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IRISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #2

RESEARCHING TOPICS FOR AS 1 PRESENTATIONS

Introduction

Your speaking test consists of a **three minute** presentation on your chosen topic [followed by an **eight minute** general conversation]. Your presentation topic must be chosen from the AS themes and related to an aspect of life and culture in an Irish-speaking country/community.

Assessment

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

In Speaking you should be able to:

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





Assessment Objective/s

You will be assessed according to the following criterion:

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

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

A04 assesses:

- your ability to speak knowledgeably about the topic you have researched for your presentation;
- your understanding of your 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.

Skills

Tús maith leath na hoibre : Begin work on your presentation early in term 1 and choose a topic for presentation from one of the two AS themes.

Relationships

Culture and Lifestyle

- Choose a topic that you have a particular interest in, or some level of experience of. It may be a lifestyle issue i.e. Daoine óga faoi thionchar an alcóil nó Máithreacha sna Déaga, or it may focus on a hobby i.e. Peil na mBan nó Mise agus an Spórt.
- Set yourself time targets for the completion of your research (e.g. midterm week in term 1 with it finalised by the end of Term 1.)
- Where possible use Irish Language websites and other sources listed in the CCEA support material available on the subject microsite.
- When planning the presentation make sure that it meets the time requirement (3 minutes) and it should have:
 - a brief introduction
 - 3-4 well developed points



- views and opinions
- a short conclusion.
- Enlist the help of your Teacher and, if possible, have them record your presentation to help you learn it more easily.
- Alternatively transfer your key points onto index cards, using a separate card for each idea, and review them for a few minutes every day.
- Prepare both the pro-formas (the Summary Sheet and the Preparation Sheet) when you are sure of the order and confident of the material.

Day of the Exam

- Remember that your presentation is the first element of your speaking test and a confident and flawless delivery will leave you feeling well able to tackle the General Conversation. Greet the examiner on entering the room, smile and show a willingness to engage in an exchange of ideas.
- Do not rush your presentation but pace yourself well within the time-frame and pay particular attention to pronunciation and intonation.