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in Chinese: Written Language (3CN0W)

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# Introduction

The Edexcel GCSE and Edexcel GCSE (Short Courses) in Chinese are designed for use in schools and colleges. They are part of a suite of GCSE qualifications offered by Edexcel.

# About this specification

- Choice of pathways, general, mixed or vocational, enabling personalised learning.
- Choice of focus in controlled speaking and writing assessments.
- Choice of tiers in reading and listening papers.
- Outcome-based assessment in speaking and writing.
- Emphasis on active use and manipulation of language.
- Builds on best practice from the previous Edexcel GCSE specification (including Applied Chinese).
- Written in consultation with practitioners.
- Facilitates content and language integrated learning (CLIL).
- Short Courses in two skill areas: listening and speaking or reading and writing.
- Logical progression route from Key Stage 3 and provides groundwork for the GCE AS and Advanced GCE in Chinese.

# Key subject aims

To enable students to develop:

- an understanding of Chinese in a variety of contexts
- a knowledge of Chinese vocabulary and structures
- transferable language learning skills
- the ability to communicate effectively in Chinese
- awareness and understanding of countries and communities where Chinese is spoken.

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# Specification at a glance

The Edexcel GCSE in Chinese consists of four units based on the following skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

The Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Spoken Language is formed of two of these units (speaking and listening) and the Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Written Language is formed of the other two units (reading and writing). It is possible to amalgamate the results from the two Short Courses to form a GCSE.

Students may be entered for a short course at the end of Year 10 or Year 11, however it is no longer possible for students to 'top up' from a short course to the full GCSE.

All qualifications offer choice, flexibility and focus.

The GCSE combines controlled assessment of speaking and writing skills with Foundation or Higher tier external assessments for the listening and reading skills.

# **Unit 1:** Listening and Understanding in Chinese

derstanding in Chinese \*Unit code: 5CN01

Externally assessed

• Availability: June

40% of the total GCSE Short Course 20% of the total GCSE

### Overview of content

- This unit draws on vocabulary and structures from across the four specified common topic areas (in the *Common topic areas* section on page 10).
- Students will be tested on their ability to understand spoken Chinese. Testing is through a variety of tasks which require a response, written or non-verbal, to demonstrate understanding.

#### **Overview of assessment**

- The examination consists of a number of passages or interactions in Chinese with a variety of question types. (All questions will be asked in English.)
- The spoken material heard will include both formal (for example a telephone message) and informal speech (for example social interaction).

Timing: Foundation tier: 35 minutes + 5 minutes' reading time
 Higher tier: 40 minutes + 5 minutes' reading time

• Total number of marks is 40.

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# Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese \*Unit code: 5CN02

- Internally assessed
- Availability: June

60% of the total GCSE Short Course

30% of the total GCSE

#### **Overview of content**

- The focus of the speaking unit will be **chosen by the teacher in consultation with the student** and will relate to **one** or more of the following themes: *media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism* or *business, work and employment* (or the *centre-devised option*).
- A student may undertake formal assessments in any appropriate setting, so long as task content is not replicated in *Unit 4: Writing in Chinese*. The theme may be the same as that chosen for Unit 4 but the purpose of the tasks must be different.

#### **Overview of assessment**

- This unit is internally assessed under controlled conditions.
- Centres may use tasks provided by Edexcel, devise their own tasks or modify tasks proposed by Edexcel.
- Students must demonstrate the ability to use the Chinese language for different purposes and
  in different settings, and will be assessed on two speaking activities chosen from the following
  task types: an open interaction, a picture-based free-flowing discussion or a presentation with
  discussion following.
- **Each** activity must last for 4-6 minutes and marks should be submitted from each student that relate to two different task types.
- These **controlled speaking assessments** can be carried out at any time during the course prior to the deadline selected for the submission of marks. This unit is set and marked by the centre and moderated by Edexcel.
- Total number of marks is 60.

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix 3 for description of this code and all other codes relevant to this qualification.

# Specification at a glance

# Unit 3: Reading and Understanding in Chinese \*Unit code: 5CN03

Externally assessed

• Availability: June

40% of the total GCSE Short Course 20% of the total GCSE

#### **Overview of content**

- This unit draws on vocabulary and structures from across the four specified **common topic** areas.
- Students will be tested on their ability to understand written Chinese. Testing is through a variety of tasks which require a response, written or non-verbal, to demonstrate understanding

#### **Overview of assessment**

- The examination consists of a number of short texts, notices or news reports in Chinese which include a range of settings and styles, both formal and informal (for example text messages, advertisements, emails).
- All questions will be asked in English and the Chinese language reading material will be produced in both traditional and simplified script.

• Timing: Foundation tier: 45 minutes

Higher tier: 50 minutes

• Total number of marks is 40.

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix 3 for description of this code and all other codes relevant to this qualification.

# **Unit 4:** Writing in Chinese

\*Unit code: 5CN04

Internally set and externally marked

• Availability: June

60% of the total GCSE Short Course 30% of the total GCSE

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#### **Overview of content**

- The focus of the writing unit will be **chosen by the teacher in consultation with the student** and will relate to **one** or more of the following themes: *media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism* or *business, work and employment* (or the *centre-devised options*).
- A student may undertake formal assessments in any appropriate setting, so long as, task content is not replicated in *Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese*. The theme may be the same as that chosen for Unit 2 but the purpose of the tasks must be different.

#### **Overview of assessment**

- Centres may use tasks provided by Edexcel, devise their own tasks or modify tasks proposed by Edexcel. The student must demonstrate the ability to use the language for different purposes and in different settings.
- The student must complete two separate writing tasks and each of these must be undertaken in controlled conditions in a single assessment session of no more than one hour. Although assessment is time constrained and primarily qualitative rather than quantitative, it is anticipated that students will produce at least 100 characters in each of the two assessment sessions.
- Students aiming for grade C or above will need to demonstrate extended writing skills and are expected to produce produce between 100 and 150 characters in each task. Centres must limit the work submitted for external marking from these students to two pieces of written work.
- Students may word process **one** of their tasks or, if preferred, produce all work in handwritten characters. Examiners will be tolerant of the use of some pinyin in handwritten writing assessments.
- The controlled assessments can be undertaken at any time during the course prior to the
  deadline selected for the submission of students' work. Students will be given a choice between
  word processing or handwriting their scripts for one of the two required tasks. Centres must
  ensure that word-processing facilities are set to character-based input thus ensuring that
  there is no auto-conversion from pinyin to Chinese characters and that each character is input
  individually.
- Work is marked by Edexcel. The marking is global, ie across the tasks submitted by each student
- Total number of marks is 60.

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# A Qualification content

# Knowledge, skills and understanding

### Knowledge and understanding

This Edexcel GCSE in Chinese requires students to develop their knowledge of vocabulary and structures in a range of settings which:

- · are relevant and of interest to the student
- correspond to the student's level of maturity
- reflect, and are appropriate to, the culture of countries and communities where the language is spoken
- relate, where appropriate, to other areas of the curriculum.

#### **Skills**

The Edexcel GCSE in Chinese qualification requires students to:

- develop the ability to listen to and understand spoken Chinese in a range of contexts and a variety of styles
- communicate in speech for a variety of purposes
- read and respond to different types of written language
- communicate in writing for a variety of purposes
- understand and apply a range of vocabulary and structures
- develop language learning and communication skills which can be applied broadly.

The Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Spoken Language qualification requires students to:

- develop the ability to listen to and understand spoken Chinese in a range of contexts and a variety of styles
- communicate in speech for a variety of purposes
- understand and apply a range of vocabulary and structures
- develop language learning and communication skills which can be applied broadly.

The Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Written Language qualification requires students to:

- read and respond to different types of written language
- · communicate in writing for a variety of purposes
- understand and apply a range of vocabulary and structures
- develop language learning and communication skills which can be applied broadly.

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Following on from the Key Stage 3 curriculum in Modern Languages, the Edexcel GCSE in Chinese provides **flexibility**, **choice** and **scope for personalised learning**. Teachers and students have considerable control of content in the speaking and writing units and are free to focus on one or more of the following broad themes.

Theme	Possible related content
	The following content is indicative only. Students may undertake work on other topics that relate to the chosen theme.
1. Media and culture	Music/film/reading
culture	Fashion/celebrities/religion
	Blogs/internet
2. Sport and leisure	Hobbies/interests
	Sporting events
	Lifestyle choices
3. Travel and tourism	Holidays
tourism	Accommodation
	Eating, food, drink
4. Business, work and employment	Work experience/part-time jobs
and employment	Product or service information
5. Centre-devised option	This option enables Chinese language learning to be linked to other areas of the curriculum not specified above. It may particularly appeal to centres offering content and language integrated learning (CLIL).
	NB: Centres should seek approval from Edexcel, using the <i>Ask the Expert Service</i> (see <i>Section C: Resources, support and training</i> ).

Many students will appreciate the opportunity to focus on one broad theme relating to a specific interest or relevant curriculum area. However, it is acknowledged that some centres may wish to cover more than one theme, and this specification accommodates both approaches. Similarly, students can focus on one theme for the speaking unit and on a different one for the writing unit.

The qualification allows for general, mixed or vocationally focused pathways through the choice of themes. Although travel and tourism and business, work and employment offer more 'specialist' pathways, they provide **contexts** in which students can apply language skills and do not require any 'specialist' subject knowledge on the part of the student or teacher.

Alongside the themes, Edexcel has set the following four common topic areas and linked subtopics. These, together with the minimum core vocabulary list (Appendices 5a and 5b), have been produced to help teachers in planning and preparing students for the external examinations (listening and understanding and reading and understanding).

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# A Qualification content

#### Common topic areas

The papers for listening and reading skills refer to the generic content areas specified below and feature scenarios set in a country where Chinese is spoken. All students, regardless of their chosen pathway and theme(s), will be expected to become familiar with them.

#### **Out and about**

- Visitor information
- Basic weather
- Local amenities
- Accommodation
- Public transport
- Directions

#### **Customer service and transactions**

- Cafés and restaurants
- Shops
- Dealing with problems

#### **Personal information**

- General interests
- Leisure activities
- Family and friends
- Lifestyle (healthy eating and exercise)

### Future plans, education and work

- Basic language of the internet
- Simple job advertisements
- Simple job applications and CV
- School and college
- Work and work experience

#### Unit 1 **Listening and Understanding in Chinese**

# **Overview**

#### Content overview

To prepare students adequately for this unit, teachers should present and exploit a range of vocabulary relevant to all the common topic areas listed in the Common topic areas section on page 10 and, where appropriate, building on the Key Stage 3 Programme of Study. Students should become accustomed to hearing Chinese language spoken in a range of styles or registers and in a variety of different contexts, as appropriate to their age and level of understanding. Spoken material will feature both male and female voices and represent different age groups. Featured scenarios and situations are generally set in a Chinesespeaking country or community and students will be expected to develop appropriate cultural awareness and understanding.

