



Academic Support Center

Oral Test Preparation Tips

Oral tests can be intimidating and require a great deal of preparation, but there are strategies to help prepare you for an oral test.

Strategies for Taking Oral Tests

- Spend the necessary time studying for an oral test. Be thoroughly knowledgeable about the subject you will be tested on. During your preparation, practice answering any question your teacher could ask you.
- Before the test, ask your teacher about the concepts you'll be required to understand.
- Avoid mumbling or speaking in a monotone voice. Speak so your teacher can understand you. Do not rush through the test. Speak in complete sentences. Practice speaking before the test.
- Practice for the test by creating possible questions and answering them. This will prepare you for what could appear on the test and help you improve your speaking skills. It is best to practice with a classmate familiar with the terms and concepts that could appear on the test.
- Be very attentive to instructions and test questions. When a question is unclear, ask your teacher to explain.