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# We're accredited!

The key features you have seen in our draft specification have all been approved for our accredited specification!

**Take a closer look at how we stand apart.**

- ✓ **Student-centred**
- ✓ **Evidence and research based**
- ✓ **Compassionate**

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## Speaking

Order of tasks	Read Aloud Role Play Picture with conversation	Role Play Read Aloud Picture Task with conversation	Read Aloud Role Play Picture with conversation
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## Read Aloud

Read aloud practice permitted?	Yes	No	No
Number of Read Aloud follow up questions	2	4	3

## Role Play

Role play contexts transactional or casual?	Transactional	Casual	Mixed
Formal register required?	No	No	Yes, in formal contexts
Pre-set list of potential role play settings?	Yes	No	No

***"You feel more confident."***

Role play responses in response order?	Yes	Yes	No
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## Picture card with conversation

Picture card in colour?	Yes	No	Yes
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***"Colour pictures give you a lot more detail to describe."***

Picture card thematic context selected by the student in advance?	Yes	No	No
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***"Picking in advance allows you to focus in with your revision and then [it] is a comfort to have that topic as you feel prepared."***

Student choice of picture to describe?	Yes	No	No
Students required to describe more than one image?	No	Yes	Yes

***"With one image, you can talk in detail about it rather than just some high-level observations, it also means that you won't get confused jumping between images."***

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## Listening

Number of repeats

3

2

2

***"It is good to have more time on questions and separate them better."***

## Dictation

Gap fill or sentence completion?

Both

Gap fill

Sentences

Thematically related?

Yes

No

Yes

Student is penalised for grammatical mistakes even if they cannot be heard when spoken?

No

Yes

Yes

Student is penalised for misspelling, even if the Sound Symbol Correspondence can be accurately spelt in different ways?

No

Yes

Yes

## Reading

Separate reading paper?

Yes

Yes

No

All answers are in English?

Yes

Yes

No

Longer texts are 'chunked' into shorter sections?

Yes

No

No

***"It made the question less overwhelming."***

Includes images that provide context on unfamiliar people or places, to ensure all students have a shared understanding?

Yes

No

No

Avoids negative constructions in questions?

Yes

No

No

## Translation

Thematically linked?

Yes

No

Yes

***"It's easier to understand and less stressful."***



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<b>Writing</b>			
Separate writing paper	Yes	Yes	No
Picture description in colour?	Yes	No	N/A
<b><i>“Colours give you something else to describe about the photo if you want.”</i></b>			
Options for every longer open response question on both tiers?	Yes	No	No
<b><i>“It was easy because I knew about the [options] I picked.”</i></b>			
Number of supporting bullet points increases with the question demand?	Yes	No	No
<b><i>“[I] would rather be told the topic and tense, it makes it easier to hit the marks.”</i></b>			
<b>Translation</b>			
Task appears at the end of the paper?	Yes	No	Yes
Thematically related?	Yes	No	Yes