#### Assessment overview

- The content of the assessment tasks should be familiar and accessible to most students.
- Students will be asked to demonstrate their understanding of prerecorded spoken Chinese. The recording will feature male and female native Chinese speakers who will speak at a rate appropriate to the expected level of students' understanding.
- Students have 5 minutes in which to read through the paper before the examination starts. This gives students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the length and the layout of the examination paper before hearing the recordings.

Foundation tier: 35 minutes plus 5 minutes' reading time

Higher tier: 40 minutes plus 5 minutes' reading time

- Each Chinese passage is recorded twice, with pauses following the second hearing to allow each student sufficient time to write or note their response to each question (or part of a question) and to read the next question before the related extract is played. The recordings are sent out in CD ROM format or can be accessed as sound files via a secure download.
- A number of question types will be used in the Foundation tier paper, inviting non-verbal responses such as multiple-choice questions and matching exercises. A mixture of visual and short verbal cues in English will be given. In addition, certain questions will award marks for a student's own short, written English-language responses (two or three words may suffice). To encourage students to complete the entire paper, the Foundation tier will follow a 'peaks and troughs' model. Questions will appear in a mixed order rather than in order of increasing difficulty.
- The Higher tier paper will include the same questions targeting the C and D grades as used in the Foundation tier paper. These are commonly referred to as 'crossover' questions. It will also contain some questions that require short answers in English. Both papers carry a total of 40 marks.
- The question titles and rubrics will be in English throughout the papers.

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# **Unit 2** Speaking in Chinese



#### Overview

#### Content overview

- Students are required to develop oral communication skills in different settings and for different purposes, related to one or more of the following themes:
  - o media and culture
  - sport and leisure
  - travel and tourism
  - business, work and employment
  - centre-devised option.
- Each of the broad themes gives students the scope to engage in activities that coincide with their true interests, experience and aspirations. Assessment scenarios should provide opportunities for them to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Chinese language and grammar, as well as to present, discuss, interact, ask and respond to questions, and express simple feelings and opinions in Chinese. Teachers can adapt Edexcel-produced stimuli or create their own, and have considerable control over content. They can target assessment to the specific interests, learning needs and optimal performance level of each student. However, if teachers need reassurance on the suitability of a particular approach, topic or theme, they can consult an experienced examiner through Edexcel's Ask the Expert service.

- Teachers are encouraged to engage students in a variety of speaking activities as they prepare for their assessments. These may range from a simple transactional role play to a more complex group discussion or podcast production. Some possible sub-topics are listed in the *Common topic areas* section on page 10 and many more can be used. When determining the speaking tasks for formal assessment, it is important to avoid duplication across speaking and writing skills. Although the chosen theme and general topic may be the same, the content and purpose of the formally assessed tasks must be different in the speaking and writing units. However, teachers can assess a student informally using tasks that overlap in this way either as part of their general language learning and development, or if only one of these tasks (speaking or writing) is counted towards final assessment.
- Tasks may relate to contexts or situations in a Chinese-speaking country, although this is not always feasible and could involve interactions and discussions with Chinese speakers in their own country. Students are, therefore, expected to develop an appropriate awareness and understanding of the culture and society of Chinesespeaking countries and communities as part of their Chinese language study.
- NB: If the centre is in any doubt about the suitability of the approach or potential overlap, the teacher responsible should refer to Edexcel's Ask the Expert service, clearly setting out the context, purpose and requirements of the tasks proposed for Unit 2 and outlining the tasks proposed for Unit 4.

#### Assessment overview

- Students need to undertake controlled assessments that are marked by the teacher and moderated by Edexcel. Please refer to the Controlled assessment section for further information about controlled assessment and its impact on this unit.
- Centres must submit the marks from each student's two speaking tasks. Although it is anticipated that both will relate to one theme, the two tasks could be linked to different themes. Marks must be submitted from each student that relate to **two different task types** chosen from the following:
  - an open interaction
  - o a picture-based, free-flowing discussion
  - o a presentation followed by discussion.
- Each task should last approximately 4-6 minutes and must take place in controlled conditions. This, together with reduced recording requirements, facilitates ongoing and classroom-based assessment rather than end-of-course oral tests. The latter are, however, possible and teachers can assess whenever it is most appropriate and practical for their students. Final marks and sample recordings must be submitted by 15th May.
- All three task types involve interaction. An open interaction can take place between a student and a teacher or, if feasible, between two supervised students. It is essentially an unscripted role play in response to a stimulus that students prepare on an individual basis in class, or under direct supervision, up to two weeks in advance and involving no more than six hours' contact time.
- The interaction relates to a stimulus that provides both context and purpose. Interactions may be formal and transactional in nature or, alternatively, relate to informal situations such as a focused dialogue between friends. Students may refer to the stimulus when undertaking their open interaction assessment as well as their own notes - these should contain no more than 30 words in English (or 30-50 Chinese characters) and must be written in bullet point or mind map format. Although Edexcel produces a range of stimuli for each of the main themes (excluding centre-devised themes), teachers can adapt these or produce their own. The stimuli are generally open ended to invite student responses at different levels and may include teacher prompts and questions. Stimuli must be treated as live assessments and must be kept securely.

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Students should have access to stimuli only under supervised conditions and must not, under any circumstances, remove them from the centre. The stimuli usually provide some initial clues to support students and teachers can reduce or add to this according to the needs of the individual student. Both Edexcel-produced and centre-devised stimuli must be refreshed at least every two years. Please see the sample assessment materials for examples.

- Students can also engage in a **discussion related to a picture (or other visual) that they have chosen** or give a **presentation** and then respond to a series of linked, follow-up questions and answers. These tasks give students a choice of content and, therefore, enable them to take some ownership of their assessment. It is intended that students use the picture as a prompt to discussion and that it relates to something they have interest or involvement in (for example an activity, club or place). It is not envisaged that students will be presented with an unseen picture a few minutes before assessment or that they will be asked in-depth questions on every aspect of its visual content. Similarly, students giving a presentation must be able to choose its content and prepare. Students can prepare for a specific picture or presentation-based assessment on an individual basis in class, or under other direct supervision, up to two weeks in advance and involving no more than six hours' contact time.
- Students wishing to give a short presentation (3 minutes maximum) or discuss a picture should be able to refer to bulleted notes (30 words maximum in English or 30-50 Chinese characters) or a mind map equivalent (30 words maximum in English or 30-50 Chinese characters) produced on a CA2 form. Those wishing to discuss a picture can give a short initial presentation (1 minute maximum) to introduce their picture.
- As the assessment for all task types is outcome based, teachers should ensure that they exploit the stimuli or ask questions that are sufficiently challenging to maximise student performance. Teachers should be familiar with the general content of student discussions and/or presentations in advance, so that they can prepare accordingly. However, teachers must not reveal any assessment-specific questions to students in advance.
- Students may, of course, engage in research or general preparation work related to the content of their chosen theme(s) on an ongoing basis. This may be undertaken outside the classroom and can be marked. However, no teacher feedback or guidance should be given to students when they are preparing for a specific live assessment other than to clarify the general requirements of the task.
- Teachers may assess students on more than one occasion (using different
  assessment tasks) and submit students' best marks. Each task attracts a
  maximum of 30 marks in accordance with the following assessment criteria
  that require a 'best fit' approach to marking. Marks are awarded for content
  and response, range of language and accuracy.

## Assessment criteria

Content and response	Mark
Communicates comprehensive and detailed information related to chosen visual/topic/ stimulus.	16-18
Interacts very well.	
Speaks very confidently and with clear spontaneity.	
Frequently takes initiative and develops elaborate responses.	
No difficulty in expressing and explaining a range of ideas and points of view.	
Very little or no hesitation.	
Able to deal with unpredictable elements without difficulty.	
Communicates detailed and relevant information related to chosen visual/topic/stimulus.	12-15
Interacts well.	
Speaks confidently.	
Takes initiative and develops more elaborate responses.	
Has little difficulty expressing and explaining ideas and points of view.	
Little hesitation and little or no prompting necessary.	
Able to deal with unpredictable elements with some success.	
Communicates relevant information related to the chosen visual/topic/stimulus but with some obvious omissions.	8-11
Some interaction.	
<ul> <li>Able to participate in familiar, straightforward discussion and conversation, but experiences problems with more complex question forms.</li> </ul>	
Conveys opinions, but rarely expands.	
Some hesitation.	
Able to deal with some unpredictable elements.	
Limited communication related to chosen visual/topic/stimulus.	4-7
Some coherence in unambiguous presentation of simple information and opinions, but responses very limited.	
Very hesitant and reliant on teacher-examiner prompting.	
Able to deal with isolated unpredictable elements.	
Minimal description of chosen visual/topic/stimulus.	1-3
Conveys very little relevant information in minimal responses (mainly one word replies).	
Largely disjointed and unconnected ideas.	
Very limited comprehension of basic questions.	
Wholly reliant on teacher-examiner prompting.	
No rewardable content.	0

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Range of language	Mark	Accuracy	Mark
<ul> <li>Uses wide range of appropriate vocabulary and structures, including some complex lexical items.</li> <li>Consistently competent use of different time references.</li> </ul>	6	<ul> <li>Very accurate, with only isolated and usually insignificant errors.</li> <li>Consistently good pronunciation and tones.</li> </ul>	6
<ul> <li>Good variety of appropriate vocabulary and structures.</li> <li>Unambiguous use of different time references.</li> <li>Generally at ease with subordination.</li> </ul>	5	<ul> <li>Some errors, especially in more complex structures, but generally accurate.</li> <li>Pronunciation and tones generally good.</li> </ul>	5
<ul> <li>Adequate but predictable range of vocabulary and structures.</li> <li>May include different time references, perhaps with some ambiguity.</li> <li>Some examples of subordination.</li> </ul>	3-4	<ul> <li>A fair number of errors made, including some basic, but communication overall unaffected.</li> <li>Pronunciation and tones generally accurate.</li> </ul>	3-4
<ul> <li>Limited and/or repetitive range of vocabulary or structures.</li> <li>Predominantly uses short sentences.</li> </ul>	2	<ul> <li>Many basic errors, but main points communicated.</li> <li>Simple 'pre-learnt' stereotypes correct.</li> <li>Pronunciation generally understandable.</li> </ul>	2
<ul> <li>Very limited range of basic structures.</li> <li>Frequently resorts to non-target language.</li> <li>Rarely offers complete sentences.</li> </ul>	1	<ul> <li>Consistently inaccurate language and pronunciation frequently impede basic communication.</li> <li>Only isolated examples of accurate language.</li> </ul>	1
No rewardable language.	0	No rewardable language.	0

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#### Unit 3 **Reading and Understanding in Chinese**

### **Overview**

#### Content overview

To prepare students adequately for this unit, teachers should present and exploit a range of vocabulary relevant to all the common topic areas (in the Common topic areas section on page 10) and, where appropriate, building on the Key Stage 3 Programme of Study. Students should be presented with Chinese language in a range of styles or registers and in a variety of different contexts, as appropriate to their age and level of understanding. Students will also be presented with different fonts and formats, for example short printed messages, advertisements and email messages. Material presented will usually relate to a Chinesespeaking country or community and students will be expected to develop appropriate cultural awareness and understanding.

