

## **The Viva Voce**

In the new format of the Extended Essay, the IBO recommends supervisors and schools to conclude the EE process with a short interview, called the Viva Voce. It is a recommended conclusion to the extended essay process.

The point of the viva voce is to eradicate any suspicions of plagiarism as well as provide an opportunity to reflect on what has been learned from the experience. The whole interview will last 10 to 15 minutes and you should be ready to answer any questions your supervisor may have about your essay, including questions on specific sentences, citations, references but also on why you chose the topic, your high and low points of the process, and what interested you the most.

It may be possible that you won't have this interview, as it is not obligatory per se. Nonetheless, I would recommend you prepare yourself to answer questions about your methods, choice of topic, conclusion, and skills you learnt during the process. Remember however that you will not be graded on this interview as there is no grading criterion for it and it's not compulsory.

To be honest, this interview should not pose any threat to the success of your EE. It is really just used as a way to catch students who

are suspected of plagiarism off guard. Unless you have serious short-term memory loss, you will do fine. The process should end positively and is a nice conclusion to the completion of such a major piece of work.