

FR112 Oral Exam (Deux Mondes, 6th edition)

When?

- There are 3 days devoted entirely to the oral exam towards the end of the quarter (see syllabus for exact dates). Each student will be given the day and time s/he must come to class. During the 3-day exam period, you need only come on your assigned day and time. You do not need to come on the other days 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.

Lateness: Students who arrive late will be penalized 5 points.

Absences: If you are absent for an oral exam and your documentation for your absence satisfies your instructor, you will be granted a make-up. If your documentation does not satisfy the instructor, you will still be allowed the make-up but your score will be reduced by 15 points.

Where?

In the normal classroom unless otherwise specified.

How long?

The oral exam will last 5-7 minutes.

How much is it worth?

The oral exam is worth 10% of your grade in FR112. 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 FR112 student is supposed to be able to produce.

How to succeed?

1. Class time is your practice time: be very attentive and volunteer often.
2. 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.
3. Listen to the audio parts many times!
4. Go practice with the tutor.
5. Start working on this EARLY in the quarter!!

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 might record your oral exam with a tape recorder/microphone.
- Chewing gum while taking an oral exam is a bad idea.

The speaking exam will consist of four small parts.

Part I (10%):

- You will be asked to conjugate one verb in the present.
- Your instructor will have cards with verbs and will pick 1 card at random for you. The card will ONLY show the infinitive. You will have to recite the verb from memory.
- You will be graded on correctness of conjugation and pronunciation (*liaisons* do count!): typically - 1 point for EACH mistake.
- Here is a list of all the verbs that you need to be able to conjugate in the present: *attendre, boire, connaître, croire, dire, écrire, finir, lire, mettre, offrir, voir*
- All these verbs are conjugated online at this address: <http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~moretti/FR112-verbs.html>

Sample card:

Conjuguez au présent:

voir

Part II (10%):

- You will be asked to read the text below. All students will read that same text given below (this is not a sample -- this is the real text you will read, exactly as you will see it in the oral exam).

Le père de la Belle retournait chez lui. Il était très tard, il neigeait beaucoup et il avait vraiment faim. Alors il a décidé d'entrer dans un palais. Il n'a rencontré personne jusqu'au moment où il a pris une rose du jardin. Soudain la Bête s'est montrée. Le monstre horrible a dit: "Vous avez pris une de mes roses! Une de vos filles devra mourir!"

- You will be graded on pronunciation (*liaisons* do count!): typically - 1 point for EACH mistake.
- To practice this part, go to this site: <http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~moretti/FR112-text.mp3>

Part III (20%):

- On the day of the exam, your instructor will have 6 cards each having one cartoon strip of 4 frames (all cartoons come from your textbook: see below for complete list).
- Your instructor will pick 1 card at random.
- You will have to describe each frame with one complete sentence, paying attention to the question (and tense) you are asked.
- Here is a list of all the questions/stories that you need to prepare in your textbook:
 1. *Qu'est-ce que Francis et Marie ont fait samedi dernier?* ("L'invitation à dîner" page 178)
 2. *Que faisait Barbara après les cours/le week-end/en été?* ("L'adolescence de Barbara" page 202)
- You will be graded on the correctness and richness of your French, and your pronunciation.

Sample strip:



Part IV (60%):

- You will be asked to answer questions about the material covered in class.
- You will be graded on your understanding of the questions asked, the fluency and accuracy of your answers, the correctness and richness of your French and your pronunciation.

Possible topics of discussion:

1. Your bedroom on campus/at your parents' place.
2. The chores that you do/not do. The chores that your family members do.
3. Your favorite town.
4. What you did on your last vacation/last weekend/yesterday/this morning, etc.
5. The type of child you used to be. What you used to do as a child, etc.
6. Your favorite/least favorite holidays.
7. Your favorite/least favorite restaurant.
8. Foods you like/dislike, etc.
9. Your favorite dishes. Dishes you can/cannot make, etc.
10. etc.