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#### Assessment overview

• Students will be asked to demonstrate their understanding of a number of short texts. The texts will be in a range of contexts and styles, both formal and informal.

Foundation tier: 45 minutes

Higher tier: 50 minutes

- A number of question types will be used in the Foundation tier paper that invite non-verbal responses, such as multiple choice and matching exercises. A mixture of visual and short verbal cues in English will be given, and marks will be awarded for a student's own short, written English-language responses (two or three words may suffice). To encourage students to complete the entire paper, the Foundation tier will follow a 'peaks and troughs' model. Questions will appear in a mixed order rather than in order of increasing difficulty.
- The Higher tier paper will include the same questions targeting the C and D grades as used in the Foundation tier paper. These are commonly referred to as 'crossover' questions. It will also contain some questions that require short answers in English.
- Both papers carry a total of 40 marks and will be marked in accordance with an assessment-specific mark scheme.

The question titles and rubrics will be in English throughout the papers.

#### Unit 4 **Writing in Chinese**

#### **Overview**

#### Content overview

- Centres are required to submit students' written work for external marking by Edexcel. This work must be completed during two **sessions** of no more than one hour each (minimum 45 minutes). Students may choose the context of the written tasks according to the pathway that they have chosen to follow (general or vocational) and the work must relate to one or more themes selected from the following:
  - o media and culture
  - sport and leisure
  - travel and tourism
  - business, work and employment
  - o centre-devised option.
- Each of the broad themes gives students the scope to engage in activities that coincide with their true interests, experience and aspirations. Assessment scenarios should provide opportunities for them to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Chinese language and grammar, inform, describe, give detail, as well as to express simple feelings and opinions in Chinese. Teachers can adapt Edexcel-produced stimuli or create their own, and have considerable control over content so that they can target assessment to the specific interests, learning needs and optimal performance level of each student. However, if teachers need reassurance on the suitability of a particular approach, topic or theme, they can consult an experienced examiner through Edexcel's Ask the Expert service.

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- Teachers must ensure that the formal assessments used enable students to demonstrate their ability to use language for different purposes. Although the context of the tasks may be common, teachers must check that there is no direct overlap of content across the formal speaking and writing assessments. For example, in *Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese* the student completes an open interaction as an assistant in a tourist information office, providing information about local amenities (formal, giving information). For their second task, they present a picture stimulus related to a holiday/exchange visit spent in a Chinese-speaking country and then follow this up with a discussion (informal, expressing opinions, evaluative). In Unit 4, the student may present a letter of complaint (formal) to the tourist information office about transport arrangements and also produce poster text to attract fellow students to a school exchange (informal, descriptive).
- Teachers can informally assess a student using tasks that overlap in content and purpose either as part of their general language learning and development, or if only one of these tasks (speaking or writing) is counted towards final assessment.

NB: If the centre is in any doubt about the suitability of the approach or the content of the tasks, the teacher responsible should refer to Edexcel's Ask the Expert service, setting out clearly the context, purpose and requirements of the tasks for Unit 4 and also for Unit 2.

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#### **Assessment overview**

- Controlled assessment allows for ongoing and classroom-based assessment rather than end-of-course testing, although this is still possible. Teachers can carry out assessments whenever it is most appropriate and practical for their students. Centres should submit students' written work to Edexcel in May. More information is provided in the Teacher's Guide that accompanies this specification.
- The student must complete **two separate writing tasks** and each must be undertaken in controlled conditions in a single assessment session of no more than one hour (minimum 45 minutes). Although assessment is time constrained and primarily qualitative rather than quantitative, it is anticipated that students will produce at least 100 characters in each of the two assessment sessions.
- Students aiming for grade C or above will need to demonstrate more extended writing skills and are expected to produce between 100 and 150 characters in each task. Centres must limit the work submitted for external marking from these students to two pieces of written work.
- Controlled assessments can be undertaken at any time during the course prior to the deadline selected for the submission of students' work.
- When undertaking their assessments in controlled conditions, students can refer to a dictionary (which can be online), the relevant stimulus and brief notes in bullet point or mind map type format (30 words maximum produced on a CA4 form in English or 30-50 Chinese characters) that must accompany the submitted work. Students are not permitted access to online grammar or spell-checkers.

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- Stimuli should usually include task instructions and a scenario outline in English but task prompts can be in either Chinese or English, as appropriate to context (for example an extract from a Chinese website questionnaire should be in Chinese, whereas a request to send information about a student's leisure interests to a Chinese partner school might be more appropriate in English language bullets). The tasks require students to respond in Chinese to a stimulus linked to a prescribed or centre-devised theme. Edexcel produces a range of stimuli for each of them (excluding centre-devised options) and teachers can adapt these or produce their own. For many students, an essay title supported by open-ended bullets is a suitable task. The Edexcel stimuli are generally open-ended but teachers can target the assessments by modifying content to meet the different needs of their students more closely. Both Edexcel-produced and centre-devised stimuli must be refreshed at least every two years. Please see the sample assessment materials for examples.
- Teachers must not provide any help or give any task-specific feedback to students on their preparatory work.
- The assessments can be undertaken at any time during the course, before the deadline selected for the submission of students' work. Teachers may carry out more than two controlled writing assessments with their students as long as the stimuli used and work produced are different on each occasion. Teachers could then select the two best pieces of written work to submit for external marking. It is not possible for a student to carry over written work from one controlled assessment session to another. Teachers should consult the Administrative Support Guide before submitting work to Edexcel.
- This is a non-tiered unit since the final mark will be determined by the variety, appropriateness and complexity of language used and the length of the submitted tasks. Submitted work will be assessed by external examiners. Marks will be awarded for communication and content, knowledge and application of language and accuracy.
- Students may word process one of their tasks or, if preferred, produce all work in handwritten characters. Examiners will be tolerant of the use of some pinyin in handwritten writing assessments.
- Centres must ensure that word-processing facilities are set to character-based input – thus ensuring that there is no auto-conversion from pinyin to Chinese characters and that each character is input individually.

## Assessment criteria

Communication and content	Mark
<ul> <li>Very detailed and fully relevant response to the stimulus.</li> <li>Shows a clear ability to narrate, describe, express opinions and expand, as appropriate to the task.</li> <li>Communicates with no ambiguity.</li> <li>Excellent linking of the piece into a whole.</li> <li>Coherent and pleasant to read.</li> </ul>	13-15
<ul> <li>Detailed response to the stimulus but there may be minor omissions.</li> <li>Provides evidence of description, opinion and expansion, as appropriate to the task.</li> <li>Generally communicates clearly, with some lapses.</li> <li>Reasonable attempt to link the piece into a whole.</li> <li>Generally coherent.</li> <li>Pedestrian or, alternatively, somewhat over ambitious.</li> </ul>	10-12
<ul> <li>Most of the task is completed and relevant information is conveyed, although there may be some omissions and/or irrelevancies.</li> <li>Provides evidence of an ability to go beyond a minimal response.</li> <li>Begins to expand ideas and express opinions, as appropriate to the task.</li> <li>Comprehensible overall with some lapses, sometimes leading to ambiguity, especially if more ambitious language is attempted.</li> <li>Some attempt at linking piece into a whole.</li> </ul>	7-9
<ul> <li>Relevant key information is given but there may be may be major omissions, irrelevance and/or repetition.</li> <li>The level of response is minimal</li> <li>There is no evidence of description or opinions (other than simple likes/dislikes).</li> <li>Some ambiguity.</li> <li>Just about comprehensible overall.</li> <li>Sentences mostly written in isolation.</li> <li>Not easy to read.</li> </ul>	4-6
<ul> <li>Little relevant information is conveyed.</li> <li>Much ambiguity and omission.</li> <li>The level of response is very limited.</li> <li>Substantial degree of irrelevance and incoherence.</li> <li>Except for isolated items, would not be comprehensible to a native speaker.</li> </ul>	1-3
<ul> <li>No relevant communication worthy of credit.</li> <li>A mark of zero for communication and content will mean a mark of zero for knowledge and application of language and for accuracy.</li> </ul>	0

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Knowledge and application of language	Mark
Wide range of vocabulary and structures, fully appropriate to the task and used effectively.	9-10
Little or no repetition.	
• Confident use of more complex structures, such as comparatives, negatives and causal clauses, with very few lapses.	
Clear ability to manipulate language and to produce longer, fluent sentences with ease.	
<ul> <li>Quite a wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to describe and to express and justify opinions.</li> </ul>	7-8
• Some attempt to use ambitious structures (comparatives, negatives and causal clauses, etc) with a fair measure of success.	
Tenses are generally used correctly.	
Some ability to manipulate language although not always successful.	
Vocabulary and structures are generally appropriate to the task.	5-6
Correct syntax when using simple, short sentences.	
Some longer sentences where syntax is not always correct.	
Attempts different language structures with some success	
Attempts to use subordinate clauses/simple linking with some success.	
Limited vocabulary and structures, often repetitive and stereotyped.	3-4
Language is basic and sometimes inappropriate to the task.	
<ul> <li>Pre-learnt, set phrases predominate but there are some short simple sentences, which are more or less correct.</li> </ul>	
There may be some simple subordination.	
Very limited vocabulary, with occasional correct words.	1-2
Very little understanding of language structures.	
There may be the occasional correct phrase or short sentence but they are likely to be pre-learnt or 'lifted'.	
No language worthy of credit.	0

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Accuracy	Mark			
High level of accuracy, though not necessarily faultless.	5			
Secure when using more complex language with only a few minor errors.				
Generally accurate language.	4			
When more complex structures are attempted, accuracy can be more variable.				
Fairly accurate in straightforward language, but some lapses with more complex language.	3			
The work is clearly more accurate than inaccurate.				
Language errors do not significantly hinder communication.				
Inaccuracy increases if more complex structures are attempted				
Many basic errors which often impede communication.	2			
Some correct phrases but evidence of mother-tongue influences.				
Excessive use of pinyin if handwritten.				
Frequent basic errors and inaccuracies prevent communication.	1			
Isolated examples of correct language.				
No language worthy of credit.	0			

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# **B** Assessment

# **Assessment summary**

Units 1 and 3 are external units, set and marked by us.

