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# GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #5

## GUIDANCE FOR CONVERSATION

### [AS]

#### Introduction

The AS Conversation is assessed in the Speaking exam. It follows the presentation (3 minutes) and lasts for 8 minutes. It requires you to speak in German with a Visiting Examiner about general themes relating to the AS-level specification.

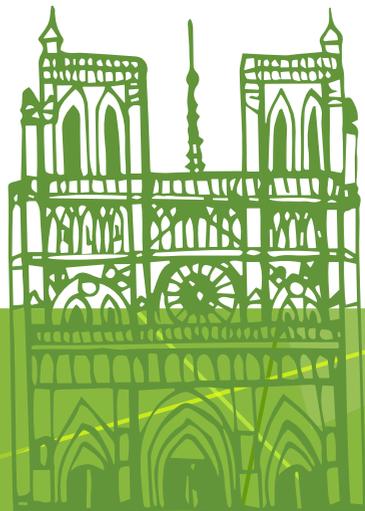
#### Assessment

The Conversation is assessed by a Visiting Examiner. The test will be recorded for monitoring and scrutiny purposes.

#### Assessment Objective/s

A01: understand and respond in speech to speech and writing, to spoken language drawn from a variety of sources, including face-to-face interaction;

A03: 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.

- Prepare oral answers for the AS themes, but don't learn material off by heart. It is important that you sound natural in the exam Try designing mind-maps, for example.
- Practise speaking German as much as possible. Make sure you participate in class and in oral class with your German Language Assistant.
- Make friends with German teenagers. Ask your teacher to arrange an e-pal for you and keep in touch with them via social media. You could call them by internet and practise your German whilst your partner practises their English.
- Try to spend some time in Germany; a school exchange, work experience or a short family holiday will do wonders for your confidence.
- Make a list of 'emergency phrases' to fill gaps in the conversation or when you are thinking.
- Take care with your vowel sounds. Make sure you practise the difference between /u/ and /ü/ and /o/ and /ö/. You should also practise the /s/ and /z/ sounds. Try a few tongue twisters to help your pronunciation.