

# **Modern Languages (talking) Performance Instructions for candidates**

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# Instructions for candidates

This assessment applies to the performance for National 5 Modern Languages.

This **performance: talking** is worth 30 marks. The marks contribute 30% of the overall marks for the Course assessment. The Course will be graded A-D.

It assesses the following skills, knowledge and understanding:

- ◆ the ability to use detailed spoken language, in the modern language, as part of a presentation and conversation on the chosen topic
- ◆ the ability to take part effectively in a natural conversation
- ◆ the ability to use language accurately to convey meaning in the modern language
- ◆ the ability to maintain interaction as appropriate to purpose

This performance has two Sections.

**Section 1**, titled 'Presentation', will have 10 marks.

**Section 2**, titled 'Conversation', will have 20 marks.

Within this section the marks are awarded as follows:

- ◆ 15 marks for conversation
- ◆ 5 marks for effective communication by using natural, spontaneous detailed language

Your assessor will let you know how the assessment will be carried out and any required conditions for doing it.

# Modern Languages performance: talking – assessment task

In this assessment, you will have to do the following:

## Presentation

- ◆ Carry out a spoken oral presentation in the modern language, using detailed language, on a topic chosen from one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, or culture. You will choose and develop this topic into a short presentation of approximately 1 - 2 minutes to allow demonstration of language resource, accuracy, and pronunciation and intonation. You may refer as a prompt to up to five headings of no more than eight words each during the presentation, and/or use visual aids. These headings may be in the modern language or in English.

## Conversation

- ◆ Following the prepared presentation, you will be required to take part in a conversation and to respond to some questions in the modern language, following on naturally from the presentation topic chosen. The conversation should last approximately 4-5 minutes to allow you to demonstrate your ability to take part in a conversation in the modern language, using detailed language. You may refer to other contexts if you wish. The information to be exchanged will be mainly of a factual nature and will also include some ideas and opinions. You will also ask questions where appropriate.