



Rewarding Learning

FRENCH STUDENT STUDY CARD 2

RESEARCHING TOPICS FOR AS 1 PRESENTATIONS

Introduction

Your speaking test consists of a **three** minute presentation on your chosen topic, followed by an **eight** minute general conversation. Your presentation topic must be chosen from the AS themes and related to an aspect of life and culture in a French-speaking country/community.

Assessment

An external visiting examiner carries out the speaking test and it is recorded.

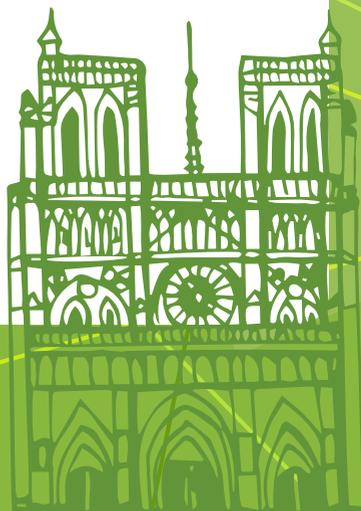
Assessment Objectives

You will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- AO4: Knowledge and understanding of the chosen topic relating to a French-speaking country or community.

Familiarise yourself with the requirements of the criterion and guidance on how to achieve the top bands.

- AO4 assesses
 - your ability to speak knowledgeably about the topic you have researched for your presentation
 - your understanding of the chosen topic
 - your initiative to argue points of view clearly, logically and confidently
 - your originality and ability to form mature opinions on aspects of the topic





Skills

Here are some suggestions to help you prepare for this skills area:

- Look at the mark scheme to familiarise yourself with the requirements for the bands
- Start thinking of a topic early in the year to give yourself time to do your research and prepare and learn your presentation.

Preparation

- Choose an AS theme/topic which is of personal interest so that you will enjoy doing the research.
- Focus on a particular aspect of the topic.
- Avoid titles which are too vague as they can lead to a list of general statements which do not fulfil the requirements.
- Check your timing – not too long but not too short.
- Make good use of the two pro-formas. The Summary Sheet will inform your examiner on the outline of your presentation. The Preparation Sheet of 60 words should be tailored to your personal learning style and can be used by the examiner should you need help during the presentation.

Writing your presentation

- Start by planning your presentation.

Your presentation should consist of:

- a brief introduction
- the development of your main points
- a brief conclusion
- Remember that you are not writing an essay meant to be read by the examiner.
- Your presentation should be clear. Your language should be adapted to the purpose.
- Remember to include personal opinions. Facts and statistics are not enough.

Delivery

- Do not deliver your presentation too speedily.
- Pronunciation is important.
- Good intonation makes your presentation more interesting.