

Mündliche Prüfung (Klasse 10) - Dialog

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Background information

Use the following text as background information on the topic of your dialogue. Carefully read the text and mark or write down any relevant information. This information is meant both for you and your dialogue partner.

Pro/Con Debate about Social Media

Introduction

Social media has become an integral part of modern life, influencing how we communicate, share information, and interact with the world. This guide provides an overview of the pros and cons of social media to help you prepare for a debate. Understanding both sides of the argument will enable you to present balanced and informed viewpoints.

Pros of Social Media

1. Connectivity and Communication

- **Global Reach:** Social media allows people to connect with friends and family across the world, breaking down geographical barriers.
- **Instant Communication:** Platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and Twitter enable real-time communication, making it easier to stay in touch.

2. Information and Awareness

- **Access to Information:** Social media provides access to a vast amount of information on various topics, from news to educational content.
- **Raising Awareness:** It is a powerful tool for raising awareness about social issues, campaigns, and movements, such as environmental causes or social justice.

3. Opportunities for Education

- **Learning Resources:** Many educational institutions and professionals use social media to share resources, conduct webinars, and provide online courses.
- **Peer Learning:** Students can join study groups, participate in discussions, and collaborate on projects through social media platforms.

4. Business and Marketing

- **Brand Promotion:** Businesses use social media to promote their products and services, reaching a wider audience.
- **Customer Engagement:** Companies can engage with customers directly, gather feedback, and improve their offerings based on user input.

5. Entertainment and Creativity

- **Content Creation:** Platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok allow users to create and share content, showcasing their talents and creativity.
- **Entertainment:** Social media offers a wide range of entertainment options, including videos, memes, and live streaming.

Cons of Social Media

1. Privacy Concerns

- **Data Security:** Social media platforms collect and store vast amounts of personal data, leading to concerns about data breaches and privacy violations.
- **Oversharing:** Users may share too much personal information, which can be exploited by malicious actors.

2. Mental Health Issues

- **Addiction:** Excessive use of social media can lead to addiction, impacting daily life and productivity.
- **Anxiety and Depression:** Constant exposure to curated and idealized images can lead to feelings of inadequacy, anxiety, and depression.

3. Cyberbullying and Harassment

- **Online Harassment:** Social media can be a platform for cyberbullying, harassment, and spreading hate speech, affecting individuals' mental well-being.
- **Anonymity:** The anonymous nature of some platforms can embolden users to engage in harmful behaviors without facing consequences.

4. Misinformation and Fake News

- **Spread of False Information:** Social media can be a breeding ground for misinformation and fake news, which can mislead people and create confusion.
- **Echo Chambers:** Algorithms often show users content that reinforces their beliefs, leading to echo chambers and reduced exposure to diverse viewpoints.

5. Impact on Real-Life Interactions

- **Reduced Face-to-Face Communication:** Over-reliance on social media can reduce the quality and frequency of face-to-face interactions, affecting social skills.
- **Distraction:** Constant notifications and the urge to check social media can be distracting, interfering with studies, work, and real-life activities.

Conclusion

The debate on social media encompasses various aspects of modern life, from connectivity and information sharing to privacy and mental health. By understanding both the advantages and disadvantages, you can better articulate your arguments and engage in a meaningful discussion about the role of social media in society.

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Guide to participating in a dialogue

Carefully read the following guide to participating in a dialogue.

Guide to participating in a dialogue

Introduction:

Participating in a dialogue for an oral exam involves not just expressing your own thoughts, but also actively listening to your partner, engaging in meaningful conversation, and demonstrating your understanding of the topic. This guide will help you navigate the dialogue effectively, ensuring you cover important aspects such as greetings, small talk, agreeing or disagreeing respectfully, and concluding the conversation.

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Beginning the Dialogue:

- **Start with Greetings and Small Talk:** Begin the conversation with a friendly greeting and a bit of small talk to create a comfortable atmosphere.
- Example: "Hi, how are you doing today? Are you ready for the exam?"

2. Initial Observation:

- **Introduce the Topic:** Start by mentioning the main topic or subject of the dialogue. Give a general overview to set the stage for the discussion.
- Example: "Today, we will be discussing the impact of social media on teenagers."

3. Detailed Discussion:

- **Present Your Points:** Share your thoughts on the topic, providing specific examples and details to support your points.
- Example: "I believe social media has both positive and negative effects. On the one hand, it allows us to stay connected with friends and family. On the other hand, it can lead to issues like cyberbullying and addiction."
- **Listen Actively:** Pay attention to what your partner is saying. Show that you are listening by nodding, making eye contact, and responding appropriately.