Unit 2 is an internal unit which is internally assessed by the centre and externally moderated by us.

Unit 4 is an internal unit which is marked by us.

#### Summary of table of assessment

### Unit 1: Listening and Understanding in Chinese Unit code: 5CN01

- The examination consists of a number of passages or interactions in Chinese with a variety of question types. (All questions will be asked in English.)
- The spoken material heard will include both formal (for example a telephone message) and informal speech (for example social interaction).

Timing Foundation tier: 35 minutes + 5 minutes' reading time

Higher tier: 40 minutes + 5 minutes' reading time

Total number of marks is 40.

The first examination will be in June 2014 and will be in each June series thereafter.

## Unit 2 Speaking in Chinese

Samples of student performance are submitted to Edexcel for external moderation in May. Students may undertake their assessment when ready (on an ongoing basis) or as end-of-course oral tests, if these are more practical and appropriate for students. There is potential for students to focus on a specific chosen theme.

Students must undertake two different task types, each lasting 4-6 minutes.

Total number of marks is 60.

The first examination will be in 2014 and will be in each June series thereafter.

Unit code: 5CN02

Unit code: 5CN04

#### Unit 3 **Reading and Understanding in Chinese** Unit code: 5CN03

- The examination consists of a number of short texts, notices or news reports in Chinese which include a range of settings and styles, both formal and informal (for example text messages, advertisements, emails).
- All questions will be asked in English and the Chinese language reading material will be produced in both traditional and simplified script.

• Timing: Foundation tier: 45 minutes

Higher tier: 50 minutes

Total number of marks is 40.

The first examination will be in June 2014 and will be in each June series thereafter.

#### Unit 4 **Writing in Chinese**

This unit is internally conducted under controlled conditions. Student work is submitted to Edexcel for external marking. This work must be completed during two sessions of no more than one hour each (minimum 45 minutes). Although assessment is time constrained and primarily qualitative rather than quantitative, it is anticipated that students will produce at least 100 characters in each of the two assessment sessions.

Total number of marks is 60.

The first examination will be in 2014 and will be in each June series thereafter.

# **Assessment Objectives and weightings**

		% in GCSE Short Course (Spoken Language)	% in GCSE Short Course (Written Language)	% in GCSE
AO1: Understand spoken language.		40%	0%	20%
AO2: Communicate in speech.		60%	0%	30%
AO3: Understand written language.		0%	40%	20%
AO4: Communicate in writing.		0%	60%	30%
	TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

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# **Relationship of Assessment Objectives to units**

## **Edexcel GCSE in Chinese**

Unit number	Assessment Objective					
	A01	AO2	A03	AO4	Total for AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4	
Unit 1	20%	0%	0%	0%	20%	
Unit 2	0%	30%	0%	0%	30%	
Unit 3	0%	0%	20%	0%	20%	
Unit 4	0%	0%	0%	30%	30%	
Total for GCSE	20%	30%	20%	30%	100%	

# Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Spoken Language

Unit number Assessment Objective					
	A01	AO2	A03	A04	Total for AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4
Unit 1	40%	0%	0%	0%	40%
Unit 2	0%	60%	0%	0%	60%
Unit 3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unit 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total for GCSE Short Course	40%	60%	0%	0%	100%

# **Edexcel GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Written Language**

Unit number	Assessment Objective					
	A01	AO2	A03	A04	Total for AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4	
Unit 1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Unit 2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Unit 3	0%	0%	40%	0%	40%	
Unit 4	0%	0%	0%	60%	60%	
Total for GCSE Short Course	0%	0%	40%	60%	100%	

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# **Entering your students for assessment**

#### Student entry

From summer 2014 onwards students will be required to sit all their examinations and submit controlled assessment work for moderation at the end of the course. Students may complete the controlled assessment task(s) at any appropriate point during the course.

Details of how to enter students for this qualification can be found in Edexcel's *UK Information Manual*, a copy is sent to all examinations officers. The information can also be found on Edexcel's website (www.edexcel.com)

#### Forbidden combinations and classification code

Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCSE qualification with the same classification code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the school and college performance tables.

Students should be advised that, if they take two specifications with the same classification code, schools and colleges are very likely to take the view that they have achieved only one of the two GCSEs. The same view may be taken if students take two GCSE specifications that have different classification codes but have significant overlap of content. Students who have any doubts about their subject combinations should check with the institution to which they wish to progress before embarking on their programmes.

#### Access arrangements and special requirements

Edexcel's policy on access arrangements and special considerations for GCE, GCSE, and Entry Level is designed to ensure equal access to qualifications for all students (in compliance with the Equality Act 2010) without compromising the assessment of skills, knowledge, understanding or competence.

Please see the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com) for:

- the JCQ policy Access Arrangements, Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration
- the forms to submit for requests for access arrangements and special considerations
- dates for submission of the forms.

Requests for access arrangements and special considerations must be addressed to:

Special Requirements Edexcel One90 High Holborn London WC1V 7BH

### Equality Act 2010

Please see the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com) for information relating to the Equality Act 2010.

### **Controlled assessment**

In controlled assessments, control levels are set for three linked processes: task setting, task taking and task marking. The control levels (high, medium or limited are dependent on the subject) are set for each process so that the overall level of control secures validity and reliability, provides good manageability for all involved and allows teachers to authenticate the student work confidently.

The summary of the controlled conditions for this specification are shown below.

#### Summary of conditions for controlled assessment

Control levels for the controlled assessment in Chinese are defined for the three stages of the assessment.

#### Task setting

To give teachers some control over assessment content, and to permit personalised learning, there is a **limited level of control** for task setting for both the **speaking and writing units**. Although Edexcel provides some possible tasks for use in controlled assessments, teachers may adapt these or create their own. All tasks used for live assessments **must** be refreshed every two years.

Task requirements should be clear and concise for students. As tasks are designed to develop Chinese language speaking or writing skills, related stimuli should feature a minimal amount of text (up to a maximum of 70 Chinese characters or 70 English words) and may feature visual prompts, potentially with some additional English-language explanation of context. Prompts and cues may be set in either English or Chinese, appropriate to the specific scenario.

As tasks allow outcome-based assessment, teachers must ensure that students can perform at their optimal level. This means that tasks should provide **opportunities for appropriate stretch and challenge for all students**. It is important that students' performances are not unduly constrained by stimuli content and demands, and in the case of speaking, the related teacher's questioning. For example, it should be possible to ask most students to express a simple opinion (although the level of response may vary considerably from student to student).

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#### Task taking

To facilitate potential for less 'high stakes' oral assessment and to enable teachers to assess students more flexibly, a **medium level of control** has been set for task taking in *Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese*. However, as students must complete all the written work submitted for assessment independently, *Unit 4: Writing in Chinese* has a **high level of control** for task taking.

The following task setting controls relate to both the speaking and writing units.

Authenticity controls: Students must undertake all formally assessed work in controlled conditions under the supervision of a teacher. They should have up to two weeks in advance and no more than six hours' contact time for formal speaking and writing controlled assessments (longer time may be allowed for the writing in cases where students have special requirements). Students and teachers must also provide an authenticity statement. Students can, as part of their language learning development, receive general guidance on the requirements of the task types used for assessment and be trained to acquire the appropriate skills and knowledge to undertake them effectively. In this period, before starting work on a formal assessment task, they should have full access to resources and feedback to support them.

Feedback control: Teacher feedback is restricted to the clarification of general task requirements.

Collaboration control: It may be possible for some assessment tasks in Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese to involve more than one student in task taking, although this is **not** an assessment requirement. If teachers undertake assessments that involve more than one student, they should exercise extreme caution and ensure that the performance of one student does not prejudice or restrict the performance of another.

Resource control: Any key resources that students have consulted for each specific assessment should be identified on the controlled assessment CM4 form. In Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese, students are able to refer to a visual, notes depending on the task during their test but they must not refer to a dictionary, except when preparing. Conversely, in Unit 4: Writing in Chinese, students may refer to notes and a dictionary although access to any earlier draft, online grammar or spell-checker is prohibited.

*Time control*: In *Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese*, students must carry out two different types of controlled assessment. Each task should last between **4-6 minutes** and may relate to one specific chosen theme.

In *Unit 4: Writing in Chinese*, students must produce two distinctly different pieces of work, although these may relate to one specific chosen theme. The work should be completed in **two sessions** of up to **one hour** each.

Teachers are free to assess Units 2 and 4 whenever it is most appropriate and practical for their students. Students can be assessed on repeat occasions but must not undertake the same assessment task twice if it is being counted towards their final assessment.

#### Task marking

Again, to facilitate less 'high stakes' and more flexible oral assessment, Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese features a **medium level** of marking **control**. Teachers can assess their own students' work and this is then externally moderated. Edexcel provides marking support and guidance for teachers through comprehensive training and guidance. Please refer to the unit description to view the assessment criteria and to the Administrative Support Guide for full details on recording and sampling requirements and marks submission arrangements.

In *Unit 4: Writing in Chinese,* there is a **high level** of marking control. Edexcel will mark work from all students. Examiners will require the stimuli and student notes used in the writing assessments to accompany all submissions.

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#### Internal standardisation

Teachers must show clearly how the marks have been awarded in relation to the assessment criteria. If more than one teacher in a centre is marking students' work, there must be a process of internal standardisation to ensure that there is consistent application of the assessment criteria.

#### Authentication

All students must sign an authentication statement (which appears in the CM2 and CM4 forms). Statements relating to work not sampled should be held securely in your centre. Those which relate to sampled students must be attached to the work and sent to the moderator. In accordance with a revision to the current Code of Practice, any candidate unable to provide an authentication statement will receive zero credit for the component. Where credit has been awarded by a centre-assessor to sampled work without an accompanying authentication statement, the moderator will inform Edexcel and the mark adjusted to zero.

#### Further information

For more information on annotation, authentication, mark submission and moderation procedures, please refer to the *Administrative Support Guide* document, which is available on the Edexcel website.

For up-to-date advice on teacher involvement, please refer to the JCQ Instructions for conducting coursework/portfolio document on the JCQ website: www.jcq.org.uk For up-to-date advice on malpractice and plagiarism, please refer to the JCQ Suspected Malpractice in Examinations: Policies and Procedures and Instructions for conducting coursework/portfolio documents on the JCQ website (www.jcq.org.uk).

## **Assessing your students**

The first assessment opportunity for all units of this qualification will take place in the June 2014 series and in each following June series for the lifetime of the specification.

