

Themenkreis „Methodentraining und Arbeitstechniken“

Do you remember? – A revision quiz

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Kompetenzprofil

- Niveaustufe: B2/ C1 (Europäischer Referenzrahmen)
 - Kompetenzbereiche: *Speaking, reading, listening, intercultural competence, English in use (Vocabulary)*
 - Aufgabenformate: *completing a quiz, presenting information, partner work*
 - Medien: Quiz-Cards
 - fachübergreifende Aspekte: Gesellschaft, Politik, Geschichte, Aktuelle Geschehnisse
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VORANSICHT

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The oral examination in English, particularly in official state exams, is a central part of a student's education and is receiving increased attention in new curricula coming into force throughout Germany. The increased focus on the oral performance of students, especially on their communicative and presentation skills, prepares them for their future life in an increasingly globalized world, as well as for their future place of work. Since oral examinations demand particular communicative skills of students, involving a high level of understanding combined with access to basic knowledge and the ability to discuss controversial topics, they must be explicitly practised in English lessons. Students who find it difficult to speak in a foreign language or are particularly nervous concerning oral exams need extensive practise beforehand. To reduce the fear of speaking a foreign language and to become more comfortable with a communicative situation it can be helpful to include phases in which students talk to one of their fellow classmates instead of in front of the whole class and the teacher. This unit provides a playful way for students to practise their speaking and presenting skills by completing a revision quiz.

Notes on the material

The main aim of the quiz is the revision and preparation of topics and skills that might be important for an oral exam. It contains questions on some of the main themes at senior level which are all based on the curriculum and probably have been covered in class. It mainly comprises matters of UK and US politics, society and current events but also history and text and media skills. On this basis the students are able to practise and improve their oral communication skills.

The revision quiz

1. Do you remember all of the topics you have covered in class? Get together with a partner to test your knowledge. Each partner receives a set of cards. Cut out your set and read the questions and answers on your cards silently. Now you can start the game.

How to play the revision quiz

Instructions

- The quiz is taken by two students.
- Each partner receives a set of cards.
- Partner A picks a card and asks partner B the question on it.
- Partner B answers the question and A checks the solution to see if the answer is correct. If B does not mention everything contained in the solution, A informs B about the aspects that were missing. Take note of anything you forgot to include.
- If you encounter a question on a topic that has never been dealt with in class, simply discard it and pick the next one.
- Reverse the process: Now it is partner B's turn to ask a question and A answers.

Explain what role President Donald Trump wants for the USA in world affairs.

Donald Trump has not been as interested in having a role of global leadership for America as previous presidents have. **His role that is to America's advantage** is what he seeks. Trump's decision not to support the latest international goals in climate change reflects his desire to help the American industry. His motto is "**America First**" which means that national needs always have priority before international matters and cooperation.

Define the term 'The American Dream'.

The term 'American Dream' was coined by James Truslow Adams and refers to the **belief that every person in the USA should have the chance to be happy and economically successful if they work hard.**

Name the three branches of the US political system and explain the idea behind having three different branches.

The **Executive** (President), the **Legislative** (Congress = Senate and House of Representatives) and the **Judiciary** (Supreme Court) form the three branches of the US political system.

The idea behind having three branches is that it creates a **system of checks and balances** which means that none of the branches can become too powerful.

Set B – cards for partner B

Briefly describe the differences you might find between the north and south of England.

The **south** of England is an area which enjoys a **warmer climate** than the north. It is also **economically richer** and **politically more powerful** since the seat of government is based in London, the English capital. **Northern England**, despite recent attempts to increase infrastructure and turn it into a powerhouse, has always suffered **higher levels of unemployment** and various northern cities have many **social problems**. The two areas also have distinctly **different English accents**.

Explain the role of Boris Johnson and his political views in the UK.

Boris Johnson is a leading **British politician** and member of the **Conservative Party**. He is a former Mayor of London and was **Foreign Secretary** in the British government until he resigned because he disapproved of May's approach to Brexit. After her resignation, Boris Johnson has become **prime minister** of the United Kingdom in July 2019. He was a crucial figure in the 2016 referendum victory as he strongly **supported the leave campaign**.