How to approach the OET speaking test



- ✓ Use the preparation time
- ✓ Be ready to start
- ✓ Listen to the patient
- ✓ Be ready to adapt

Exam format:

20 minutes:

- 3-4 minutes warm up section (not assessed)
- 2-3 minutes preparation time, 5 minute role play (x2)

What do you need to do?

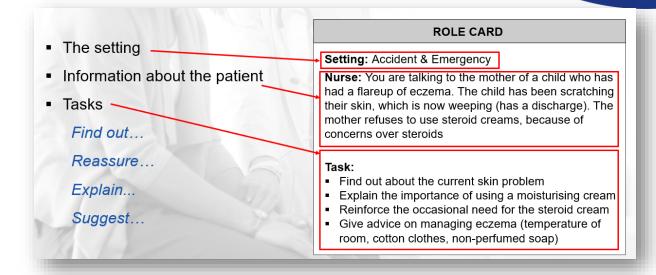
- ✓ You will play the role of the healthcare professional.
- √ Ask questions
- ✓ Give information to the patient.

How will you be assessed during the test?

- ✓ 2 sets of assessment criteria:
- ✓ Linguistic criteria
- ✓ Clinical communication criteria



What's on the role card?



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How should you approach the role play?

What should you do during the preparation time?

Analyse task card

who are you?

who is patient?

what is the issue?

- Underline key verbs
- Make a note of useful phrases or vocabulary
- Think about the 'flow' of the conversation

What should you do during the role play?

- Be ready to initiate the conversation
- Use the information on the role card
- Listen carefully
- Respond appropriately
- Be confident