4. Contextual and Background Knowledge:

- **Incorporate Relevant Information:** Relate the discussion to relevant historical, cultural, or social knowledge. This shows your understanding of the broader context.
- Example: "Historically, social interactions were limited to face-to-face meetings or phone calls. The advent of social media has revolutionized the way we communicate, especially among teenagers."

5. Agreeing or Disagreeing Respectfully:

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Express Agreement or Disagreement: Politely agree or disagree with your partner's points, providing reasons for your stance.

- Example: "I see your point about social media being a useful tool for communication. However, I disagree that it is entirely beneficial because it can also lead to mental health issues."

6. Personal Reaction and Reflection:

- **Share Your Personal Views:** Reflect on the topic and share your personal experiences or opinions. This adds depth to the conversation.
- Example: "From my own experience, I find that spending too much time on social media can be distracting. It's important to find a balance."

7. Connecting to Broader Themes:

- **Relate to Larger Issues:** Connect the discussion to broader themes or issues such as societal changes, technological advancements, or ethical considerations.
- Example: "Our discussion also touches on the broader issue of how technology is shaping our lives and the need for responsible usage."

8. Conclusion:

- **Summarize and Conclude:** End the dialogue by summarizing the main points discussed and providing a concluding statement.
- Example: "In conclusion, while social media has transformed the way we communicate, it is essential to be aware of both its advantages and potential drawbacks."

9. Final Greetings:

- End with Polite Farewells: Conclude the conversation with polite farewells to leave a positive impression.
- Example: "Thank you for the insightful discussion. Good luck with the rest of your exams!"

10. Behavior Towards Each Other:

- Respectful Interaction: Always be respectful and courteous towards your partner. Avoid interrupting and allow them to finish their points before responding.
- Active Listening: Show that you are actively listening by making eye contact, nodding, and providing feedback.
- Constructive Feedback: When disagreeing, do so politely and constructively. Focus on discussing ideas rather than criticizing the person.
- Encouragement: Encourage your partner by acknowledging their good points and building on their ideas.

11. Practice and Preparation:

- Practice Dialogues: Regularly practice dialogues with classmates or friends using this guide.
- Expand Your Knowledge: Read up on various topics to enhance your background knowledge and be prepared for different subjects.
- Seek Feedback: Share your dialogues with teachers or peers to get feedback and improve.

By following these steps and emphasizing respectful interaction, you will be well-prepared to participate effectively in dialogues for your oral exams.

Key Points to Remember:

Start with greetings and small talk.
Provide a general overview of the topic.
Share detailed points and listen actively.
Incorporate contextual and background knowledge.
Agree or disagree respectfully.
Share personal reactions and reflections.
Connect the discussion to broader themes.
Summarize and conclude the dialogue.
End with polite farewells.
Good luck with your studies and your exams!



Grammar

There are no specific guidelines for grammar that you have to follow when performing your dialogue but make sure to use tenses correctly, as well as the appropriate grammatical phrases.

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Vocabulary

Use the following list of vocabulary as a help for your dialogue.

Vocabulary list for dialogues

- first of all - zunächst einmal
- in my opinion - meiner Meinung nach
- on the one hand - einerseits
- on the other hand - andererseits
- furthermore - außerdem
- for instance - zum Beispiel
- what do you think about... ? - was denkst du über... ?
- could you explain that, please? - könntest du das bitte erklären?
- I see what you mean - ich verstehe, was du meinst
- that's a good point - das ist ein guter Punkt
- I agree with you - ich stimme dir zu
- I disagree with you - ich stimme dir nicht zu
- however - jedoch
- on the contrary - im Gegenteil
- in conclusion - abschließend
- to sum up - zusammenfassend
- let's move on to - lass uns weitermachen mit
- I'm not sure about that - ich bin mir da nicht sicher
- could you repeat that, please? - könntest du das bitte wiederholen?
- let's agree to disagree - lass uns darauf einigen, uneinig zu sein
- what's your opinion on... ? - was ist deine Meinung zu... ?
- that's an interesting perspective - das ist eine interessante Perspektive
- we should consider - wir sollten in Betracht ziehen

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Practising your dialogue

Use your notes as well as the vocabulary introduced in the worksheet and start practising your dialogue with your partner. Try talking for about 8 minutes.

Once you're quite confident with your dialogue, present it to another student in your class. They will fill out the feedback sheet below and give you feedback on what you did well and what you still can improve upon.

Aspect	Yes/No	Ideas for Improvement
Greeting / Small talk		
Main part of conversation Pro/con arguments or other detailed information on both sides		
Conclusion / End of dialogue		
Grammar		
Vocabulary		

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Sample solution



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