

Méthode colles anglais

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What is an English tutorial?

- ❖ **A 20-minute slot with an English teacher that breaks down into :**
- ❖ A 10-minute oral presentation done by the student
- ❖ A 5-minute interview by the teacher
- ❖ A 5-minute feedback session by the teacher

The methodological principles of an English tutorial

Your presentation will fall into the following parts :

- 1) An organized summary
- 2) A personal commentary on the topic of the article / audio document

Building the organized summary

- ❖ So as to build an efficient summary keep in mind the following words :

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- ❖ **Recap** : make sure you underline or select only key elements from the text. Leave out unnecessary details, numbers, names or location for instance.
- ❖ **Rephrase** : no quoting of the article is allowed, instead use your own words to summarize it
- ❖ **Reorganise** : avoid summarizing in a linear way, regroup ideas together to suppress repetitions and present elements in a straight forward way.

❖ You may want to use the following outline for your first summaries :

1) Fact

2) Causes

3) Consequences (or reactions)

- ❖ Keep in mind to define the point of the view of the journalist (biased or objective) and to scan the title of the article for puns, references to music, literature or movies...

Building the introduction

Opening : context, historical events, anecdote, general definition, quote, example from your personal knowledge...

Rephrasing of the main subject-matter of the article, pay extra attention to the point of view of the journalist and to puns in the title

Present your outline using clear statement sentences

❖ **When presenting your summary :**

Follow your outline and use linkwords to move from one idea to the other

Keep it under 4 minutes

Building the personal commentary

- ❖ Following your summary, you will build a transition by briefly concluding on the main findings of the article and then introducing the topic and the key question of your analysis
- ❖ For instance, you may build the transition by :
 - Quoting a significant passage from the article and analysing it
 - Giving your opinion on the main issue of the article
 - Referring to a recent event linked to the main subject-matter

What is a personal commentary?

- ❖ The underlying principle behind a commentary is to analyse the issue tackled by the author using your personal knowledge and providing your own perspective.
- ❖ If the main topic of the article does not inspire you, use a minor idea from the text and expand it to bring forward a significant issue.

In order to build a relevant commentary :

- ❖ Use examples that mostly come from the English-speaking world to show your personal knowledge
- ❖ Do not repeat what you've already said in the summary and do not refer to the article anymore
- ❖ The commentary should reflect your personal opinion , avoid bland or neutral statements
- ❖ Raise a key question in the transition and answer it using two or three parts

TO SUM UP ...

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Summary
- ❖ Conclusion + transition
- ❖ Commentary
- ❖ Conclusion
- ❖ **10 minutes max.!**