

## FR 1110 Oral Exam 1

(Deux Mondes, 7th)

1<sup>ère</sup> étape, 2<sup>ème</sup> étape, chapitre 1, chapitre 2

### **When?**

- The dates for the oral exams are marked on the syllabus.
- There are two days devoted to the first oral exam (except for the section that meets only three times a week). Each student will be given the day and time s/he must come to class. During the two-day exam period, you need only come on your assigned day and time. You do not need to come on the other day of that period.
- Every effort will be made to fit everyone in during normal class time. However, depending on the size of the class, the instructor might have to make appointments with individual students outside the normal class time/room.
- Once a day and time have been given to you, you are required to come on that day at that time.

### **Where?**

In the normal classroom unless otherwise specified.

### **How long?**

The oral exam will last about five minutes.

### **How much is it worth?**

Both oral exams together are worth a total of 15% of your grade in FR 1110. You will be graded on a variety of criteria depending on the parts but for each part you will be graded not on what a native French speaker would produce but on what a FR 1110 student (a real beginner) is supposed to be able to produce.

### **How to succeed?**

- Class time is your practice time: be very attentive and volunteer often.
- It is highly recommended that you practice the oral exam with a partner. Not only will it help you study better, but it will also make it more enjoyable.
- Do not wait until the last minute to practice!

### **Important:**

- The oral exam will be conducted entirely in French. Once the exam begins, it is in your best interest to use only French.
- No notes are allowed.
- Your instructor will record your oral exam.
- Chewing gum while taking an oral exam is a bad idea.

## The oral exam will consist of three small parts.

### Part I (10 points):

- You will be asked to conjugate one verb in the present.
- Your instructor will have cards with verbs and will pick one (1) card at random for you. The card will show ONLY the infinitive. You will have to recite the verb forms from memory. Remember to say the subject for each form.
- Here are the verbs that you need to be able to conjugate in the present: ***être (A.4), avoir (B.5), aimer (1.2), venir (1.4), faire (2.1), aller (2.3), pouvoir (2.5), vouloir (2.5), savoir (2.5).***
- You can listen to these verbs at this address: <https://people.ohio.edu/moretti/french.html>
- Note that you do not need to say: *il/elle/on* or *ils/elles*. One subject is enough. See model below.

#### What you see:

Conjuguez au présent:  
*être*

#### What you say:


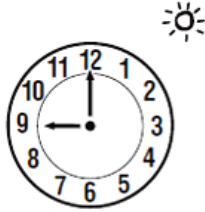




"Être: *je suis, tu es, il est, nous sommes, vous êtes, ils sont.*"

- You will be graded on correctness of conjugation and pronunciation (*liaisons* do count!): typically - 1 point for each mistake.
  - - 10 points if the wrong verb is conjugated
  - - 1 point per common error:
    - wrong stem
    - wrong ending
    - vowels mispronounced: [e] vs. [ə], [u] vs. [y], etc.
    - consonants (pay attention to letters that are not pronounced)
    - *liaisons*
    - etc.

**Part II (50 points):**

- On the day of the oral exam, your instructor will have several sheets with six cartoons and will pick one sheet at random for you.
- You will have to describe a minimum of five of the six cartoons with two complete sentences each.
- Make sure you vary your verbs and your vocabulary.

**What you see:**

 <p>Marie Lasalle</p>		
A.	B.	C.
		
D.	E.	F.

**What you could say:**

1. (A) Marie Lasalle est vieille. Ses cheveux sont blancs. Elle porte une robe rose et des chaussures grises.
2. (B) C'est une horloge. Il est neuf heures du matin.
3. (C) C'est un cours de dessin. Moi, je ne sais pas dessiner. C'est triste!
4. (E) Il fait de la voile. Le ciel est couvert mais la mer est bleue et tranquille. Il porte un tee-shirt rouge et noir.
5. (F) Il y a six personnes. Ils jouent à la pétanque. Ils portent un short parce que c'est l'été et il fait chaud.

- You will be graded on:
  - the correctness of your French (vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation)
  - the richness and variety of your French (vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure)
  - your fluency (are there too many hesitations and pauses in your speech?)

### Part III (40%):

- You will be asked to answer several questions about the material covered in class.
- You should answer basic questions (ex: "How are you today?") with a minimum of one full sentence.
- You should answer open-ended questions (ex: "What do you like to do?") with several sentences.
- When possible, try to have a conversation with your instructor rather than simply answer questions.
- Be careful with tenses: some questions will be asked in the present, others might be asked in the *futur proche*!

Possible topics of discussion:

1. Basic info (your name, date of birth, nationality, etc.)
2. Physical appearance/personality (yours, a friend's or family member's).
3. Clothes (what you are wearing or what you like or dislike wearing, etc.).
4. Classes (what you are taking this semester, what you are going to take next semester, etc.).
5. Your schedule (times when your classes start, etc.)
6. Your family (who they are, what they like or dislike doing, etc.)
7. The weather (current or future weather, etc.)
8. Seasons (which ones you like or dislike, what you like to do then, etc.)
9. Your daily routine (what time you get up, etc.)
10. Activities you like/dislike doing.
11. What you are going to do (tomorrow/next year, etc.)
12. etc.

#### Sample exchange:

*Professeur: "Présentez-vous! Comment êtes-vous?"*

*Étudiante: "Je m'appelle Brianna. Je suis jeune. J'ai vingt ans. Je suis petite et brune. En général, je suis dynamique et sportive. J'aime le football. Aimez-vous le football?"*

*Professeur: "Non, je n'aime pas le foot. Je préfère le tennis. Est-ce que vous jouez souvent au foot?"*

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- You will be graded on:
  - Comprehension (10 points)
    - how readily do you understand the questions asked?
    - how well do you understand the questions asked?
  - Production (10 points)
    - your fluency (are there too many hesitations and pauses in your speech?)
    - the accuracy and the length of your answers
    - your ability to carry on a conversation
  - Accuracy (20 points)
    - the correctness of your French (vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation)
    - the richness and variety of your French (vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure)