

CPI 2 ORAL ASSESSMENT SEMESTER 1: « What's in the news ? »

As part of your continuous assessment for semester 1, you are required to make an oral presentation related to a news story from the UK or Ireland. The presentation will take the form of a debate between key characters related to the story.

Preparation

Students must form 6 groups of 2-3 students.

Each group must find a news story about the UK or Ireland and prepare to **role-play a televised debate between characters related to the story**. If there are 3 students in your group, one student in each group should take the role of the TV presenter and mediator, while the other student should play characters who have opposing points of view on the subject of the story. If you are in a group of 2, then there will be no TV presenter/mediator. The characters may be real or invented, but must be realistic!

Before role-playing the debate, students must make a **brief presentation of the article** that the debate is based on. This presentation should include:

- The source of the article (please use English-language sources only!)
- A summary of the main points.
- Explanation of key vocabulary that the audience, (ie, the other students) need to understand in order to follow the debate.

Presentation

The total presentation (i.e., the article presentation and the debate) should last **20-25 minutes**, with speaking time divided equally between the group members.

Students may choose whether they prefer to write a script for the debate in the form of a "sketch", which they will learn off-by-heart, or improvise the debate. In either case, **the use of notes during the presentation is NOT permitted.**

Assessment

Students will be given an individual mark for their performance in the presentation, which will contribute to the continuous assessment mark for the semester. You will be marked according to the following criteria:

Content: do you know the subject well? Are your ideas convincing?

Language: do you use a wide range of grammatical and lexical forms? Do you speak accurately? Do you speak fluently with correct pronunciation?

Interaction: do you question the other participants in the debate? Do you react to what they say?

Presentation dates (Please complete the Google doc with the names of your group members, the subject of debate and your chosen dates. **Each group must choose a different news story to debate**). Groups 1, 2, & 3 will present on 3/12; Groups 4, 5, & 6 on 10/12.