## Your student assessment opportunities

Unit	June 2014	June 2015
Unit 1: Listening and Understanding in Chinese	✓	✓
Unit 2: Speaking in Chinese	<b>√</b> *	<b>√</b> *
Unit 3: Reading and Understanding in Chinese	✓	✓
Unit 4: Writing in Chinese	<b>√</b> *	<b>√</b> *

## Awarding and reporting

The grading, awarding and certification of this qualification will comply with the requirements of the current GCSE/GCE Code of Practice, which is published by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) The GCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on an eight-grade scale from A\* to G. Individual unit results will be reported.

Students whose level of achievement is below the minimum judged by Edexcel to be of sufficient standard to be recorded on a certificate will receive an unclassified U result.

<sup>\*</sup> The controlled assessments may occur at any time during the GCSE in Chinese course but final marks and student work must be submitted in May (June exam series).

### Unit results

The minimum uniform marks required for each grade for each unit:

### Units 1 and 3

Unit grade	*A	A	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-11.

#### Units 2 and 4

Unit grade	*A	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-17.

## **Qualification results**

The minimum uniform marks required for each grade:

### GCSE in Chinese, cash-in code: 2CN01

Qualification grade	*A	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0–59.

GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Spoken Language, cash-in code: 3CN0S GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Written Language, cash-in code: 3CN0W

Qualification grade	*A	A	В	С	D	E	F	G
Maximum uniform mark = 150	135	120	105	90	75	60	45	30

Students who do not achieve the standard required for a grade G will receive a uniform mark in the range 0-29.

## Re-taking of qualifications

Students wishing to re-take a GCSE are required to re-take all the units in the qualification. Students will be permitted to carry forward the results from the controlled assessment unit(s) if they wish and only re-take the externally-assessed units.

## Language of assessment

Assessment of this specification will be available in Chinese although some questions will be set in English and require responses in English. Assessment materials will be published in Chinese.

## Stretch and challenge

Students can be stretched and challenged in all units through the use of different assessment strategies, for example:

- a requirement to use and recognise complex language structures and grammar
- a requirement to recognise and convey feelings and opinions
- use of open-ended questioning and stimuli
- a requirement to communicate effectively and accurately in Chinese (Units 2 and 4)
- a requirement to produce extended Chinese (Unit 4 only).

## Malpractice and plagiarism

For up-to-date advice on malpractice and plagiarism, please refer to the Joint Council for Qualifications *Suspected Malpractice in Examinations: Policies and Procedures* document on the JCQ website www.jcq.org.uk

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## Student recruitment

Edexcel's access policy concerning recruitment to our qualifications is that:

- they must be available to anyone who is capable of reaching the required standard
- they must be free from barriers that restrict access and progression
- equal opportunities exist for all students.

## Progression

This qualification offers a suitable progression route to GCE AS and GCE Advanced Level in Chinese language study as well as other Level 3 qualifications. In addition, the study of one language at GCSE can facilitate and help promote the learning of other languages.

The qualification may also add to an individual's employability profile.

## **Grade descriptions**

Candidates show understanding of a variety of spoken language that contains some complex language and relates to a range of contexts. They can identify main points, details and points of view and draw simple conclusions.

They initiate and develop conversations and discussions, present information and narrate events. They express and explain ideas and points of view, and produce extended sequences of speech using a variety of vocabulary, structures and verb tenses. They speak confidently, with reasonably accurate pronunciation and intonation. The message is clear but there may be some errors, especially when they use more complex structures.

They show understanding of a variety of written texts relating to a range of contexts. They understand some unfamiliar language and extract meaning from more complex language and extended texts. They can identify main points, extract details, recognise points of view, attitudes and emotions and draw simple conclusions.

They write for different purposes and contexts about real or imaginary subjects. They express and explain ideas and points of view. They use a variety of vocabulary, structures and verb tenses. Their spelling and grammar are generally accurate. The message is clear but there may be some errors, especially when they write more complex sentences.

C	Candidates show understanding of different types of spoken language that contain a variety of structures. The spoken material relates to a range of contexts, including some that may be unfamiliar, and may relate to past and future events. They can identify main points, details and opinions.  They take part in conversations and simple discussions and present information. They express points of view and show an ability to deal with some unpredictable elements. Their spoken language contains a variety of structures and may relate to past and future events. Their pronunciation and intonation are more accurate than inaccurate. They convey a clear message but there may be some errors.
	They show understanding of different types of written texts that contain a variety of structures. The written material relates to a range of contexts, including some that may be unfamiliar and may relate to past and future events. They can identify main points, extract details and recognise opinions.
	They write for different contexts that may be real or imaginary. They communicate information and express points of view. They use a variety of structures and may include different tenses or time frames. The style is basic. They convey a clear message but there may be some errors.
	Candidates show some understanding of simple language spoken clearly that relates to familiar contexts. They can identify main points and extract some details.
F	They take part in simple conversations, present simple information and can express their opinion. They use a limited range of language. Their pronunciation is understandable. There are grammatical inaccuracies but the main points are usually conveyed.
	They show some understanding of short, simple written texts that relate to familiar contexts. They show limited understanding of unfamiliar language. They can identify main points and some details.
	They write short texts that relate to familiar contexts. They can express simple opinions. They use simple sentences. The main points are usually conveyed but there are mistakes in spelling and grammar.

## C Resources, support and training

## **Edexcel resources**

The resources from Edexcel provide you and your students with comprehensive support for our GCSE Chinese qualification. These materials have been developed by subject experts to ensure that you and your department have appropriate resources to deliver the specification.

## **Edexcel publications**

You can order further copies of the specification, sample assessment materials (SAMs) and teacher's guide documents from:

Edexcel Publications Adamsway Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 4FN

Telephone: 01623 467467 Fax: 01623 450481

Email: publication.orders@edexcel.com

Website: www.edexcel.com

## **Endorsed resources**

Edexcel also endorses some additional materials written to support this qualification. Any resources bearing the Edexcel logo have been through a quality assurance process to ensure complete and accurate support for the specification. For up-to-date information about endorsed resources, please visit www.edexcel.com/endorsed

Please note that while resources are checked at the time of publication, materials may be withdrawn from circulation and website locations may change.

## **Edexcel support services**

Edexcel has a wide range of support services to help you implement this qualification successfully.

**ResultsPlus** – ResultsPlus is an application launched by Edexcel to help subject teachers, senior management teams, and students by providing detailed analysis of examination performance. Reports that compare performance between subjects, classes, your centre and similar centres can be generated in 'one-click'. Skills maps that show performance according to the specification topic being tested are available for some subjects. For further information about which subjects will be analysed through ResultsPlus, and for information on how to access and use the service, please visit www.edexcel.com/resultsplus

**Ask the Expert** – To make it easier for you to raise a query with us online, we have merged our **Ask Edexcel** and **Ask the Expert** services.

There is now one easy-to-use web query form that will allow you to ask any question about the delivery or teaching of Edexcel qualifications. You'll get a personal response, from one of our administrative or teaching experts, sent to the email address you provide. You can access this service at www.edexcel.com/ask.

We're always looking to improve the quantity and quality of information in our FAQ database, so you'll be able to find answers to many questions you might have by searching before you submit the question to us.

#### **Support for Students**

Learning flourishes when students take an active interest in their education; when they have all the information they need to make the right decisions about their futures. With the help of feedback from students and their teachers, we've developed a website for students that will help them:

- Understand subject specifications
- Access past papers and mark schemes
- Find out how to get exams remarked
- Learn about other students' experiences at university, on their travels and entering the workplace

We're committed to regularly updating and improving our online services for students. The most valuable service we can provide is helping schools and colleges unlock the potential of their learners. www.edexcel.com/students

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## **Training**

A programme of professional development and training courses, covering various aspects of the specification and examination, will be arranged by Edexcel each year on a regional basis. Full details can be obtained from:

Training from Edexcel Edexcel One90 High Holborn London WC1V 7BH

0844 576 0027 Telephone:

Email: trainingbookings@edexcel.com

Website: www.edexcel.com

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## Appendix 1 Key skills

## Signposting

Key skills (Level 2)	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Communication				
C2.1a		✓		
C2.1b		✓		
C2.2				✓
C2.3				✓
Information and communication technology				
ICT2.1				✓
ICT2.2				✓
ICT2.3				✓
Improving own learning and performance				
LP2.1	✓	✓	✓	✓
LP2.2	✓	✓	✓	✓
LP2.3	✓	✓	✓	✓
Working with others				
WO2.1		✓		✓
WO2.2		✓		✓
WO2.3		✓		✓

Teachers should note that assessment of the key skill in communication must be in English, Irish or Welsh and that, although foreign language study clearly presents opportunities to develop skills in communication, assessment in the foreign language is not appropriate. For this specification, all key skills communication evidence must be in English.

## Development suggestions

Please refer to the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com) for key skills development suggestions.

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## Appendix 2 Wider curriculum

## Signposting

Issue	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Spiritual	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
Moral	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ethical	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cultural	✓	✓	✓	✓
Citizenship	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental	✓	✓	✓	✓
European initiatives	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health and safety	✓	✓	✓	✓
Legislative	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economic	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sustainable development	✓	✓	✓	✓

In addition to acquiring knowledge about language structures and the development of practical language skills, effective language learning involves a promotion of cultural understanding. This specification requires students to consider a range of common topic areas, to focus on one or more broad themes and develop an appreciation of the culture and society of Chinese-speaking countries and communities. Consequently, teachers can link students' language study to the issues listed above.

## Development suggestions

Issue	Units	Opportunities for development or internal assessment
Spiritual	Unit 4	A student may produce a report on a particular religious festival and reflect on its meaning and significance.
Moral	Unit 2	A student could refer to a moral tension that young people face when discussing an aspect of youth culture.
Ethical	Unit 2	A student might wish to deliver a presentation advocating 'fair trade' business.
Social	Unit 4	A student considering work issues might produce a piece of writing on voluntary work and related social issues.
Cultural	Unit 3	Reading a short passage on visitor information, a student might become more aware of different cultural activities and facilities available.
Citizenship	Units 1 and 3	When undertaking listening and reading activities, related to the prescribed common topic areas, students may become aware of issues that can be linked to citizenship.
Environmental	Unit 1	A student might hear a recording in Chinese referring to the environmental benefits of public transport.
European initiatives	Unit 4	A student undertaking written work on a local amenity or visitor attraction may discover that it has been partly supported through the European Regional Development Fund.
Health and safety	Unit 2	A student giving an oral presentation on a healthy lifestyle may refer to the negative impact of smoking, alcohol or drug abuse.
Legislative	Units 2 and 4	Students may, through projects related to the world of work, become aware of workplace-related legislation.
Economic	Units 2	A student undertaking work related to the leisure industry may become aware of the contribution of this sector to different national economies.
Sustainable development	Units 2 and 4	A student considering travel-related issues may consider projects that promote sustainable tourism.

