



9-1 English grade boundaries and notional component grade boundaries

GCSE English Language 9-1 (1EN0) and English Literature (1ET0) are linear qualifications. The raw marks for each component are added together to give 'total subject marks' and these are used to set grade boundaries.

Candidate Statements of Provisional Results only show the grade for a linear qualification. The centre receives a 'component mark' list that shows, for each candidate, the overall subject mark plus the raw mark achieved on each component.

Using grade boundaries to make decisions on whether to request a review of marking

Component level grade boundaries for linear qualifications are notional, and achieving a raw mark that equates to a 'grade 7' at component level, has no immediate bearing on the grade that will be awarded at qualification level once raw marks have been totalled to arrive at the total subject marks. This should be considered when deciding whether to apply for a review of marking (an EAR). A change in a raw mark that results in a change in 'grade' at component level may not equate to a change in grade at qualification level.

Example for 1EN0

Grade boundaries (summer 2017):

English Language			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1EN0	English Language	Raw	160	134	123	112	99	86	74	52	30	9	0

Notional component grade boundaries

English Language			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
1EN0	English Language Paper 01	Raw	64	54	49	45	39	34	29	20	12	4	0
1EN0	English Language Paper 02	Raw	96	80	73	67	59	52	45	31	18	5	0

Candidate X's results

Grade achieved	5
Total subject marks	90

	Raw marks
1EN0 01	33/64
1EN0 02	57/96
	90/160

Candidate X is 9 marks away from a grade 6. A 2 mark increase on 1EN0 02 following a review of marking would result in candidate X receiving a notional '6' on this paper (as the raw

component grade boundary for a 6 is 59 raw marks), but this would not result in a change to the overall qualification grade (33+59=92, 7 marks short of the 99 grade boundary for a 6 at qualification level).

If you need any further guidance on this, please contact the English Subject Advisor at teachingenglish@pearson.com.

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