

HELPING PARENTS HELP STUDENTS IN MODERN LANGUAGES

How parents can help to prepare for National 5 French and Spanish.



1. Make sure they practise listening and reading regularly, preferably once a week.

Materials: 1. National 5 Past Papers on SQA Website(including Listening Audio Files)  
2 Intermediate 2 Past papers(SQA website)  
3 "How To Pass" Books etc.  
4. S4 Homework on School Website

2a) In the writing exam, pupils know what the first 4 bullet points are in the essay they have to write. **They can learn these in advance and then practise them...BUT TOO MANY LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE AND FAIL A TASK THEY SHOULD PASS!**

What to do: Make sure they learn their material for each of the 4 bullet points well in advance..and then practise them regularly before the exam.

2b) They don't know the final 2 writing bullet points in advance, **but they can practise various possibilities.**

**What to do:**Make sure they're practising using these three resources  
1. National 5 Past Papers on SQA Website  
2. Writing Booklet  
3. "How To Pass" Books etc.

Turn Over

3. It is important that pupils have a good vocabulary in their head before they go into the exam so that they don't have to spend ages looking up the dictionary.

**What to do: make sure they complete all the topics in their National 5 Revision booklet and look over them regularly**

Materials: National 5 Vocabulary Revision Booklet.

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#### 4 Marking

Pupils can mark listening and reading Past Paper Questions at home using the marking instructions on the SQA website. Or they can hand them into their teacher.

Writing should always be marked by a teacher.

TO SUM UP: Please make sure that your student.....

1. Practises Listening and Reading Past Paper Questions.
2. Learns the first 4 writing bullet points BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAY and then practises them REGULARLY TILL THE EXAM.
3. Practises other possible Writing bullet points.
4. Completes the vocabulary booklet and looks over it regularly

Take advantage of every opportunity to practice your LISTENING, READING AND WRITING skills so that when the exam comes, you can succeed.

