

English GCSE
Spoken Language Component
Mark Scheme

Appendix 1: Spoken Language Criteria for Pass, Merit and Distinction

General criteria

To be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction a Learner must –

- be audible, and
- use Spoken Standard English which, for the purposes of the spoken language assessment, means that a Learner must –
 - be intelligible, and
 - generally use language appropriate to the formal setting of the presentation.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<p>In addition to the general criteria, to be awarded a Pass a Learner's performance in his or her spoken language assessment must meet all of the following criteria –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expresses straightforward ideas / information / feelings, • makes an attempt to organise and structure his or her presentation, • makes an attempt to meet the needs of the audience, and • listens to questions / feedback and provides an appropriate response in a straight forward manner. 	<p>In addition to the general criteria, to be awarded a Merit a Learner's performance in his or her spoken language assessment must meet all of the following criteria –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expresses challenging ideas / information / feelings using a range of vocabulary, • organises and structures his or her presentation clearly and appropriately to meet the needs of the audience, • achieves the purpose of his or her presentation, and • listens to questions / feedback responding formally and in some detail. 	<p>In addition to the general criteria, to be awarded a Distinction a Learner's performance in his or her spoken language assessment must meet all of the following criteria –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expresses sophisticated ideas / information / feelings using a sophisticated repertoire of vocabulary, • organises and structures his or her presentation using an effective range of strategies to engage the audience, • achieves the purpose of his or her presentation, and • listens to questions / feedback, responds perceptively and if appropriate elaborates with further ideas and information.

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GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement	
Candidate no and name:	Recorded?
Details of task:	

Assessment criteria	✓
Pass criteria	
Is audible	P
Uses Spoken Standard English*	P
Expresses straightforward ideas/information/ feelings	P
Makes an attempt to organise and structure his or her presentation	P
Makes an attempt to meet the needs of the audience	P
Listen to questions/feedback and provides an appropriate response in a straight forward manner	P
Merit criteria	
Is audible	M
Uses Spoken Standard English*	M
Expresses challenging ideas/information/ feelings using a range of vocabulary	M
Organises and structures his or her presentation clearly and appropriately to meet the needs of the audience	M
Achieves the purpose of his or her presentation	M
Listens to questions/feedback responding formally and in some detail	M
Distinction criteria	
Is audible	D
Uses Spoken Standard English*	D
Expresses sophisticated ideas/ information/feelings using a sophisticated repertoire of vocabulary	D
Organises and structures his or her presentation using an effective range of strategies to engage the audience	D
Achieves the purpose of his or her presentation	D
Listens to questions/feedback, responds perceptively and if appropriate elaborates with further ideas and information	D

* For the purposes of the spoken language assessment, use of Spoken Standard English means that a learner must –

- be intelligible, and
- generally use language appropriate to the formal setting of the presentation

Candidates must fulfil ALL the criteria for a level in order to achieve that level overall. Candidates must also fulfil ALL the criteria for preceding levels, where applicable.