

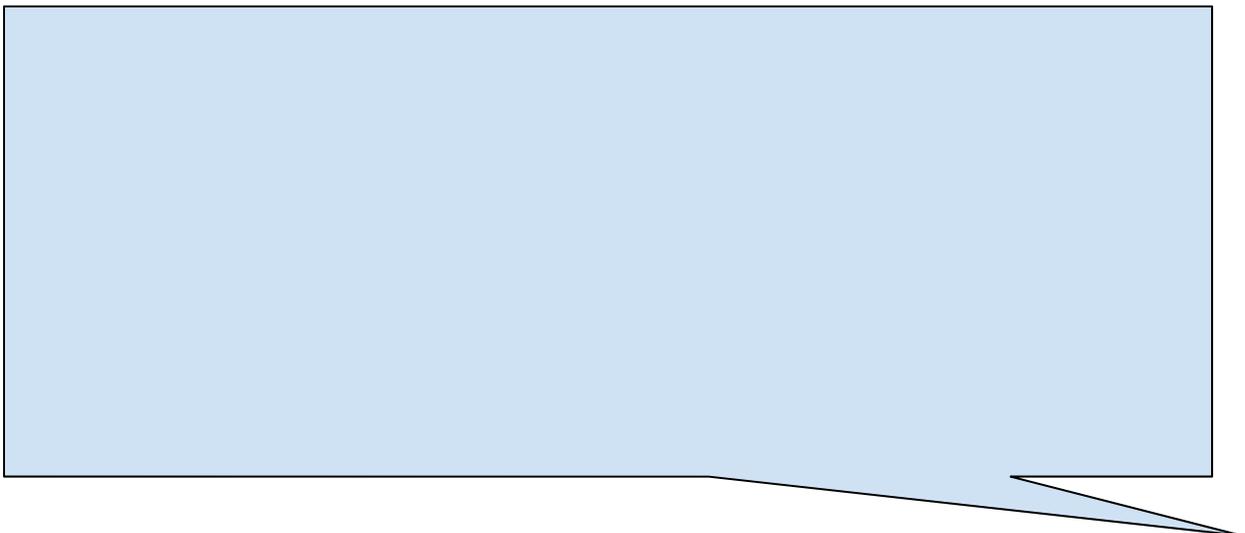
# Speaking Exam - Section 3 General Conversation Prep

## Theme 1 - Identity and Culture

### Instructions

- The final section of your speaking exam involves you being asked a series of questions from the 2 themes that have not been covered in the Photo Card section. E.g. if you spoke about Identity and Culture for your photo card, you will be asked questions from the Area/Holidays/Environment theme or the Work/Studies theme.
- Using this booklet you are able to prepare answers for questions which you may end up be asked in the exam. You will not be allowed to take any notes into the exam.
- This section is worth 30 marks alone, it is vital that you use this resource effectively to prepare for it.
- Complete the following booklet and your teacher will provide you with feedback.
- The general conversation section of the exam must last between 3-5 minutes for a Foundation candidate and 5-7 minutes for a Higher candidate.
- You must ask at least one question back to your teacher at one point in the section.

### Teacher Feedback



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## Some Tips

The General Conversation is not to be feared, you have taken part in practice speaking exams of this format over the past couple of years! If you spend time preparing, it'll be a great way for you to show off your French and gain some marks for the overall speaking exam.

### What makes a good answer?

It is important that you prepare answers that you will be able to memorise in your head, so avoid long answers filled with words that you would be unable to remember what it is you're even saying. It is really important that you're answering the questions with opinions and reasons as these are vital in expressing ourselves in other languages and you should be demonstrating present, past and future tense where possible. It is up to you to beef up your answers with as much additional language features that you will need to achieve the grade that you are capable of.

See some different examples below which answer the same question but at different levels:

e.g. Que penses-tu de Taylor Swift? (What do you think about Taylor Swift?)

#### **Grade 4 Example**

J'aime la musique de Taylor Swift parce qu'elle est créative et talentueuse. Je voudrais aller à un concert de Taylor Swift avec mes copines dans le futur! Aimes-tu Taylor Swift?

#### **Grade 6 Example**

Je ne suis pas fan de Taylor Swift parce que je trouve que sa musique est trop répétitive et je préfère la musique de Kendrick Lamar. Par contre, mon frère adore la musique de Taylor Swift et il chante ses chansons toujours ! L'année dernière, nous sommes allés au concert de Taylor ensemble mais c'était trop barbant pour moi.

#### **Grade 8 Example**

Je dirais que Taylor Swift est une bonne exemple pour les jeunes filles. Elle a travaillé très fort pendant sa carrière sans les excuses et elle a écrit toutes ses propres chansons. Par conséquent, elle a gagné beaucoup de prix bien qu'elle soit toujours jeune et elle est respectée par l'industrie ce qui est difficile pour une femme. À l'avenir, j'ai l'intention de devenir musicienne comme Taylor et je voudrais aller à l'université pour continuer mes études. Si j'économise assez d'argent, j'étudierais à New York car c'est ma ville de rêve.

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### Before you begin preparing...

- Use your notes, revision guides and online revision resources to help you with the topics that are covered in this booklet.
  - *Family and Friendships*
  - *Technology*
  - *Free-Time and Hobbies*
  - *Celebrations*
- These sites will be useful in your preparation:

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>

Wordreference (Online Dictionary)

<https://www.wordreference.com>

You may choose to use a translator for some words or small phrases. Please be aware that these are often incorrect, use sites such as Linguee to check phrases.

<https://www.linguee.fr>

- There are spaces at the end of this booklet for you to write English translations of your paragraphs if you wish to do so to help the memorisation process (helps to have reminders of what you're saying!).

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# Theme 1: Identity and Culture

1. Qu'est-ce que tu fais comme sport?  
(Which sports do you do?)

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2. Préfères-tu aller au cinéma ou regarder la télé? Pourquoi?  
(Do you prefer to go to the cinema or watch TV? Why?)

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3. Préfères-tu passer du temps avec tes copains ou ta famille?  
(Do you prefer to spend time with your friends or your family?)

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4. Est-ce que tu utilises l'internet?  
(Do you use the internet?)

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5. Quels sont les dangers de l'internet?  
(What dangers are there with the internet?)

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6. Quel genre de musique préfères-tu? Pourquoi?  
(Which genre of music do you prefer?)

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7. Qu'est-ce que tu vas faire avec tes copains le week-end prochain?  
(What are you going to do with your friends next weekend?)

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8. Et le week-end dernier?  
(And last weekend?)

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9. Préfères-tu rester célibataire ou être en couple? Pourquoi? Pourquoi Pas?  
(Do you prefer to stay single or be in a couple? Why/Why not?)

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10. Est-ce que tu voudrais avoir des enfants? Pourquoi? Pourquoi pas?  
(Would you like to have children?)

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11. Tu es déjà allé à une fête en France ? C'était comment ?  
(Have you already been to a celebration in France? How was it?)

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## English Translations

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