

## Do you remember? – A revision quiz

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

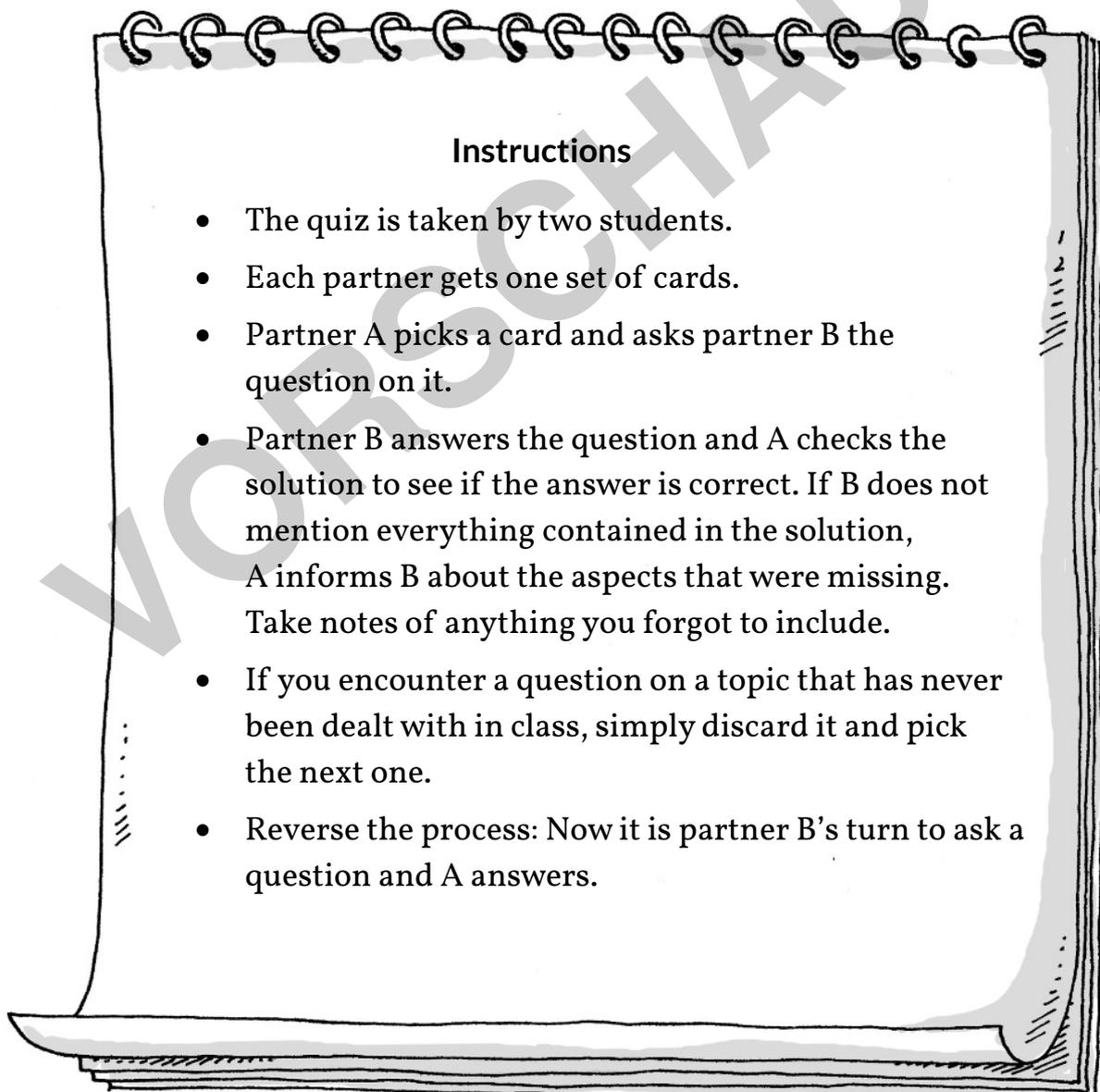
The main aim of the quiz is the revision and preparation of topics and skills that might be important for an oral exam. It contains questions on some of the main themes at senior level which are all based on the curriculum and probably have been covered in class. It mainly comprises matters of UK and 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



- I. 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



## Set A – cards for partner A



### Name three major long-term consequences of the growth of the British Empire.

- Britain became an economic and political world power.
- It allowed Britain to establish colonies all over the world from Ireland to Africa and provided the British with raw materials to fuel the industrial revolution.
- The English language was spread all over the world.
- It led to the creation of the Commonwealth.
- In the opinion of many, it also led to slavery, murder and long-term oppression and many other negative effects.

### Explain what is meant by 'devolution' in a UK context.

Generally-speaking 'devolution' is the **delegation of power** by a central government to a **regional administration**.

In Britain this involves the parliament of the United Kingdom at Westminster passing on the power of decision on **regional and local matters** to the Scottish parliament, the Welsh and Irish assemblies. Westminster remains in charge of important matters such as major decisions on finance and foreign affairs.

**Name the term that best describes the political system in Britain.**

The term often used is a '**constitutional monarchy**' (= a system in which the monarch shares power with a constitutional and democratically elected parliament).

**Describe the two different types of print newspapers in Britain.  
Give examples of each.**

Traditionally, one speaks of **broadsheets** and **tabloid newspapers**. Broadsheets generally have a more educated readership whereas readers of tabloids tend to be working class.

*The Guardian* is a typical example of a broadsheet and is one of the most important newspapers in the world. There are a number of tabloids including the *Daily Mirror*, the *Daily Mail* and *The Sun*. The landscape of British media, however, is continuously changing, particularly since the arrival of social media, podcasts and blogging.

**Define the Pledge of Allegiance.**

The Pledge of Allegiance is a **statement of commitment and loyalty to the USA**. It was written during the Civil War.

The Pledge of Allegiance is often recited at sessions of the Congress and at assemblies in public schools.

**Explain why Brexit is a matter of concern for the island of Ireland.**

Brexit **threatens the current situation in Ireland** whereby no border checks are needed, and people and goods can pass without checks from the Republic of Ireland to Northern Ireland. It is also a threat to the Anglo-Irish agreement which has ensured peace and stability throughout the island of Ireland since 1996.

**Explain what the term ‘the evangelicals’ means in an American context.**

‘Evangelicals’ is a term which refers to a radical view of members of the church in the USA of mainly Protestant origin who believe in the authority of the Bible and stress the need to be born again to receive salvation. Evangelicalism has its origins in the beliefs of the Pilgrim Fathers and large waves of Evangelicalism swept across the USA in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Explain the concept of a multi-cultural society.**

The idea and goal behind a multi-cultural society is that **people of various cultures live harmoniously in one society**. Cultural respect, diversity, equality of opportunity and freedom of religion are central to this philosophy.