



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.