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# GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #1

## SPEAKING - STEPS TO SUCCESS

### Introduction

The AS Speaking Test consists of two parts:

Question 1 is a Presentation based on an AS theme related to an aspect of a German-speaking country or community. This should last 3 minutes.

(See Study Card 2)

The second question is the Conversation lasting 8 minutes.

(See Study Card 5)

The A2 Speaking test also consists of two parts:

In Question 1 you will introduce and discuss with your Visiting Examiner one individual research project, and this should last 6 minutes.

(See Study Card 6)

The second question is the Conversation lasting 9 minutes.

(See Study Card 7)

### Assessment

In Speaking you will be assessed on your ability to express information, facts and ideas and justify opinions in German.

### Assessment Objective/s

The Conversation is marked according to the A01 and A03 criteria respectively i.e. understand and respond, in speech, to spoken language drawn from a variety of sources, including face-to-face interaction, manipulate the language accurately and appropriately, in spoken and written forms, using a range of lexis and structure.





## Skills

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

- The learning and revision of vocabulary underpin success in EVERY skills area.

### Self-Review

- Record your thoughts and answers on the topics.
- As you listen to your recording note down ways to upgrade your answers:
  - include adjectives and adverbs
  - replace clauses joined by und with clauses joined by a subordinating conjunction
  - (e.g. wenn, als, bevor, nachdem)
- Vary the way in which you introduce your response e.g ich denke /meine, dass
  - meiner Meinung nach
- Listen carefully to your pronunciation. Avoid ik (instead of ich) and focus on the vowel sounds ü, ä and ö.

### Learning for improvement

You should:

- attend and participate fully in classes with your German Language Assistant.
- be prepared to make mistakes and learn from them.
- accept and act on his / her constructive advice.
- listen carefully to his / her pronunciation.
- act on the helpful advice contained in the Chief Examiner's Report, available on the CCEA website.
- familiarise yourself with the mark scheme of the various parts of the examinations.
- formulate your opinions and know how to justify them.
- note the importance of Communication, in other words, practise keeping the conversation going.



- aim for a balance between preparing what you want to say and learning off long answers. Your Examiner will most likely interrupt a long learnt –off response.
- profit from every opportunity to talk to a native speaker.
- take part in an exchange with a German school and keep up the contact with your exchange partner through Face Time etc.
- speak German.
- learn Vocabulary.