

Mock Trial in English for ESL Law Students - Single Point Rubric

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Descripción

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Criteria	Positive Aspects	Areas for Improvement
Fluency and Flow of Speech	Speaks smoothly with minimal pauses; pronunciation supports clear communication; vocabulary is appropriate and varied to maintain the case flow.	Work on reducing hesitations or long pauses; practice pronunciation to enhance clarity; expand vocabulary to avoid repetition and maintain engagement.
Pronunciation Accuracy	Pronounces key legal terms and general vocabulary clearly, aiding listener comprehension throughout the defense.	Focus on practicing difficult sounds or words to improve intelligibility; consider using pronunciation resources or peer feedback.
Use of Modal Verbs (Must, Could, Would)	Effectively incorporates modal verbs to express obligation, possibility, and hypothetical situations as relevant to the case.	Increase the correct and varied use of "must," "could," and "would" to strengthen legal reasoning and clarify arguments.
Grammatical Accuracy with Modal Verbs	Forms sentences correctly with modal verbs, showing understanding of their grammatical structure and meaning.	Review modal verb sentence structures to avoid errors that may confuse meaning or weaken arguments.

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Quality of Argumentation	Constructs clear, logical, and persuasive arguments that effectively support their assigned position.	Work on structuring arguments more logically; provide stronger evidence or examples to support points.
Relevance of Legal Language	Uses appropriate legal terminology and expressions learned in class to enhance the professionalism of the defense.	Expand legal vocabulary use and ensure terms are applied accurately to improve credibility.
Engagement and Confidence	Maintains confident posture and voice, engaging the audience and demonstrating command of the material.	Practice public speaking skills to increase confidence and reduce nervousness during presentation.
Response to Opposition	Addresses opposing arguments thoughtfully, using modal verbs and fluent language to counter points effectively.	Develop strategies to respond more promptly and clearly to challenges; incorporate modal verbs to strengthen rebuttals.