



Rewarding Learning

# FRENCH STUDENT STUDY CARD 5

## GUIDANCE FOR CONVERSATION AT AS

### Introduction

The conversation element is based on the AS themes at a level appropriate for AS.

### 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:

- A01: Understand and respond to spoken language.
- A03: Manipulate the language accurately and appropriately.

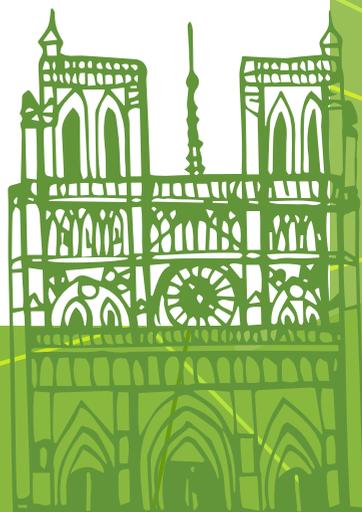
Familiarise yourself with the requirements of each criterion and guidance on how to achieve the top bands.

A01 assesses:

- your degree of comprehension
- the fluency of your responses
- your initiative to develop answers and your ability to argue points of views
- your pronunciation and intonation

A03 assesses:

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





## Skills

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

### Preparation

You should prepare your answers on the predictable topics, for example:

- yourself, your family and friends
- your studies and your future plans
- your hobbies and interests, for example sport, music, cinema, new technology
- your holidays

Make sure you prepare your favourite topics at length. These could include:

- a visit to a foreign country
- your work for a charitable organisation
- a special interest or hobby

Think how you can introduce these favourite topics into the conversation, for example:

- Malheureusement, je ne suis jamais allé(e) en France, mais par contre j'ai visité (le Portugal)
- Je ne m'intéresse pas trop (au sport), mais en revanche, je me passionne pour (le cinéma)

### On the day of the examination

- Listen to the question carefully and always answer the question.
- Buy yourself some time to think by using phrases such as
  - Ça, c'est une question difficile.
  - Ah, c'est une bonne question!
  - C'est une question complexe. Par où commencer?
- Develop your answers as much as you can.
- Lead the conversation by introducing your special interest topics whenever possible.
- Give opinions:
  - J'ai du mal à comprendre (pourquoi les jeunes prennent de la drogue)
  - Moi, je trouve ça choquant/déprimant/agaçant
- Justify your opinions:
  - (Je ne fume pas) parce que je trouve ça dégoûtant.
  - parce que ça ne me plaît pas.