Unit 11 — Public Speaking: Toward the Komm-Prüfung — Teacher copy

Track E · Klasse 11 · Niveau E (Basisfach / Leistungsfach)

Niveau E

1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Kommunikationsprüfung format (~10 min)

1. **Monologue (4 min).** Frame stimulus → 2 arguments → counter + concession → close.
2. **Dialogue (4 min).** Examiner asks 4-6 follow-ups. Candidate must rebut, concede, and elaborate.
3. **Close (2 min).** One synthesis + one final stance.

Spoken academic register

I would argue that … / The picture, however, is more complex … / Let me concede one point first … / The available evidence suggests … / What I'm not saying is X — what I am saying is Y. / On reflection, I think … / If I had to commit, I would say …

2. Practise

Niveau E — controlled

1. Match phrase to function: *Let me concede one point* → concession; *On reflection* → re-framing; *If I had to commit* → committing.
2. Build a 4-line monologue opening from a stimulus *'The future of work is hybrid by 2030.'*

Niveau E — productive

3. Build a 4-minute monologue outline (bullets) on a stimulus of your choice.

3. Your turn

Pair Komm-Prüfung rehearsal. 10 minutes per pair (4 + 4 + 2). Audience scores: clarity of frame, specificity of evidence, quality of concession, fluency of rebuttal, quality of close.

Sample

Let me start with the stimulus quote — the future of work is hybrid by 2030. I would argue that this claim is half-right and half-marketing. The available evidence suggests that hybrid arrangements are

spreading in white-collar sectors, but the picture is more complex once we look beyond office work. Frontline jobs — care, retail, manufacturing — have been substantially less affected, and these are more than half of the workforce in most OECD countries. Accordingly, the *2030 will be hybrid* claim is, in this regard, a claim about a specific sector that has been generalised. Let me concede one point first: white-collar hybrid work is here to stay, and the cultural effect of that — including on city planning, commute patterns, and small-business lunch traffic — is real. What I'm not saying is that hybrid is a fad. What I am saying is that *the future of work* is plural, not singular. On reflection, the more honest stimulus would be: *the future of office work is hybrid by 2030*. If I had to commit, I would say that the policy debate should focus on flexibility for those whose jobs cannot be hybrid — paid sick leave, predictable scheduling, training rights — because that is the fairness gap the hybrid framing tends to obscure.

4. Further reading / listening

- TED Talks — short examples of stimulus-led talks.
- BBC Sounds — *Question Time* extracts.

5. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. all true. 2. Open.
Productive. 3. Open.