

Mooting Grade Rubric

Language	%	Ausreichend	Befriedigend	Vollbefriedigend	Gut/Sehr Gut	Explanation
Pronunciation	10 %	Many errors; poor pronunciation interferes with communication	Several errors; some may interfere with communication	A few minor errors; does not interfere with communication	No pronunciation errors or only an occasional error	NOTE – the over-usage of notes will result in a lower grade for all of these as there is no way for me to know whether you can converse using proper English without notes.
Grammar errors	10 %	Many grammatical errors; break down in communication	Several errors; some may interfere with communication	Responses are mostly correct, with a few minor errors	Responses are grammatically correct, with only an occasional error	
Vocabulary	15 %	Frequent use of incorrect words, struggles to find words.	Struggles to find words at times; limited use of legal English	Broad vocabulary but limited use of legal English	Board legal English vocabulary	
Fluency	15 %	Many long pauses; speech is fragmented or uneven	Several pauses, but student is able to continue	Flow of communication is mostly natural, with only minor pauses	No unnatural pauses; natural flow in communication	
Presentation						
Preparation, Organization & Structure	15 %	Did not follow the moot court structure and/or showed lack of understanding of legal issues	Only hints of the accepted structure; missing roadmap and/or case statement; basic knowledge of legal issues	Roadmap, case statement and structure present, but lacking at times in clarity; understood legal issues but lacked depth	Clear case statement, clear roadmap, ability to deliver both without overuse of notes; excellent and deep grasp of legal issues.	
Answering Questions	15 %	Did not answer questions in a sufficient manner	Gave unclear or unresponsive answers; didn't answer immediately; struggled to get back to argument	Gave immediate and adequately supported answers and/or some difficulty with getting back to argument.	Gave immediate, complete, and well-supported answers. Had no issues returning to argument.	
Persuasiveness	10 %	Showed very little understanding of the issue; unable to express oneself in comfortable language.	Arguments were supported but at times seemed to not clearly understand the law.	Gave well-supported arguments; using of unfamiliar words resulted in lack of persuasion	Showed a deep understanding of the issue and made persuasive, well-supported arguments in comfortable language	
Demeanor	10 %	Informal presentation with little to no eye contact and/or significant clarity issues	Limited eye contact because of over reliance on notes and/or clarity issues that made arguments at times difficult to understand	Kept eye contact but had some clarity problems	Kept eye contact throughout; spoke clearly in a formal manner	