

Criteria

Assessment criteria for ACT senior secondary courses in Modern Languages relate to understanding and communication. For the speaking task, the focus is the second of these areas: communication.

This assessment task is about showing your ability to speak in a coherent and well-informed manner about an area selected from the topics below and demonstrating your language repertoire (vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, oral expression) by participating in an informative discussion about these subjects.

Your score for this assessment task will reflect levels of achievement listed in the speaking assessment rubric.

Preparation

Please confirm during Week 11 the topic that you have selected for your enquiry. In Week 12, you will select a question, proposition or thesis statement relevant to this topic and three selected sources in the target language (including at least one audio or video file). You may use any relevant resources, including those from Languages.Org.Au and resources from Google Classroom.

During Week 12, you should also prepare at least one suggested question in relation to each topic other than your own and post these on GC.

Structure of the assessment task

For this assessment task, you will investigate one of the topics covered during Semester 2. See the list below. You will prepare a short presentation of two to three minutes on your topic and you will then respond to questions on the topic. The length of each discussion will be about 3 minutes (beginning), 5 minutes (continuing), or 10 minutes (advanced).

Theme

The theme for the program for this semester is Diverse Perspectives. For this assessment task, you will discuss a topic selected from areas covered during the semester:

Q3 topics

- Traditions – Traditionen (domains 1, 2, 3)
- Regions/states of Germany – Bundesländer im Vergleich (domains 1, 2, 3)
- Cuisine – Deutsche Küche (domains 1, 2, 3)
- Literature – Kultur – Literatur (Domains 1, 2 & 3)
- Film – Kultur – Film (domains 1, 2, 3).

Q4 topics

- Famous artists from Germany – Weltbekannte Künstler aus Deutschland (domains 1, 2, 3)
- German music – Deutsche Musik (domains 1, 2, 3)
- German novels: From Kästner to Preussler – Romane: Von Kästner bis Preussler (domains 1, 2, 3)
- “Made in Germany” - German innovations worldwide – “Made in Germany” - Deutsche Produkte weltweit (domains 1 -3).