# Interview task: PGCE Modern Languages

## Aim

Some information about your subject knowledge can be deduced from your degree title, the modules you have studied, time you have spent abroad and from information on your application form. The tasks aim to provide the University with additional information about your subject knowledge and experiences using it. At interview, you will be expected to show some knowledge of current issues in Modern Foreign Language teaching and in education, knowledge of the National Curriculum content and to be able to talk about key issues such as the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages in schools, the teaching of grammar, and motivating pupils. Part of the interview may be conducted in your first and second foreign languages.

### Preparatory work

#### Task1

During the interview you will be required to ***teach*** an 8-minute activity in French, German or Spanish.

**Find a cultural resource related to the language you will teach and build the activity around it:**

* Your lesson should engage year 7 pupils as you will ***teach*** this lesson to the interviewer(s) as if they were a year 7 class.
* It should model components of a typical lesson, including clear objectives.
* You could teach it through the Target Language if you wish.
* You should incorporate at least one opportunity to assess pupil progress.
* You will be able to ‘share your screen’, use props, PowerPoint or similar.
* Feel free to email any resources / documents ahead of the interview.

You will be required to answer some questions linked to the topic you have chosen and the thinking behind your choice of delivery and approach.

#### Task 2

Write one side of A4, i.e., about 400 words – in ENGLISH - of typed text, on the **use of the Target Language** in Modern Foreign Language teaching. Include references to any research undertaken to support your writing. ***Please send this ahead of the interview.*** During the interview, you may be asked to talk briefly about it. After the interview, it will be kept as part of the information needed on which to base the decision about your application.