



# French: Background Language ATAR course practical (oral) examination marking key

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**Personal investigation: practical (oral) marking key**

**100% (20 marks)**

Description	Marks
<b>Personal investigation (introduction)</b>	
Presents a well-articulated, succinct and effective introduction that identifies and explains the focus of the personal investigation, summarising content, ideas, resources and findings.	3
Presents an organised introduction that identifies the focus of the personal investigation, making some reference to content, ideas, resources and findings.	2
Presents a superficial introduction to the personal investigation.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Response (relevance and depth of information)</b>	
Engages effectively with the marker about the focus of the personal investigation. Presents a range of highly relevant information when discussing their learning, ideas, and personal and/or cultural identity. Makes comprehensive reference to the source texts.	6
Engages with the marker about the focus of the personal investigation. Presents a range of relevant information when discussing their learning, ideas, and personal and/or cultural identity. Makes reference to the source texts.	5
Participates in a discussion with the marker about the focus of the personal investigation. Presents relevant information when discussing their learning, ideas, and personal and/or cultural identity. Makes some reference to the source texts.	4
Responds to questions from the marker about the focus of the personal investigation. Presents relevant information regarding their learning, ideas, and personal and/or cultural identity. Includes some reference to the source texts.	3
Responds to questions from the marker about the focus of the personal investigation. Includes limited reference to source texts.	2
Provides a limited response and shows little evidence of preparation.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Linguistic resources (range)</b>	
Uses a wide range of relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	4
Uses a range of relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	3
Uses a narrow range of relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	2
Uses a limited range of relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>

Description	Marks
<b>Linguistic resources (accuracy)</b>	
Applies the rules of grammar accurately and consistently.	4
Applies the rules of grammar mostly accurately and consistently.	3
Applies the rules of grammar with some accuracy and consistency.	2
Applies the rules of grammar with some accuracy and consistency, but errors impede meaning.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Speech (fluency, pronunciation and intonation)</b>	
Speaks fluently with correct pronunciation and effective intonation.	3
Speaks fluently with mostly correct pronunciation and effective intonation.	2
Speaks with poor pronunciation and intonation.	1
Does not meet any of the above specified performance levels for this criterion.	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>