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This was the first November series for the Spoken Language Endorsement (SLE) for this specification. As November is a re-sit opportunity with most candidates transferring the SLE grade they have already obtained, there were very few entries.

Most work was submitted by the deadline but some was uploaded after this date. On the whole, recordings were labelled correctly but it is important to remember that the grade should be included as well as centre and candidate numbers and candidate name. [The specification gives details of exactly how recordings should be labelled.] Most recordings were clear but care should be taken with the placement of the recording device to ensure that the candidate and all questioners are audible.

Most of those who submitted a presentation were awarded a Pass grade and these were nearly always agreed by the monitor. These candidates gave straightforward talks on their chosen topic and were able to answer questions; it is important that questions are not closed but are used effectively to support the candidate in expanding their points.

Some Merit grades were awarded and, whilst most were agreed, some candidates were only just achieving at this level and others had been awarded the grade when all criteria were not securely met. Some were so reliant on notes that they did not really address the needs of their audience. It is important that candidates are not simply reading from a script or from a PowerPoint slide. At this level the candidates spoke clearly and delivered well-structured presentations, but some missed opportunities to develop more thought-provoking details of the subject; here again the type of questions asked can help the candidate to explore issues. Topics must be carefully considered so that candidates can present details considered to be 'challenging' as opposed to 'straightforward', where content tends to be limited to facts and opinions.

The few Distinctions seen were agreed; candidates at this level engaged their listeners effectively, delivered strong and powerful talks and were able to respond perceptively to questions. It is, however, important to remember that a presentation including a question and answer session should last no longer than 10 minutes in total.

For further guidance and feedback on presentations centres should revisit the summer 2023 report.

It is very important that the SLE submission guidance for centres is adhered to. Points to remember are as follows:

**1EN2** is for students sitting the qualification for the first time or students resitting and wanting to make a new attempt at the SLE. **SLE grades and video-recordings must be submitted for these students.**

**1EN2 T** is for students who have achieved 'Pass,' 'Merit' or 'Distinction' in a previous series (with Edexcel or another awarding organisation) and want to carry forward the SLE grade they have already obtained. **SLE grades and video-recordings are NOT submitted for these students.**

Centres should not enter a candidate who is resitting and carrying forward a SLE grade for 1EN2 and enter 'NC' as a grade or fail to submit a video-recording for the candidate. Such an approach will result in the centre monitor contacting the centre to understand the 'NC' or lack of video-recording.

Presentations should be uploaded to the Learner Work Transfer (LWT) portal. It is important that the 'submit' button is pressed to complete the process.

An assessment record sheet should be completed for each student and the records sheets of students whose work is submitted should be uploaded to the Administration Material section of the LWT portal (ideally as a single PDF).

Please ensure also that all work is uploaded to the LWT and all grades entered on Edexcel online by the given deadline date.