

First-year German Oral Test (K06) – Directions to Student

The oral test has 3 components:

- 1) “Small talk” – whether and how well your language shows that you know and use the “generic” features of spoken communication (not just “please” and “thank you,” but also the other things people say when they need to get along together).
- 2) Using German to talk about your own world.
- 3) Using German to function in a German-speaking country.

The chief factor determining **SUCCESS** on this test is whether you can **LEAD** the conversation rather than being a passive participant who can only respond.

DIRECTIONS for when the test begins

- 1) Make some “small talk” with me.
- 2) Now talk with me more seriously about: a) our personal backgrounds; b) when and how we spend our time at PSU.
- 3) Some people you know, and some people I know (maybe ourselves, maybe our families, maybe someone else) will be traveling to German-speaking countries. We’ll discuss our hotel accommodations.
- 4) End the conversation gracefully.
- 5) If directed to do so: As soon as possible after your test, fill out and hand in the self-evaluation.