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Auszug aus:

Let's talk about my favourite actor Will Smith! Training for the oral report

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How to prepare for your oral report in general

There are a lot of topics for your oral report. We'll concentrate on the topic “**my favourite actor**” in this unit. Other possible topics would be for example “my favourite hobby”, “my last holidays” or “pets”. No matter which topic you'll choose, this is how you should work:

1. Choose your **topic**! It would be great if you were really interested in the topic. That would make this task a lot easier for you!
2. Collect all kinds of **information** for your topic (but don't copy a text)!
3. Think about the right **order** in your oral report, develop your own **structure**!
4. Write your **report**. That means you'll really write the complete text, but you are not going to use this one in your exam. Use your own language!
5. Make **notes**. Be careful, you are only allowed to use these notes during the exam, so just write down important words of your oral report!
6. Learn your **oral report** by heart! Your notes should help you not to forget important facts!
7. Check the **pronunciation** of the words that are new to you! You'll find help in your dictionary or in online dictionaries!
8. **Practise** your oral report! Maybe your family or your friends would make a good audience? They should be honest: Is your pronunciation okay? Did you speak too slow or too fast?
9. Prepare for the discourse. Your teacher will ask you some questions after your report. Don't panic! You can prepare for that part, just think about **possible questions** that your teacher might ask and prepare the answers for these questions!
10. Are there **pictures** or objects you can use during your report? How about making your own **poster**? That would make your report much livelier!
11. Don't forget to keep repeating your oral report! **Practice** makes perfect!

Worksheet 1: My favourite actor Will Smith – Can you put them in the correct order?

Task

Here is a sample oral report, but look what happened: Can you put them in the correct order?
If you need help, check the notes on worksheet 3.

A	After finishing his school, he was offered a role on TV that changed his life. He acted as the main character of the sitcom “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air” and it was a huge success. The show went from 1990 until 1996 and you can still watch reruns today also on German television.
B	But he also did more serious films like <i>The pursuit of happiness</i> or <i>Ali</i> . For both movies he was nominated for an Oscar.
C	Today I'd like to tell you something about my favourite actor: Will Smith. He's not only a famous actor, but also a producer and rapper.
D	But most famous he became through the films he played in. His first successful film was the action movie <i>Bad Boys</i> . In Many films he has to save the world from evil aliens, for example in <i>Independence Day</i> and <i>Men in Black</i> .
E	Let's go on with the beginning of his career. At the age of 16 he and his friend DJ Jazzy Jeff made rap music. They were very successful and won two Grammys. But Will couldn't handle his sudden popularity and he spent too much money.
F	He has many funny lines in films like <i>Men in Black</i> and he's always joking around in interviews. But beyond that he's also great in more serious subjects like in the movies <i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i> or <i>Seven Pounds</i> .
G	First, I want to tell you something about his personal life. His full name is Willard Christopher Smith and he was born in 1968 in Philadelphia. He married in 1992 and he has a son from that first marriage.
H	Last but not least I'd like to explain why I'm such a big fan of him. He is a very handsome man and has such amazing charisma. Most of all, I admire his great sense of humour.
I	All in all, I think he's one of the greatest film actors of our time. I can't wait to see his next movie!
J	In 1997 he married his second wife and has two children with her. His son Jaden was born in 1998 and his daughter Willow in 2000. The Smith family has homes in Florida, Philadelphia and Sweden.

Correct order:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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