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# FRENCH STUDENT STUDY CARD 3

## MAKING ORAL PRESENTATIONS USING POWERPOINT

### Introduction

In the first part of your oral, you have the option of using technology, in the form of a PowerPoint slide show for example to support your AS presentation.

### Assessment

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

### Assessment Objectives

AS presentation:

- A04: Knowledge and understanding of the chosen topic relating to a French-speaking country/community.

A2 introduction and discussion:

- A03: Accurate and appropriate use of French.
- A04: Knowledge and understanding of the chosen topic relating to a French-speaking country/community.

A03 assesses:

- your command of idiom and vocabulary
- your knowledge and application of grammar

A04 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

At A2 you will also be expected to understand, infer meaning and draw conclusions.





## Skills

Here are some guidelines to help you prepare for this skills area.

### Preparation

- Decide early on if you are going to use a PowerPoint slide show; this will give you time to prepare your support material and, more crucially, to practise delivering your AS presentation with your PowerPoint slide show.
- Approximately two months ahead of the speaking examination, your Summary Sheet outlining your AS presentation will have to be submitted to CCEA. You could use the headings submitted (3 to 5 at AS) to structure your PowerPoint slide show.
- Keep the number of slides small, no more than five, to avoid being distracted from the main focus, which is verbal communication.
- You will not be assessed on your PowerPoint presentation.
- Each slide should support and illustrate one of the points you are making.
- Your slides may of course contain words, however, remember that you can only use the wording from your Preparation Sheet (up to 60 words) in your PowerPoint presentation.
- A few days before your oral, find out from your teacher whether you will have access to a school computer in the examination room or whether you will need to bring your own laptop/tablet. Upload your PowerPoint presentation to the home screen for quick access. Make sure you have a copy on a memory stick for back up.

### On the day of the examination

- Log in or switch on your computer, laptop or tablet as early as possible.
- When invited by the examiner, start delivering your AS presentation.
- Remember to advance through your PowerPoint show as you speak.
- Do not forget that you are communicating with the examiner, not the computer. Only refer to your slides for support or to point out key aspects of the topic you have chosen.
- If using a school computer, remember to sign out and to remove memory stick, if used.