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## Appendix 3 Codes

Type of code	Use of code	Code number
National classification codes	Every qualification is assigned to a national classification code indicating the subject area to which it belongs. Centres should be aware that students who enter for more than one GCSE qualification with the same classification code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the school and college performance tables.	5950
National Qualifications	Each qualification title is allocated a National Qualifications Framework (NQF) code.	The QNs for the qualifications in this publication are:
Framework (NQF) codes	The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) code is known as a Qualification Number (QN). This is the	GCSE in Chinese - 500/4672/X
	code that features in the DfE Section 96 and on the LARA as being eligible for 16–18 and 19+ funding, and is to be used for all qualification funding purposes. The QN is the number that will appear on	GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Spoken Language – 500/4633/0
	the student's final certification documentation.	GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Written Language – 500/4632/9
Unit codes	Each unit is assigned a unit code. This unit code is	Unit 1 – 5CN01
	used as an entry code to indicate that a student wishes to take the assessment for that unit. Centres	Unit 2 – 5CN02
	will need to use the entry codes only when entering	Unit 3 – 5CN03
	students for their examination.	Unit 4 - 5CN04
Cash-in codes	The cash-in code is used as an entry code to	GCSE in Chinese – 2CN01
	aggregate the student's unit scores to obtain the overall grade for the qualification. Centres will need to use the entry codes only when claiming students' qualifications.	
	quamications	GCSE (Short Course) in Chinese: Written Language – 3CN0W
Entry codes	The entry codes are used to:	Please refer to the Edexcel
	enter a student for the assessment of a unit	UK Information Manual, available on the Edexcel
	<ul> <li>aggregate the student's unit to obtain the overall grade for the qualification.</li> </ul>	website.

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#### Appendix 4 **Grammar list**

GCSE students will be expected to acquire knowledge and understanding of Chinese grammar during their course. In the examination they will need to apply their knowledge and understanding, drawing from the following lists. The examples in brackets are indicative, not exclusive. For structures marked (R), only receptive knowledge is required.

#### Full/traditional characters

### 1. Stative verb

昨天冷。

他冷。

他不冷。

## 2. Verb to be

他是中國人。 他不是中國人。

#### 3. Question words

他是誰? 這是什麼? 他在哪兒? 誰去?

哪個好?

## 4. Subject and object

他喝茶。 他不喝茶。

## 5. Adverb

他常常喝茶。

## 6. Modal verb

他會說普通話。

## Simplified characters

### Stative verb

昨天冷。 他冷。 他不冷。

### Verb to be

他是中国人。 他不是中国人。

### **Question words**

他是谁? 这是什么? 他在哪儿? 谁去?

哪个好?

## Subject and object

他喝茶。 他不喝茶。

## **Adverb**

他常常喝茶。

### Modal verb

他会说普通话。

## 7. Coordinated subjects/topics + dou Coordinated subjects/topics + dou

小明和小英都喜歡看書。

## 小明和小英都喜欢看书。

### 8. Indirect questions

他問我去哪兒?

## **Indirect questions**

他问我去哪儿?

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## **Full/traditional characters**

## **Simplified characters**

### 10. Modification of nouns

With and without de 我有一個小電視。 我有一個很小的電視。

## 11. Choice type questions

你冷不冷? 他是不是英國人? 你喜不喜歡吃魚? 你冷嗎? 你是英國人嗎?

## 12. Measure words

你喜歡吃魚嗎?

Noun as own measures:

他三歲。 多少天?十四天。 Quantifying: 多少人?十個。 幾本書?三本。 Specifying: 哪個人?那個人。 哪本書?這本書。

每個人都喝茶。

## Modification of nouns

With and without *de* 我有一个小电视。 我有一个很小的电视。

## Choice type questions

你冷不冷? 他是不是英国人? 你喜不喜欢吃鱼? 你冷吗? 你是英国人吗? 你喜欢吃鱼吗?

#### Measure words

Noun as own measures:

他三岁。 多少天? 十四天。 Quantifying: 多少人? 十个。 几本书? 三本。 Specifying: 哪个人? 那个人。 哪本书? 这本书。 每个人都喝茶。

## 13. Number, measurement, currency

Asking quantity, price etc:

多少錢? 多高? 有幾本書? 他幾歲? Prices: 三十塊錢。 三十元。 三十鎊。

## Number, measurement, currency

Asking quantity, price etc: 多少钱? 多高? 有几本书? 他几岁? Prices: 三十块钱。 三十元。 三十镑。

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### Full/traditional characters

## 14. Reduplication of measure words (every)

他天天都去看電影。

## 15. Use of modal particle le

- a) to indicate that limits have been passed 他太胖了。
- b) to indicate a new situation or progression 他胖了。
- c) to express imminent action 北京快到了。
- d) to express completed action 中學畢業後,他就進了工廠。
- e) to express accomplished fact 他已經到北京了嗎?早就到了。

## 16. Conjunctions

和

雖然.....,但是

要是.....,就

因為....., 所以

也......也

除了......以外, .......

越.....越.....

## 17. Expression of location

你家在哪兒? 在市中心。

#### 18. Stative verbs as adverbs

好吃,好看,容易找,難學etc.

## Simplified characters

## Reduplication of measure words (every)

他天天都去看电影。

## Use of modal particle le

- a) to indicate that limits have been passed 他太胖了。
- b) to indicate a new situation or progression 他胖了。
- c) to express imminent action 北京快到了。
- d) to express completed action 中学毕业后,他就进了工厂。
- e) to express accomplished fact 他已经到北京了吗?早就到了。

## **Conjunctions**

和

虽然......但是

要是.....,就

因为......所以

也......也

除了.....,以外, ......

越.....越.....

## **Expression of location**

你家在哪儿? 在市中心。

#### Stative verbs as adverbs

好吃,好看,容易找,难学etc.

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## **Full/traditional characters**

請你用普通話說。 給他寫信。 替他寫。

## 20. Question words

a) used in indefinite sense 我不買什麼。 不怎麼清楚。

b) used to express inclusiveness and exclusiveness 我什麼都吃。

### 21. Verbs of movement:

誰都不認識他。

coming and going: 我從家裡來。 他要從法國去德國。 means of travel: 從倫敦到北京坐飛機需要多少錢? purpose in coming and going: 我去郵局買郵票。 你來我家聽音樂。

## 22. Time expressions

a) Asking the time:

幾點鐘?

你什麼時候去?

b) Word order in time expressions: year, month, day, 年月日 time of day, hour, minute 時分秒

- c) Time expressions placed before verb 火車幾點鐘開?
- d) Expression of length of time 從你家到學校要幾個小時?

## 23. Experiential suffix guo

你去過中國嗎? 我沒去過。

## Simplified characters

请你用普通话说。 给他写信。 替他写。

## **Question words**

a) used in indefinite sense 我不买什么。 不怎么清楚。 b) used to express inclusiveness and exclusiveness 我什么都吃。 谁都不认识他。

### Verbs of movement:

coming and going: 我从家里来。 他要从法国去德国。 means of travel: 从伦敦到北京坐飞机需要多少钱? purpose in coming and going: 我去邮局买邮票。 你来我家听音乐。

## **Time expressions**

a) Asking the time: 几点钟? 你什么时候去?

b) Word order in time expressions: year, month, day, 年月日 time of day, hour, minute 时分秒

- c) Time expressions placed before verb 火车几点钟开?
- d) Expression of length of time 从你家到学校要几个小时?

## **Experiential suffix guo**

你去过中国吗? 我没去过。

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## Full/traditional characters

## 24. Comparison

上海比南京大。 他的自行車跟我的一樣。 他的自行車跟我的一樣好。

## 25. Verb complements: resultative complements

看見 看不見 看得見

## 26. Proximity and remoteness

火車站離這兒多遠? 火車站離這兒很近/遠。

## 27. Predicative complements

他說普通話說得很好。

## **Simplified characters**

## Comparison

上海比南京大。 他的自行车跟我的一样。 他的自行车跟我的一样好。

## Verb complements: resultative complements

看见 看不见 看得见

## **Proximity and remoteness**

火车站离这儿多远? 火车站离这儿很近/远。

## **Predicative complements**

他说普通话说得很好。

## Appendix 5a

## Minimum core vocabulary list (simplified)

The following vocabulary list is intended to assist teachers in planning their work. It provides the minimum core generic vocabulary that all students will need to acquire (regardless of chosen theme). It is an essential vocabulary list that students should refer to and build on when preparing for listening and reading examinations.

All assessment tasks in *Unit 1: Listening and Understanding in Chinese* and *Unit 3: Reading and Understanding in Chinese* targeted at grades G-C will be based on this vocabulary list. Occasional glossing of individual words may occur in the examinations although this will be avoided whenever possible.

For the speaking and writing units, it is important to note that the vocabulary requirements, even within each of the chosen pathways (media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism, business, work and employment or centre-devised), could vary between students. Possible, non-prescribed, pathway-specific vocabulary lists will appear in the Student Guide and may be used or adapted as starting points for vocabulary acquisition.

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## **Verbs**

是 to be to have

做 to do, to be/become (occupation)

吃 to eat to drink

叫 to call, to be named 学习 to learn, to study 说 to say, speak, talk

想 to want

要 to want, be going to

喜欢 to like 爱 to love

会 to know how to, can 觉得 to think, to feel

问 to ask 知道 to know

懂 to understand 听 to listen/hear 写 to write

画 to draw/paint (picture)

看 to see, read, watch, look at

见/见面 to meet to live

请 to invite, to ask, please 让 to let, to allow, to make

进 to enter
出 to go out
坐 to sit
唱 to sing
跳 to jump
玩 to play

睡觉 to go to bed, to sleep

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开(灯/电视/门etc) to switch on, turn on, open 关 (灯/电视/门 etc) to close, to switch off 告诉 to tell 来 to come 夫 to go 口 to return 到 to arrive, to get to to be interested in 对……有兴趣 to know (be familiar with) 认识 应该 should to hope 希望 to wish 祝 试 to try 帮助 to help 买 to buy 卖 to sell 打 to play (ball game), make (phone call), to beat 踢 to play (football), kick 穿 to wear, to put on 用 to use 换(钱/车/衣服etc) to change 开始 to begin to drive 开车 停 to stop 等 to wait for 放 to put, to set free 给 to give 送 to give (present), to deliver, to say goodbye to someone (电子邮件) 发 to send (an email) to send (a letter) 寄 (信) 记 to remember, to write down 忘 to forget

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to laugh, smile

笑

洗to wash生气to get angry安静to be quiet好象to seem

找 to find, to look for

花 to spend (time/money), flower

参观 to visit (place)

