothes, or only some clothes.
- You must be alone when doing the room scan and taking the test.
- Reading the test questions out loud.
- Using other apps on your phone.
- Answering phone calls when taking the test.
- Using other devices (for example another phone or computer)
- Using extra materials like papers or books.
- Using text-to-speech software.
- Eating during the test.
- Writing notes during the test.
- Wearing anything that covers your face (like a hat or sunglasses) unless you have permission from EnglishScore.
- Taking the test in a (too) noisy place.
- Changing rooms when taking the test
- Taking the test in a (too) dark, unlit room.





## Your EnglishScore explained

## 4 | Your EnglishScore explained

### How is the test scored?

Our scoring model uses a mix of AI technology to measure accuracy, and humans to measure real-world communication skills in the workplace and beyond.

Using each scoring method where it works best means we can provide accurate results within 24 hours - much faster than traditional English speaking tests and exams.

Our scoring model is built by expert examiners using thousands of test responses from real English speakers with a variety of accents. We then use AI technology and the grades from real people to match the experts. Controlled studies show that our scoring performs as well as a human examiner.

In your certificate, you will receive an overall score, as well as individualised scores for:

**Pronunciation** - how you speak and stress words

**Fluency** - how you speak whole sentences

**Communication** - how clear and easily understood your speech is and how well you completed the tasks

## 4 | Your EnglishScore explained

### Understanding your EnglishScore

You can score up to 599 points on the Speaking Test. Each hundred-point band on the EnglishScore scale correlates to the international standard Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**(CEFR)**. CEFR is used to describe language proficiency levels. There are six main levels, from A1 to C2, ranging from beginner to advanced. The EnglishScore Speaking Test assesses from A2 to C1. The EnglishScore point-based scale helps you to understand your proficiency within a CEFR level.

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CEFR	EnglishScore	TOEIC	TOEFL ITP	IELTS
C1	599	990	677	8
B2	500	945	627	7
B1	400	785	543	6
A2	300	550	460	5
A1	200	225	337	4
Pre A1	100	120		
	0	0		

\*These charts can only be used as approximate comparisons and cannot be considered evidence of actual or expected scores.

**Tip!**

Read the descriptions of each level in the appendix

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Getting your  
certificate



## 5 | Getting your certificate

### **About the certificate**

The British Council EnglishScore Professional Certificate is a global standard of English proficiency, recognised by leading employers and institutions around the world.

Our Professional Certificate includes special features to validate your English level to an employer or educational institution.

You can also buy a printed copy of your Professional Certificate, which we deliver worldwide with secure tracking.

# 5 | Getting your certificate

**Verifying the certificate holder**

These images were taken at random intervals during the user's test session.

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For further verification of this certificate holder, please visit [englishscore.com/verify](https://www.englishscore.com/verify) and enter this certificate's **unique code** 1234567

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**Understanding the EnglishScore**

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EnglishScore

Pre-A1	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1
		201			

CEFR level

0 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8

Compare CEFR to IELTS \*\*

**At this CEFR level you:**

Can understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.

Can understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment), provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.

Can understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency everyday or job-related language.

Can understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.

\*\* This scale is to our metric for comparison and cannot be considered evidence of actual or suggested IELTS scores.

