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GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #2

RESEARCHING TOPICS FOR AS 1 PRESENTATIONS

Introduction

The Presentation is the first element of the Speaking Test. You are required to deliver a prepared presentation based on an AS level theme related to an aspect of a German-speaking country/community.

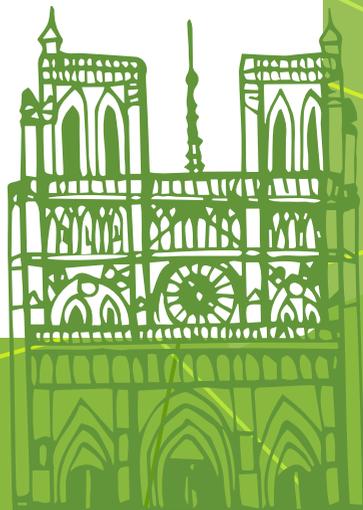
Assessment

You should be able to

- express information, facts and ideas and justify opinions in German.
- understand and apply accurately the grammatical system and a range of structures.
- adapt spoken and written language appropriately for different situation and purposes.
- speak knowledgeably about the topic you have researched for your presentation.

Assessment Objective/s

The Presentation is assessed according to the A04 criterion i.e. show knowledge and understanding of and respond critically and analytically to different aspects of the culture and society of countries/communities where the language is spoken.





Skills

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

- It is very important to choose a topic that is of interest to you. It will be part of your studies for many weeks.
- It may well be a topic that has caught your interest in the work you cover in class.
- Remember that it must be based in a German-speaking country/ community and must be related to the AS themes.
- You are not allowed to choose a topic for the AS presentation that relates to the set work that you have studied for the AS3 Extended Writing examination.
- It is important that you enjoy the topic of the presentation because your interest and enthusiasm will spill over to your Examiner.
- Read up about your topic (even in English) to ensure that you are well informed.
- There is a wealth of material in German books, newspapers, magazines and on websites.
- A word of warning. Do not download text from the Internet and attempt to learn it off. You must manipulate the language used to make it sound your own.
- Before you start writing, plan your presentation.
- Time your presentation carefully.
- Rehearse your presentation frequently. Do not leave it to the last minute.
- Practise your presentation by recording it on your phone or tablet.
- This gives you an opportunity to evaluate your pronunciation as well as your fluency.
- It is important to speak clearly.
- In the delivery of your presentation in the Speaking Test you might leave out a sentence.
 - Don't try to back track. As long as your presentation still makes sense the omission may not be noticeable.
- To avoid such an error it is advisable to put thought into the 60 words that you are allowed to have in front of you on your Preparation Sheet.