## **Adjectives**

有趣 funny funny fam finneresting interesting boring fall useful rich 漂亮 beautiful

可爱 lovely, loveable 健康 healthy, health

干净 clean

舒服 comfortable 高兴 pleased, happy

快乐 happy

好玩 interesting, amusing, cute

好吃 delicious 快 fast, quick 慢 slow hungry

渴 thirsty mew 老 / 旧 old good 坏 bad

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最 most大 big 小 small

hard, difficult 难

容易 easy

hardworking 努力

cold冷 hot 热

correct, right 对

错 wrong far 远 近 near 胖,肥 fat thin 瘦

高 high, tall 长 long 短 short 一样 same

## **Colours**

颜色 colourred红 黄 yellow 蓝 blue 绿 green white 白 black 黑

## **Adverbs**

这里,这儿 here 那里,那儿 there附近 nearby 不 not

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没 not (have)

很 very 也 too

都 both, all sometimes

常常 often 再 again

可能 perhaps, possibly 很久 (for a) long time 马上 immediately 已经 already 更 more 差不多 almost

正在 to be in the process of

太.....了 too (adjectives) 非常..... extremely

## Numbers

特别

一,二,三,四,五,六,七,八,九,十 1-10

两 (for quantity)

two + Measure Word + noun

especially

百 hundred

于 thousand

万 10 thousand

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## Quantities

多 many, how (+ adjectives)

少 few several

↑ the most common measure word

条 a piece of

只 measure word for animal measure word for books

张 measure word for table, picture, map

etc

件 a piece of (garment)

碗 a bowl of

## Time expressions

从 from

今天 today

明天 tomorrow 昨天 yesterday

每天,天天 everyday 早 early

晚 late 早上,上午 morning

中午 midday 下午 afternoon

晚上 evening 现在 now

星期 week
周末 weekend
L 早期 last week

上星期 last week 下星期 next week 点 o'clock 小时/钟头 hour

分,分钟 minute 半 half

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今年 this year 明年 next year 去年 last year month 号/日 date

将来 future, in the future

## **Times**

## Days of the week

 星期一
 Monday

 星期二
 Tuesday

 星期三
 Wednesday

 星期四
 Thursday

 星期五
 Friday

 星期六
 Saturday

 星期日,星期天
 Sunday

## Months of the year

一月 January 二月 February 三月 March April四月 May 五月 June 六月 七月 July 八月 August 九月 September October 十月 November 十一月 December 十二月

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## **Question words**

吗

呢

吧

## Other high frequency words

我 I, me 你 you 他 he, him she, her 她

we, us, you, they, them 我们, 你们, 他们, 她们

这 那 that 些/一些 some 东西 thing 时间 time

办法 way, method

太太 Mrs 小姐 Miss 先生 Mr, sir 号码 number

## Countries/nationalities/languages

国家 country 中国 China

英国 United Kingdom

法国 France

美国 United States

亚洲 Asia 欧洲 Europe 国籍 nationality people, person language

外语 foreign language

汉语 / 普通话 Standard Chinese language

英语 English language 中文 Chinese language 法文 French language

## Social conventions

你好 hello

大家好 hello, everyone 晚上好 good evening good night goodbye

明天见 see you tomorrow

请问 excuse me 谢谢 thank you 对不起 sorry

没关系 it doesn't matter

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## **Prepositions**

in, at, on 在 ....以前 before..... ....以后 after..... ...... 的时候 during ..... 里 (边) in 外 (边) outside 前 (边) in front of behind 后(边) 中间 middle 对面 opposite 上 ир 下 down

## Context related language

## Getting around/town and region

在·····旁边 next to
在右边 on the right
在左边 on the left
欢迎 to welcome
火车 train
汽车 car

公共汽车 public bus

站 station, to stand

地铁 underground railway

飞机 plane airport 的 boat bicycle

走路 on foot, to walk

地方 place 票 ticket

售票处 ticket office

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行李 luggage 照相机 camera 护照 passport 明信片 postcard

市中心 city/town centre 房子 building, house

工厂 factory 银行 bank library 图书馆 博物馆 museum 体育馆 stadium 医院 hospital cinema 电影院 表演 perform

police station 警察局 post office 邮局 邮票 stamp 教堂 church音乐会 concert 展览会 exhibition 花园 garden 公园 park 动物园 zoo 商店 shop

超级市场 supermarket

转 to turn

购物中心 shopping centre
一直走 straight on

过 to cross (road, bridge, river etc)

下一个 the next 风景 scenery 桥 bridge

路 road, line/route, bus number

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Ш mountain, hill 河 river 湖 lake 海/大海 sea 海边 seaside 东 east 花 flower 草 grass 树 tree南 south 西 west north 北 春天 spring 夏天 summer 秋天 autumn 冬天 winter 天气 weather forecast 天晴 sunny 多云 cloud 风 wind rain雨 下雨 to rain 雪 snow 雾 fog 度 degree 太阳 sun 月亮 moon 旅游 tourism 订(房,票) book (hotel/of tickets, etc) 饭店 / 酒店 hotel 服务台 service desk

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attendant

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服务员

问题 question, problem

空调 air-condition

房间 room milet stitchen room toilet kitchen

电视, 电视机 TV, television (set)

游泳池 swimming pool

停车场 car park

广场 square

入口 entrance

出口 exit

放假 to break up, have a holiday

假期 holiday 时间表 timetable 城市 city

北京 Beijing
上海 Shanghai
香港 Hong Kong
台湾 Taiwan
化敦 London

长城 the Great Wall

天安门广场 Tiananmen Square

熊猫 panda 庙 temple 风筝 kite

筷子 chopsticks

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书法 calligraphy

国画 Chinese painting 毛筆 Chinese brush

春节/中国新年 Spring Festival/Chinese New Year

端午节 The Dragon Boat Festival 中秋节 The Mid-autumn Festival

圣诞节 Christmas activity

舞龙 dragon dance 舞狮 lion dance 龙舟 dragon boat

### Customer service and transactions

餐厅 restaurant

米饭 (cooked/boiled) rice 做饭 to cook, prepare a meal 点菜 to order (from a menu)

早饭/早餐 breakfast 面包 bread 面/面条 noodle fish 鱼 鸡 chicken 鸭 duck 蛋 egg 烤 roast 肉 meat 猪肉 pork 牛肉 beef 点心 snack 蛋糕 cake

青菜 vegetable 水 water 水果 fruit

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果汁 fruit juice 牛奶 milk汤 soup

soft drinks 汽水

茶 tea coffee咖啡 wine 酒 饺子 dumpling 粽子 rice dumpling

月饼 moon cake 菜单 menu

钱 money

钱包 wallet, purse

付钱 to pay credit card 信用卡

traveller's cheque 旅行支票 pound sterling 英镑 / 镑 元/块 dollar (yuan) 百货公司 department store 售货员 salesman/woman

鞋 shoe 裙子 skirt 裤子 trousers

毛衣 sweater/jumper

手表 watch

### Personal information

home, family 家

家人 family (member)

爸爸 father mother 妈妈

elder brother 哥哥 elder sister 姐姐

弟弟 younger brother

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younger sister
自己 self, oneself
介绍 introduce
结婚 marry
名字 first name
姓名 full name
年龄 age

出生 birth, to be born 出生日期 date of birth wenue, place friend

朋友 friend g-pal

青年人 young people 老年人 elderly people

头发hair眼睛eye眼镜glasses衣服clothes运动鞋trainers

手机 mobile phone emputer computer

电子游戏 electronic game

沙发 sofa 冰箱 fridge 礼物 present, s

礼物 present, gift 大学 university

中学 secondary school
小学 primary school
教室 classroom
中学会考 GCSE

桌子 table

椅子chair门door窗window钟clock礼堂hall

运动场 sports ground
足球 football
网球 tennis
乒乓球 table tennis
篮球 basketball
羽毛球 badminton

跑步 running, jogging

swimming

滑雪 skiing ice skating 以 team

游泳

队员 team member, player 运动员 athlete, sportsman tt 赛 match, competition to surf the internet

看书reading有空free time节目programme

歌 song 舞 dance 宠物 pet 狗 dog 猫 cat 鸟 bird

### Future plans, education and work

申请 to apply, application

面试 (job) interview

访问 interview work 兼职 part time headteacher

教师 teacher (occupation)

老师 teacher (title)

司机 driver 记者 journalist 演员 actor/actress

歌星 singer 经理 manager 医生 doctor 护士 nurse 和学家 scientist 工程师 engineer 工人 worker

做生意 business/trade

学生 student 学校 school 学期 school term 暑假 summer holiday

同学 schoolmate, classmate

大学 university

中学 secondary school 小学 primary school

上学 go to school (as a student)

上课 have a lesson homework 考试 examination

成绩 results, marks, achievement

科目 school subject

数学 maths 科学 science

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体育 PE (physical education)

历史history地理geography音乐music书book笔pen

报纸 newspaper
杂志 magazine
新闻 news
电子邮件 email
网址 website
网页 web page
旅行社 travel agency

介绍 introduction, to introduce

广告 advert 成人 adult

休息 break, rest plan, to plan 打算 plan, intention

# Appendix 5b Minimum core vocabulary list (traditional)

The following vocabulary list is intended to assist teachers in planning their work. It provides the minimum core generic vocabulary that all students will need to acquire (regardless of chosen theme). It is an essential vocabulary list that students should refer to and build on when preparing for listening and reading examinations.

All assessment tasks in *Unit 1: Listening and Understanding in Chinese* and *Unit 3: Reading and Understanding in Chinese* targeted at grades G-C will be based on this vocabulary list. Occasional glossing of individual words may occur in the examinations although this will be avoided whenever possible.

For the speaking and writing units, it is important to note that the vocabulary requirements, even within each of the chosen pathways (media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism, business, work and employment or centre-devised), could vary between students. Possible, non-prescribed, pathway-specific vocabulary lists will appear in the Student Guide and may be used or adapted as starting points for vocabulary acquisition.