**1** Charles English

This is to certify that

Charles English

has achieved CEFR B1 in the EnglishScore Writing test

**2** 328

Communication 385 Organisation 281 Language 320

**3** CEFR B1 - Intermediate

Valid from 1 March 2024

**4** Verified Use code 1234567 at [englishscore.com/verify](https://www.englishscore.com/verify)

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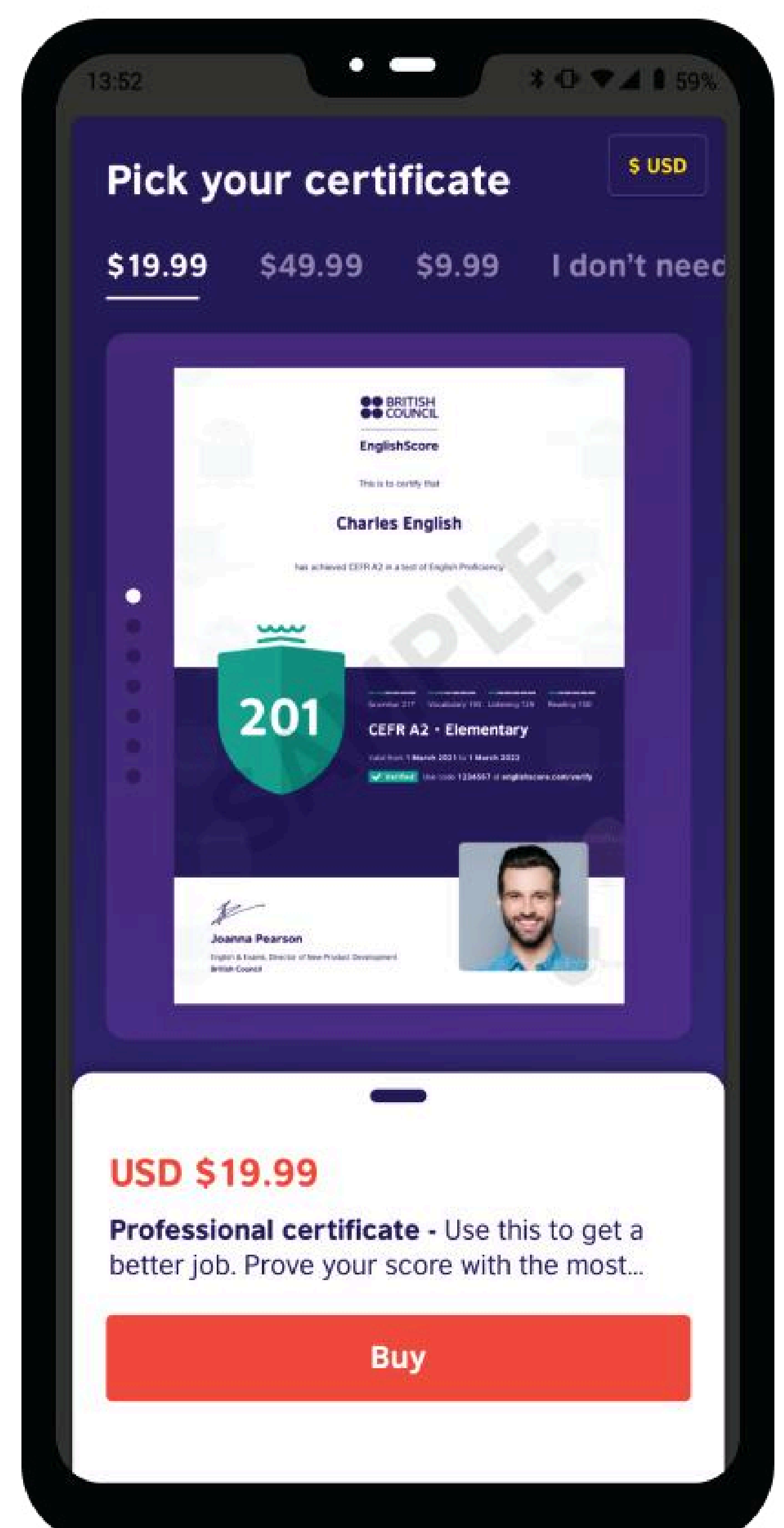
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## Getting a certificate

