

## How to revise for your speaking exam

For the best possible result, learn your conversation questions as thoroughly as you can. Here are some ideas to help you:

1. Write out different topics and keep them in different places (bathroom, car, bedroom). Read them for a few minutes every time you see them.
2. Word process your topics, neat work is easier to learn and you can print yourself a few extra copies to write on.
3. It is important to feel good about yourself if you are to learn the work well, so try learning the work in time, which would otherwise be wasted. Read it in the car on journeys (record it if you get travel sick!); work while you are tidying your bedroom; during adverts on TV; while doing the ironing (!) or while you are getting washed and dressed in the mornings.

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4. Do a check on your own topics. You must make sure you are learning things, which will impress the examiner. Are there enough past tenses, future tenses, reasons and opinions?

5. Record the questions and answers. Listen to them regularly.

6. Make sure you understand what everything means. It is not possible to learn something you do not understand.

7. Write some of the more difficult bits on pieces of paper and put them on the fridge door or your bedroom mirror. Read them every time you see them. Turn them over when you think you know the words, then try to remember what it says.

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8. Underline key words or very good bits in a bright colour on one of the copies.

9. On another copy, underline in red, words you just can't seem to remember. Your mind will focus on these annoying words every time you read the sheet.

10. Make yourself some cue cards for the conversation. Although these can't be used in the exam, they definitely do help you to learn the most important points.

11. Recite the answers you can remember at spare moments, you don't need to say them aloud. How much can you remember? Is it a bit more each time? Then check your sheet to see if you got it right. See it as a challenge!

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12. Concentrate on learning the key questions. Make sure you know the answers, which include past tenses and future tenses. You will definitely be asked those questions.

13. Try writing out from memory as many answers as you can, then you can check how well you know the work.

14. Tell yourself it is important to learn this work. Feel good about yourself whenever you do well. Give yourself a reward!

## How to learn vocabulary

**A wide range of vocabulary is vital for success in the reading and listening exams and for the translation part of the writing paper.**

- Say/ write the words
- Record them onto tape and listen whenever you have spare time
- Write the words on pieces of paper and stick them around the house
- Traffic light your vocab lists to make a red list for each topic to learn
- Make word cards– double sided English/French, carry them in your pocket and test yourself whenever you have chance
- Put the words into sentences
- Connect the words to topics you already know– in a table/ chart/ mind map/ pictures
- Associate the word with a key word in English and form a ‘mind’ picture with both of these things– eg. Ausbildung– education English– building– imagine Eggescliffe school building.
- Write a story which includes all the words to be learnt

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- Test yourself frequently and repeatedly.
- Always carry the words with you wherever you go and use 'dead' time to learn.
- Set aside a regular time to learn– eg. Every evening for 10 mins after school.
- Spend more time on words you find difficult
- Use Quizlet – search for 'User' BrookvaleGroby MFL or your teacher's name.
- Use Quizlet/Kahoot – search for the topic you want to revise.
- Focus on tricky little non-topic-specific words as well as topic vocabulary.

## General Revision

We recommend Pearson revision guides and workbooks – available from the school shop.

Quizlet – BrookvaleGrobyMFL

Use the resources posted on your Google Classroom

Complete any booklets given to you by your teacher

Ask your teacher for feedback on booklet work and/or your speaking preparation

Attend extended support to practice under the guidance of a teacher and for help with any topics/grammar you are finding tricky

Make mind maps/ cue cards/ vocab lists and colour code them e.g. by topic or masculine/feminine

Ask a friend or family member to test you from your KO

Follow the four KO steps to help learn vocab and spellings – 1. copy, 2. copy with missing vowels and complete them from memory, 3. copy the first letter and put dashes for the number of letters, 4. Look, Cover, Write, Check