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#### **Verbs**

是 to be

有 to have

to do, to be/become (occupation)

吃 eat

喝 to drink

叫 to call, to be named

學習 to learn, to study

說 to say, speak, talk

想 to want

要 to want, be going to

喜歡 to like

愛 to love

會 to know how to, can

覺得 to think, to feel

問 to ask

知道 to know

**惜** to understand

聽 to listen/hear

查 to write

畫 to draw/paint (picture)

看 to see, read, watch, look at

見/見面 to meet

住 to live

to invite, to ask, please

讓 to let, to allow, to make

to enter 進 to go out 出 to sit 坐

to sing 唱

to jump 跳 to play

玩

to go to bed, to sleep 睡覺

to switch on, turn on, open 開(燈/電視/門 etc)

to close, to switch off 關 (燈/電視/門 etc)

to tell 告訴

to come 來

to go 去

to return 回

to arrive, to get to 到

to be interested in 對......有興趣

to know (be familiar with) 認識

should 應該

to hope 希望

to wish 祝

to try 試

to help 幫助

to buy 買

to sell 曹

to play (ball game), make (phone 打

call), to beat

to play (football), kick 踢

to wear, to put on 穿

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用 to use

換(錢/車/衣服etc) to change

開始 to begin

開車 to drive

停 to stop

等 to wait for

放 to put, to set free

給 to give

送 to give (present), to deliver, to say

goodbye to someone

發 (電子郵件) to send (an email)

寄 (信) to send (a letter)

to remember, to write down

忘 to forget

笑 to laugh, smile

洗 to wash

生氣 to get angry

安靜 to be quiet

好像 to seem

找 to find, to look for

花 to spend (time/money), flower

參觀 to visit (place)

**Adjectives** 

有趣 funny

有意思 interesting

沒意思 boring

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useful

有錢rich漂亮beautiful可愛lovely, loveable健康healthy, health乾淨clean

有用

舒服 comfortable

高興 pleased, happy

快樂 happy

好玩 interesting, amusing, cute

好吃 delicious

快 fast, quick

慢 slow

忙 busy

累 tired

餓 hungry

渴 thirsty

新 new

老 / 舊 old

好 good

壞 bad

最 most

大 big

small عراب

難 hard, difficult

容易 easy

努力 hardworking

冷 cold

熱 hot

對 correct, right

錯 wrong

遠 far

近 near

胖,肥 fat

瘦 thin

高 high, tall

長 long

短 short

ー様 same

#### **Colours**

顔色 colour

紅 red

黄 yellow

藍 blue

線 green

**台** white

黑 black

### **Adverbs**

這裏,這兒 here

那裏,那兒 there

附近 nearby

不 not

沒 not (have)

很 very

也 too

都 both, all

有時候 sometimes

常常 often

再 again

可能 perhaps, possibly

很久 (for a) long time

馬上 immediately

已經

更 more

差不多 almost

特別 especially

正在 to be in the process of

太......了 too (adjectives)

非常..... extremely

### **Numbers**

一,二,三,四,五,六,七,八,九,十 <sup>1-10</sup>

兩 (for quantity)

two + Measure Word + noun

百 hundred

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 †
 thousand

萬 10 thousand

Quantities

多 many, how (+ adjectives)

少 few

幾個 several

the most common measure word

條 a piece of

只 measure word for animal

本 measure word for books

張 measure word for table, picture, map,

etc

件 a piece of (garment)

碗 a bowl of

Time expressions

從 from

今天 today

明天 tomorrow

昨天 yesterday

每天,天天 everyday

早 early

晚 late

早上,上午 morning

中午 *midday* 

下午 afternoon

晚上 evening

現在 now

星期 week

週末 weekend

上星期 last week

下星期 next week

點 o'clock

小時/鐘頭 hour

分,分鐘 minute

半 half

今年 this year

明年 next year

去年 last year

月 month

號/日 date

將來 future, in the future

#### **Times**

#### Days of the week

星期一 Monday

星期二 Tuesday

星期三 Wednesday

星期四 Thursday

星期五 Friday

星期六 Saturday

星期日,星期天 Sunday

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# Months of the year

一月 January

二月 February

三月

March

四月 April

五月 May

六月 June

七月

八月 August

九月

十月 October

十一月

十二月

### **Question words**

嗎

呢

吧

# Other high frequency words

我 I, me

你 you

他 he, him

她 she, her

我們, 你們, 他們, 她們 we, us, you, they, them

這 this

那 that

些/一些 some

東西 thing

時間 time

辦法 way, method

太太 Mrs

小姐 Miss

先生 Mr, sir

號碼 number

# Countries/nationalities/languages

國家 country

中國

英國 United Kingdom

法國 France

美國 United States

亞洲 Asia

歐洲 Europe

國籍 nationality

人 people, person

語言 language

外語 foreign language

漢語 / 普通話 Standard Chinese language

英語 English language

中文 Chinese language

法文 French language

#### Social conventions

你好 hello

大家好 hello, everyone

晚上好 good evening

晚安 good night

再見 goodbye

明天見 see you tomorrow

請問 excuse me

謝謝 thank you

對不起 sorry

沒關係 it doesn't matter

### **Prepositions**

在 in, at, on

.....以前 before......

.....以後 after......

..... 的時候 during ......

裏 (邊) in

外(邊) outside

前 (邊) in front of

後(邊) behind

中間 middle

對面 opposite

上 up

下 down

# Context related language

# Getting around/town and region

在……旁邊 next to

在右邊 on the right

在左邊 on the left

歡迎 to welcome

火車 train

汽車 car

公共汽車 public bus

站 station, to stand

地鐵 underground railway

飛機 plane

飛機場 airport

船 boat

自行車,單車 bicycle

走路 on foot, to walk

地方 place

票 ticket

售票處 ticket office

免費 free (of charge)

行李 luggage

照相機 camera

護照 passport

明信片 postcard

市中心 city/town centre

房子 building, house

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factory 工廠

bank 銀行

library 圖書館

museum 博物館

stadium 體育館

hospital 醫院

cinema 電影院

perform 表演

police station 警察局

post office 郵局

stamp 郵票

church 教堂

concert 音樂會

exhibition 展覽會

garden 花園

park 公園

zoo 動物園

shop 商店

超級市場

轉

購物中心

一直走

過

下一個

scenery 風景

橋

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supermarket

shopping centre

to cross (road, bridge, river, etc)

straight on

the next

bridge

to turn

路 road, line/route, bus number

Щ mountain, hill

河 river

湖

海/大海 sea

海邊 seaside

東 east

花 flower

草 grass

樹 tree

南 south

西 west

北 north

春天 spring

夏天 summer

秋天 autumn

冬天 winter

天氣 weather forecast

天晴 sunny

多雲 cloud

風 wind

雨 rain

下雨 to rain

■ Snow

**愛** 

度 degree

太陽 sun

月亮 moon

旅遊 tourism

訂(房,票) book (hotel/of tickets, etc)

飯店 / 酒店 hotel

服務台 service desk

服務員 attendant

問題 question, problem

空調 air-condition

房間 room

廁所 toilet

廚房 kitchen

電視,電視機 TV, television (set)

游泳池 swimming pool

停車場 car park

廣場 square

入口 entrance

出口 exit

放假 to break up, have a holiday

假期 holiday

時間表 timetable

城市 city

北京 Beijing

上海
Shanghai

香港 Hong Kong

臺灣 / 台灣 Taiwan

倫敦 London

長城 the Great Wall

天安門廣場
Tiananmen Square

熊貓 panda

廟 temple

風箏 kite

筷子 *chopsticks* 

書法 calligraphy

國畫 Chinese painting

毛筆 Chinese brush

春節/中國新年 Spring Festival /Chinese New Year

端午節 The Dragon Boat Festival

中秋節 The Mid-autumn Festival

聖誕節 Christmas

活動 activity

舞龍 dragon dance

舞獅 lion dance

龍舟 dragon boat

#### Customer service and transactions

餐廳 restaurant

米飯 (cooked/boiled) rice

做飯 to cook, prepare a meal

點菜 to order (from a menu)

早飯/早餐 breakfast

**麵包** bread

麵/麵條 noodle

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fish 魚 chicken 雞 duck 鴨 egg 蛋 roast 烤 meat 肉 pork 豬肉 beef 牛肉 snack 點心 cake蛋糕 vegetable 青菜 water 水 fruit 水果 fruit juice 果汁 milk牛奶 soup 湯 soft drinks 汽水 茶 tea 咖啡 coffee酒 wine dumpling 餃子 rice dumpling 粽子 moon cake 月餅 menu 功能表 money 錢 wallet, purse 錢包

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to pay

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信用卡 credit card

旅行支票 traveller's cheque

英鎊/鎊 pound sterling

元/塊 dollar (yuan)

百貨公司 department store

售貨員 salesman/woman

鞋 shoe

裙子 skirt

褲子 trousers

毛衣 sweater/jumper

手錶 watch

### Personal information

家 home, family

家人 family (member)

爸爸 father

媽媽 mother

哥哥 elder brother

姐姐 elder sister

弟弟 younger brother

妹妹 younger sister

自己 self, oneself

介紹 introduce

結婚 marry

名字 first name

姓名 full name

年齡 age

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...years old .....歲

birthday 生日

year 年

birth, to be born 出生

date of birth 出生日期

venue, place 地點

friend 朋友

e-pal 網友

young people 青年人

elderly people 老年人

hair 頭髮

eye 眼睛

glasses 眼鏡

clothes 衣服

trainers 運動鞋

mobile phone 手機

computer 電腦

electronic game 電子遊戲

sofa 沙發

冰箱

禮物

university 大學

secondary school 中學

classroom 教室

中學會考

小學

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fridge

present, gift

primary school

桌子 table

椅子 chair

P目 door

窗 window

鐘 clock

禮堂 hall

運動場 sports ground

足球 football

網球 tennis

乒乓球 table tennis

籃球 basketball

羽毛球 badminton

游泳
swimming

跑步 running, jogging

滑雪 skiing

溜冰 ice skating

隊 team

隊員 team member, player

運動員 athlete, sportsman

比賽 match, competition

上網 to surf the internet

看書 reading

有空 free time

節目 programme

歌 song

舞 dance

寵物 pet

狗 dog

貓 cat

鳥 bird

# Future plans, education and work

申請 to apply, application

面試 (job) interview

訪問 interview

工作 work

兼職 part time

校長 headteacher

教師 teacher (occupation)

老師 teacher (title)

司機 driver

記者 journalist

演員 actor/actress

歌星 singer

經理 manager

醫生 doctor

護士 nurse

科學家 scientist

工程師 engineer

工人 worker

做生意 business/trade

學生 student

學校 school

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學期 school term

暑假 summer holiday

同學 schoolmate, classmate

大學
university

中學 secondary school

小學 primary school

上學 go to school (as a student)

上課 have a lesson

作業 homework

考試 examination

成績 results, marks, achievement

科目 school subject

數學 maths

科學 science

體育 PE (physical education)

歷史 history

地理 geography

音樂 music

書 book

**≆** pen

報紙 newspaper

雜誌 magazine

新聞 news

電子郵件 email

網址 website

網頁 web page

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travel agency 旅行社

introduction, to introduce 介紹

廣告 advert

adult 成人

to earn money 賺錢

pocket money 零花錢/零用錢

company/office 公司

salary, wages 工資

work experience 工作經驗

break, rest 休息

plan, to plan 計劃

plan, intention 打算

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