**1** Choose the score you want to certify. You can do this on the Dashboard or the All Reports screen.

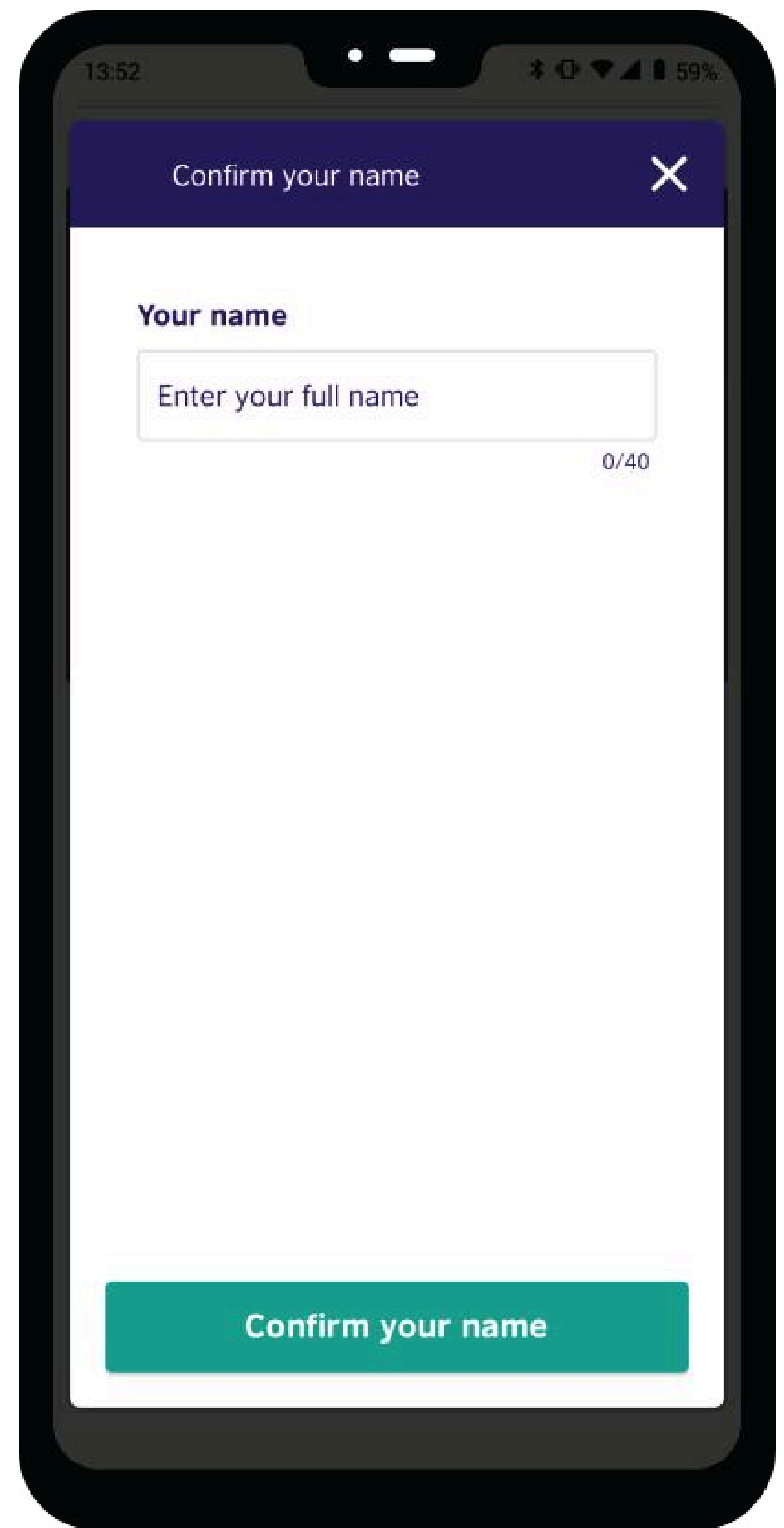


**2** To purchase a certificate, choose a payment method or use a voucher code if you have been given one. We support Visa and Mastercard worldwide, plus many local payment methods. Please check the app in your country.



