

I was beyond shocked at my TalkAbroad grade. I think I did horrible for it to be my third time doing this, but my grade proved otherwise. Last week had to be the worst week of this semester for me. I was going through some personal things in the previous week. The troubles of that week passed on to the next week. I'm honestly surprised I still have a passing grade in French. I get the work done whether it's last minute or not; however, I'm missing important work. To prepare for the TalkAbroad conversation, I purposely didn't write down things I thought I knew. And that's where I messed up. I wasn't as prepared as I thought I was. My mind went blank ultimately making the conversation dreadful on my end. It ended two minutes early and I refused to listen to the playback before I submitted it.

My partner, Asma, was very patient and I appreciate her for that. For the most part, I understood what she was saying besides the part about baked macaroni and cheese. In retrospect, I believe she was telling me how French speakers say baked macaroni and cheese. But she is from Tunisia and not every French word is the same in francophone countries. I'm still not sure about that part. What was also dreadful on my end is that I didn't expect to go through all of the questions so quickly. It was about ten or fifteen minutes in when I realized that. I was stuck and ended up looking up a question that I couldn't respond to correctly when it was my turn.

I honestly did not mean to read the paper as a script. I had everything planned in my head and it went completely left. I forgot how to answer simple questions. I started using DuoLingo again and I plan to use tutor.com when I get the chance.