

Exemplar for Internal Achievement Standard French Level 2

This exemplar supports assessment against:

Achievement Standard AS91120

Give a spoken presentation in French that communicates information, ideas and opinions

An annotated exemplar is an extract of student evidence, with a commentary, to explain key aspects of the standard. It assists teachers to make assessment judgements at the grade boundaries.

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To support internal assessment

Grade Boundary: Low Excellence

1. For Excellence, the student needs to give an effective spoken presentation in French that communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions.

Effective French will be shown by the capable selection and successful use of a range of language and language features that are fit for purpose and audience. There will be development of the information, ideas and opinions which is controlled and integrated.

Communication will not be hindered by inconsistencies.

The student gives a very realistic speech for a wedding, communicating information, and expressing and justifying ideas and opinions, e.g. 'je vais essayer de ne pas pleurer', 'elle a l'esprit sensible', 'elle écoute leurs problèmes avec patience'.

The development is controlled. For example, there are sentences which explain her ideas, such as 'Quand j'ai rencontré [name] j'ai su qu'elle était différente' and 'je pouvais être moi au prés d'elle'.

The student's sentences and ideas relate to each other and the topic, and flow clearly, e.g. 'c'est un grand plaisir pour moi d'être ici ce soir et je vais essayer de ne pas pleurer avant de finir mon discours'.

For a more secure Excellence, the student needs to show improved consistency with pronunciation, to ensure that this does not interfere with communication of the message, e.g. 'minuit'.

Further, the reasonably consistent errors in tense, e.g. 'elle a trouve', 'elle s'assis à côté de moi', do threaten to hinder communication in places. More care with language in some places, e.g. 'l'homme de ses reveils', would result in a more secure Excellence.

Grade Boundary: High Merit

2. For Merit, the student needs to give a convincing spoken presentation in French that communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions.

Convincing French will be shown by the selection and use of a range of language and language features that are fit for purpose and audience. There will be development of the information, ideas and opinions which is generally credible and connected.

Communication will not be significantly hindered by inconsistencies.

The student communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions, e.g. 'je me sens très heureuse d'être ici ce soir', 'je dirai que ce couple est fait l'un pour l'autre'.

The language is credible and connected, with sentences linked in sensible ways and fitted to the purpose of the task. There is some development, e.g. 'A mon avis elle a trouvé l'homme de ses rêves, aussi bien que l'ami de sa vie'.

In the second half of the presentation, the language tends to be largely descriptive, e.g. '[name] est calme et elle écoute bien', 'elle a un grand cœur', 'Luc est très bavard', 'il est aussi très affectueux', 'ils aiment les mêmes choses' and 'les gens très heureux'.

To reach Excellence, the student could show additional evidence of an ability to link sentences to reflect more developed language.

The presentation is perhaps a little short. Whilst length does not denote quality, another section, e.g. on the couple's future plans, would provide further evidence of a range of language.

Grade Boundary: Low Merit

3. For Merit, the student needs to give a convincing spoken presentation in French that that communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions.

Convincing French will be shown by the selection and use of a range of language and language features that are fit for purpose and audience. There will be development of the information, ideas and opinions which is generally credible and connected.

Communication will not be significantly hindered by inconsistencies.

The student communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions, e.g. 'J'e veux empêcher le mariage de [name] et [name] parce que je voudrais la sauver de son quatrième mariage douloureux'.

Overall, the language is developed e.g. '*Ici, maintenant,* [name] *est sur le point de faire une grande erreur*' and there is a range of language that is connected. In this instance, the speaker would seem to be capable of Excellence.

For a more secure Merit, inconsistencies in pronunciation, intonation and the rhythm patterns would need to have less effect on the communication of the message.

The student could work on practicing delivery, e.g. by slowing down and pausing at full stops instead of mid-sentence, and by checking the pronunciation of more difficult words such as '*le coup de foudre*' etc. This would result in a presentation that reflected the level of language used.

As a presentation standard, the features listed in Explanatory Note 2 of the standard will impact on the grade if such inconsistencies interfere with the communication of the message.

Grade Boundary: High Achieved

4. For Achieved, the student needs to give a spoken presentation in French that communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions.

Communication will be achieved overall, despite inconsistencies.

The student communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions, e.g. 'c'est important de partir en vacances de nos jours car le lycée est carrément difficile et il y a beaucoup de stresse'.

There is some evidence of language at this level, e.g. 'faites attention aux autres indications de sécurité' and 'nous avions oublié de faire une réservation'.

There is an attempt at a range of language.

To reach Merit, there would be additional evidence of this criteria, e.g. 'les profs nous donner trop de devoirs', 'et ne penser à faire', 'beaucoup des activités faire' or 'un paysage magnifique voir'.

Inconsistencies show mother tongue interference, e.g 'pour accommodation', which means that communication has been significantly hindered.

Further, to reach Merit there will be less of an impression that the speech is being read. Inconsistencies in rhythm patterns, intonation and the speed of delivery will have less impact on communication of the message.

Grade Boundary: Low Achieved

5. For Achieved, the student needs to give a spoken presentation in French that communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions.

Communication will be achieved overall, despite inconsistencies.

The student communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions, e.g. 'I'an dernier il a reçu son doctorat en musique', 'il a dit oui mais seulement si elle me demande', 'au début [name] était fâché' and 'malheureusement étant un an plus jeune que [name] et [name]'.

For a more secure Achieved, inconsistencies will have less impact on comprehension of the message, e.g. 'je ne serai pas devenu mari depuis trente ans'.

More correct use of French would also assist overall comprehension, e.g. avoiding inconsistencies such as 'je ne suis pas sure...j'ai une liste de conseils (pron) de quelques personnes peut experiencer' and 'ne pas avoir peur de'.

Grade Boundary: High Not Achieved

6. For Achieved, the student needs to give a spoken presentation inn French that communicates information and expresses and justifies ideas and opinions.

Communication will be achieved overall, despite inconsistencies.

There is an attempt at language at the level to give information and justify, e.g. 'ce que je sujet (suggère), de te venir ici', 'c'est absolument important parce que c'est le seul temps de voyager autour de monde', 'nous avoir besoin des vacances parce que...' and 'mon ami et moi nous pourrions des deux verres'.

To reach Achieved, there needs to be evidence of some mastery of language at level 7 of the NZC.

Additional evidence of mastery of lower level language would also help to contribute to an overall Achieved presentation, e.g. avoiding inconsistencies such as 'le Picton est situé en sud de Nouvelle-Zélande' and 'une fantastique destination' and 'tout le monde sont très gentils'.