## 5 | Getting your certificate

**3** Add your name as you would like it to appear on the certificate.



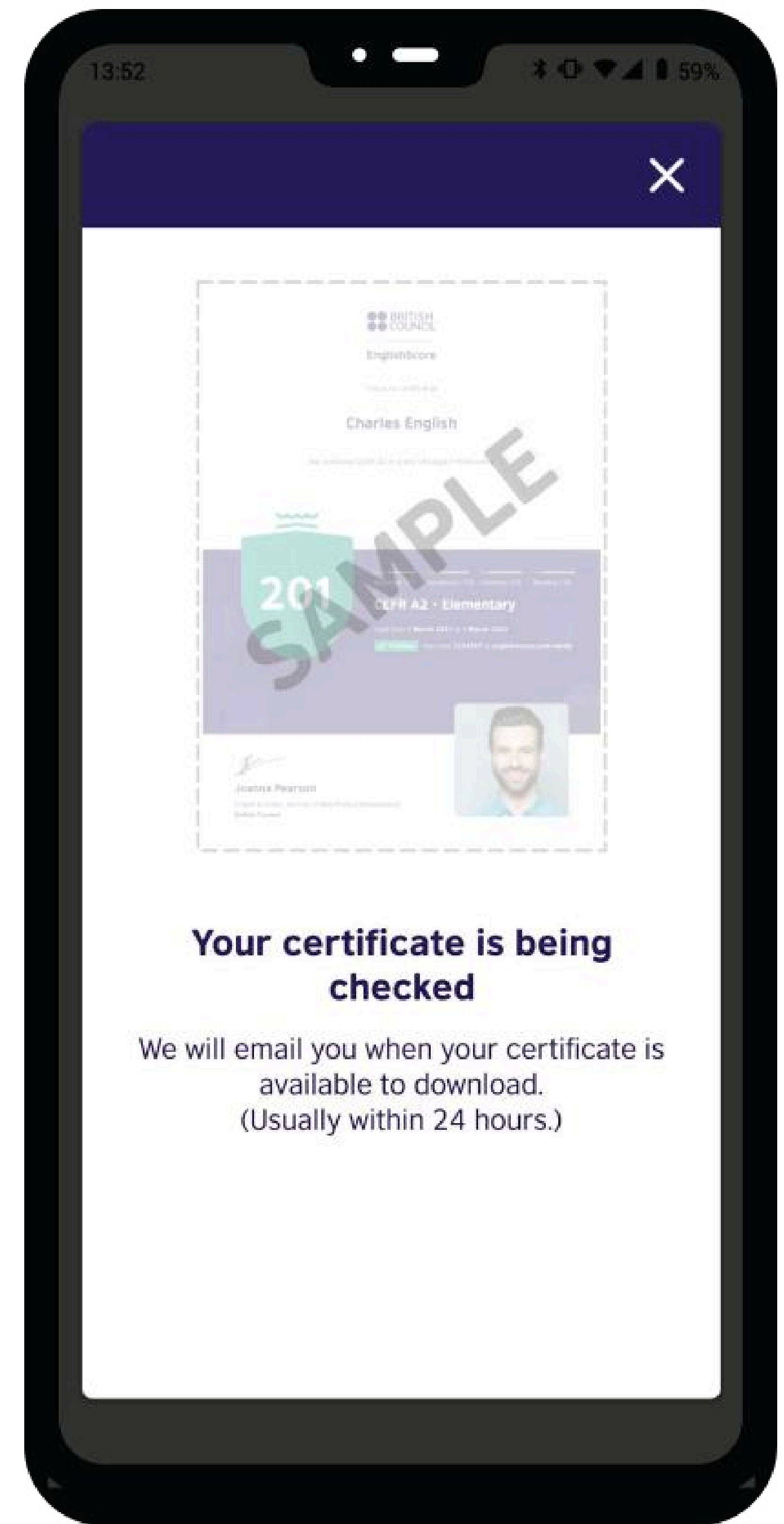
**4** Take a photo of yourself. This will be shown on the front of your certificate.





## 5 | Getting your certificate

- 5 Your details and your test photos will be reviewed by a security team. You will get an email when your certificate is ready, usually within 24 hours.



## 5 | Getting your certificate

### Share your EnglishScore

You can use an EnglishScore Professional Certificate to help to advance your career and education, including applying for a job or scholarship programme, or to enhance your CV.

We give you access to your report and certificate and the ability to share it in one tap, so it is quick and easy to prove your level to an employer or organisation.



**Tip!**

Share your EnglishScore certificate with your professional network on LinkedIn to advance your career.

[More about sharing your certificate](#)

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More information

## 6 | More information

### Taking the test

We have an [online help desk](#) to answer any questions you have about the EnglishScore test. Here are some of the common questions we are asked.

If you're having any technical difficulties or need to speak to customer support, please [submit a help request form online](#) from the email address you registered with on EnglishScore.

### Frequently asked questions

#### **How should I prepare before taking EnglishScore?**

The best way to prepare is to have a go at the test. You can also read the Speaking Test Guide and Practice Test Materials and watch our videos for more advice and tips.

#### **Why can't I move on to the Reading and Listening questions?**

You must take the Core Skills Test first to unlock the Speaking Test. You must score at least A2 in the Core Skills Test.

#### **How many times can I take the test?**

You can take the Speaking Test multiple times. However, you may only start the test 4 times in 28 days. Additionally, you must wait until your test has been scored before you can take it again.



## 6 | More information

### Can I see the answers? How do I improve my English?

We do not share answers to our test, but we do have some practice questions available. We also have a range of options to help users to improve their English.

[LearnEnglish](#) is free. There are also [online group classes](#) available (for a fee).

For more personalised instruction, we offer 1-1 online tutoring services at [EnglishScore Tutor](#). Book your first session for just US\$1!

