

Spotlight on: GCSE speaking assessments

We have rounded up everything you need to know about GCSE speaking assessments in this resource, from administration to revision.

Don't forget to check the [speaking window dates](#) when scheduling your orals.

If you will be conducting GCSE orals or just need insight into how best to help your students with their speaking preparation, here's where to look for support.

Rapid refresh	Quick questions
<p>If you're short of time, watch this 12-minute video on how to conduct the speaking exam.</p> <p>Please note that speaking recordings must now be submitted digitally via Learner Work Transfer (LWT) – instructions are provided in the LWT guidance.</p>	<p>Find the answers to frequently asked questions about speaking assessments in our FAQ resource.</p>
Exam examples	Conversation ideas
<p>Download speaking exemplars of past candidates in action, with marks and examiner commentaries.</p> <p>Available for French, German and Spanish GCSE.</p>	<p>Example conversation questions are available in French, German, Spanish and in English (for translation into other target languages).</p> <p>These offer some inspiration for task 3, which should be a spontaneous interaction in the target language.</p>
Admin support	Essential forms
<p>The administrative support guide includes all the key information, such as dates, access arrangements, paperwork and digital submission via the online LWT portal.</p>	<p>The candidate speaking form (CS2) must be submitted online with the speaking recordings using LWT.</p> <p>The candidates' notes form (CN2) should be retained securely by the centre until the end of October.</p>

Oral overview

This [overview of the GCSE oral](#) summarises the key information you need in just three pages.

You may also want to refer to our [crib sheet](#), which sets out what to say at the start of the recording and for the transitions between tasks. Examples are given in French, German and Spanish but could be easily adapted to other languages.

Examiner reports

Read the feedback our examiners gave on past speaking assessments to glean top tips from the experts.

Examiner reports are provided on our website with the past papers:

[Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Greek](#) | [Italian](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Urdu](#) | [Gujarati](#) | [Persian](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Turkish](#)

Spec essentials

Don't forget to re-read the specification for the course, which sets out exactly what the speaking exam covers, including the timings for each task and the mark schemes.

Choose your language:

[Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Greek](#) | [Gujarati](#) | [Italian](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Persian](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Turkish](#) | [Urdu](#)

Past papers

Practice speaking with your students using the past exam materials available on our website:

[Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Greek](#) | [Italian](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Urdu](#)

Sample assessment materials are also available:

[Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Greek](#) | [Gujarati](#) | [Italian](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Persian](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Turkish](#) | [Urdu](#) | [Gujarati](#) | [Persian](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Turkish](#)

Speaking practice

For French, German and Spanish GCSE, help your students revise with our speaking resource packs:

[Conversation practice activities](#)

(including complex structures, vocabulary lists, help sheets and conversation record).

[Picture-based task activities](#)

(including key phrases, picture cards, help sheets, activities PowerPoint and task record).

These resources could be adapted by teachers of other languages.

Live training

We offer free CPD on conducting the speaking exam in the autumn and spring terms through the [Professional Development Academy](#).

If you missed the live events, you can review the slides to catch up on this content:

[GCSE MFL Conducting the speaking exam \(all languages\)](#).

