Presentation English

(mavo 4)

**Topic**

You have to choose an ‘English’ topic. That means that you pick a topic which has something to do with the English language or a subject from an English speaking country, such as Canada, Australia, the USA, Great-Britain, South-Africa, etc. The same topic cannot be used by two different duos, so make sure to check with your teacher if your topic is still available.

*You are not allowed to choose football clubs or pop-groups. Be careful with TV-series, actors/actresses and sportsmen/women.*

**Preparation**

Your preparation is one of the most important things for your presentation.

Use the following checklist:

* Pick a topic and ask your teacher for permission.
* Think of a main question and several sub questions that you are going to answer in your presentation. Use the internet to get some ideas for sub questions. Write them down and ask your teacher for feedback.
* Go look for interesting information on the internet that will give answers to your sub questions. Try to stay away from Wikipedia.
* Organize all the information that you find. Try to put it in a logical order. Ask your teacher for feedback.
* Make your own story of the information that you have found.
* Write an introduction and a conclusion.
* Introduction: Tell an anecdote and/or what your presentation is about. Try to make the listeners curious and excited about your presentation.
* Conclusion: Don’t end your presentation with ‘This was it’. Summarize what you have just told us. Finish with a ‘take-home’ message.
* Make a PowerPoint or Prezi to support your presentation.
* Show your information and PowerPoint to a classmate and/or to your teacher and ask for feedback.
* Practice, practice and practice your presentation! Make flashcards and/or a cheat sheet if needed. Make sure to time your presentation beforehand to check if you have enough information.

**Time**

If you work together, your presentation should be at least **8 minutes**.

You are allowed to use some video material (with a maximum of 3 minutes), but this doesn’t count for the 8 minutes in total. Make sure to divide the text equally, so that you both talk for about 4 minutes in total.
If you decide to give a presentation by yourself, there is a minimum of **4 minutes.**

**Teamwork**

You are allowed to work in duos and present together. Make sure to set clear rules about what you expect from each other. You are both equally responsible for the preparation and the final result.

**Visual tools**

You can use the Digi board to use PowerPoint, Prezi or something similar when giving your presentation. It might be helpful to put difficult names, important concepts, dates and numbers in such a presentation. Don’t put too much information on the sheets. A picture is worth a thousand words.

You are allowed to use a ‘cheat sheet’. Ask your teacher for this form. Instead of the cheat sheet you can also use ‘flashcards’. They have the size of A6 and you are allowed to use a maximum of 4. You are **not allowed** to keep the fully written text with you.

**Posture**

Make sure to stand straight. Don’t put your hands in your pockets. Try to relax and take your presentation serious. Try to make eye contact with your classmates. Don’t stand with your back to your audience. Stand next to the Digi board.

**Evaluation**

You work in duos but you will probably both get a different grade. The grade is on the one hand based on the vocabulary and grammar that you use and on your pronunciation. On the other hand you will get points for the content, your posture, your preparation, teamwork and visual tools.

**Sources**

When you are trying to find useful information for your presentation, make sure to be aware of the websites that you use. Not everything that you find on the internet is from a reliable source. Keep a list of the sources that you have used and ask your teacher for advice.

**Agreement**

Make sure to give your presentation on the date that we agreed on.

When there is no valid reason why you can’t give your presentation, you will get a second chance but the consequences are that you:

* get a deduction of 2 points on your final grade.
* give your presentation within the next 3 lessons. The teacher decides which lesson that is.
* get the grade ‘1’ if you go against these rules.

If you have a valid reason why you can’t give your presentation, you get a maximum of three lessons to catch up and give your presentation.

**Good luck & have fun!**