[Find more questions and answers about the assessment](#)

### Technical requirements

#### What are the device requirements for EnglishScore? Can I take the test on a tablet or computer?

To access EnglishScore on your mobile device, your operating system version must be Android 6.0 or above or iOS 15 or above. You will also need a working camera on your device if you want to purchase a certificate. You may find EnglishScore available to download on some tablets, but the app has not yet been optimised for this, so we recommend using a mobile device where possible.

[Find more questions and answers about technical requirements](#)

## 6 | More information

### Exam security

#### Why do you need my camera enabled?

If your test security mode is switched on, our technology will check to see you are alone and visible at all times. This helps to prevent cheating and misconduct.

We will also take photos at random during the test to be used on your certificate, so make sure you are in a well-lit place, you are alone and you can see your whole face clearly in the frame.

We ask for your permission before turning this feature on.

#### How do you prevent cheating?

We prevent cheating by using face detection technology and taking photos of you during the test to ensure you are alone and visible at all times. Also, during the test, you cannot take a screen capture or video of the test. To get your certificate, you will need to switch on your test security.

If you purchase a Professional Certificate, your photos will be reviewed by a security team and placed on your certificate. If you have used a Connect Code, the photos will also be shared with your organisation.

We take the security of our exams very seriously and immediately take action against identified cheaters. If you witness or know about any cheating attempts in the EnglishScore tests please report them using this link; <https://www.englishscore.com/report-cheating/>

[Find more questions and answers about Exam Security](#)



## 6 | More information

### Certificate

#### How can my certificate be verified?

The certificate Verification ID number can be found in the middle of an EnglishScore Professional Certificate. Please enter the ID here to confirm the certificate's authenticity. If a valid certificate ID is entered, the certificate PDF is loaded directly from EnglishScore servers and presented for review. This can then be matched to the test-taker and/or the original certificate presented

#### Can I change the security photos taken during the test sitting?

For security reasons, you cannot change the images from your test sitting. However, if you would like to take the test again and create a new certificate, you can do so at no extra cost by [contacting us](#)

#### What photos are included on the Professional Certificates?

We require you to take an up-to-date photo of yourself after you have finished the test. This will appear on the front page of the certificate. To make sure the photograph is recent, photo uploads are not accepted. Please make sure you are in a well-lit room, your whole face is clearly in the frame and you are presentable.

For security reasons, in exam mode, you will have your photo taken at random during the test. These photos appear on the back page of the certificate.

#### Can I change my photo/name on my certificate?

If you have not yet purchased a certificate, you will be asked to take a new photo and confirm your name once you have made a successful payment. If you have already purchased a certificate and need to change your name or photo, please [contact us](#) .

Please note, you cannot upload your own photo for the certificate, but you may be able to retake it in the app. We recommend making sure you are in a well-lit room, your whole face is clearly in the frame and you are presentable.

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## Appendix



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### **At A2 level you can:**

use simple phrases and sentences to speak about simple personal topics and interests such as family and friends, education background and past and present employment.

### **At B1 level you can:**

use a range of everyday expressions and familiar vocabulary to talk at length about experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions or to relate the plot of a book or film; interact spontaneously with occasional gaps in vocabulary knowledge and use language flexibly to discuss reasons and explanations for your opinions and talk about past or future plans.

### **At B2 level you can:**

interact with a reasonable degree of fluency and spontaneity and actively participate in discussions on familiar contexts, explaining and defending your views; use an extensive variety of phrases and complex structures to flexibly navigate discussions with native speakers around subjects related to your fields of interest without significant strain for either party.

### **At C1 level you can:**

interact fluently and spontaneously, using language flexibly and effectively for social and professional purposes, including the formulation of complex ideas and opinions which can be skilfully linked to those of other speakers; expertly manage conversations in which you are able to address and discuss complex subjects using a variety of idiomatic expressions and complex structures to integrate sub themes, develop particular points and offer appropriate conclusions.

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### ID Verification:

In some cases, your university or institution will be using an extra measure to verify your identity document before you take a test, ensuring that your credentials are securely verified.

You will need to prepare a valid document for the system, this will be either a passport, driver's license, national identity card, or residence permit. You will be asked to take a picture of your document for the system to verify.

This initial step before the test establishes a reliable record of the your identity to the university, which is needed to further ensure the exam integrity.

