

International GCSEs in English (linear): coursework and SLE submission guidance

This guidance contains information on the following submissions:

- International GCSE English Language A (4EA1 03 & optional Spoken Language Endorsement [SLE])
- International GCSE English Language B (optional Spoken Language Endorsement)
- International GCSE English Literature (4ET1 03)

Changes for coursework submissions in the June 2026 exam series and thereafter (4EA1 and 4ET1)

You'll need to submit your centre coursework marks **before we release the list of students selected for the moderation sample**.

Once you've made your entries by **March 21**, submit your centre marks on Edexcel Online.

The Learner Work Transfer (LWT) portal opens on **13 April 2026** for the June 2026 exam series.

If your centre marks are submitted before this date, your moderation sample will be available in the LWT from 13 April, and you can upload student work for moderation straight away.

If you submit your centre marks on or after 13 April, your moderation sample will appear in the LWT **within 6 hours**.

The deadline for submitting your sample remains 15 May (June series) and 5 November (November series).

SLE sample submissions in the June 2026 exam series and thereafter (4EA1 and 4EB1)

You will be able to enter your SLE grades on Edexcel Online **as soon as you have made entries by 21 March (June series) or 12 September (November series)**.

The LWT will be available for you to select your sample and then upload your video-recordings from **13 April** for the June series and 5 October for the November series.

As before, you will select your own sample using the 'manage learners' function and following the instructions from the specifications (10 passes, 10 merits and 10 distinctions from across teaching groups).

The deadline for submitting your self-selected SLE sample remains 15 May (June series) and 5 November (November series).

Entry codes: full details are available in the Int GCSE section of the [Information Manual](#) each academic year. These [slides/video](#) explain how to select codes.

Carrying forward coursework marks from a previous exam series

Students may carry forward coursework marks/SLE grades from a previous exam series using the appropriate entry codes in the Information Manual. If a mark/grade is being carried forward,

there is no requirement to re-enter the mark/grade on Edexcel Online or the student's work/recording in the sample. We will access the grade from your previous submission.

English Language A and English literature coursework

Where are the mark schemes for the coursework?

In the specifications.

[English Language A](#), issue 7: p. 19–22. [English Literature](#), issue 3: p. 21–22.

Authentication sheets [English Language A](#) [English literature](#)

Please upload one pdf per student which contains:

The completed authentication sheet on top

Assignment A

Assignment B

Informing candidates of their centre assessed marks prior to submission

Candidates must be told the mark given by their centre for a centre-assessed component/unit.

This requirement is to enable candidates to request a review of the

centre's marking prior to the marks being submitted to Pearson, should they wish to do so.

Please see the [JCQ guidance](#).

Do I need to carry out internal standardisation?

In large centres with multiple teachers, it's essential that you carry out internal moderation before you finalise the coursework marks. You should sample double-mark, selecting mark points within the same level from different teaching sets. The double marking should continue until you are satisfied that you have achieved comparability.

Please see [this guidance](#) on avoiding common pitfalls.

Small schools with only one teacher need not carry out internal standardisation. It is helpful to upload a covering note to the LWT with your sample explaining that you are in this situation.

How should I annotate the work?

It's important that you annotate the coursework to show the moderator how you have interpreted the mark scheme and applied it to the students' work. **Please ensure that the audience for your comments is clearly the moderator rather than the student.**

What are the grade boundaries?

You should not attempt to grade the work; you should be marking the work by applying the mark scheme in a consistent manner.

Grade boundaries, which are subject to change each exam series, are published on the [grade boundaries page](#) of our website. We publish notional component grade boundaries and actual grade boundaries at qualification level.

Candidates who cannot be awarded a mark or who are absent

A score of zero should only be used if a candidate has submitted work that is found to meet none of the assessment criteria. An X should be used for any candidate who is absent.

How do I submit my marks? [Find out how here](#)

Your marks should be submitted via Edexcel Online. **You must save a copy of the marks for your own records, ensuring there are no errors at the time of entry.** Moderators are grateful if you upload your list of marks from Edexcel Online to the 'administration materials' section of the LWT to give them an overview of all your marks.

To enter marks you must have 'basic access' and 'Coursework and Portfolio' ticked on your Edexcel Online profile. If you don't have this, your exams officer can amend your profile.

Where is the Edexcel Online link?

Access [Edexcel Online](#).

If you need to be set up with an Edexcel Online account, please ask your exams officer. If you've forgotten your Edexcel Online password, you can [generate a new one](#).

Identifying the sample of work that needs to be uploaded to the LWT

The sample will show on the LWT from 13 April (for the May/June exam series), if you entered your marks before this date, or 6 hours after you submit your marks (after 13 April).

If any of the called-for candidates have been withdrawn or have incomplete submissions, please upload additional candidates' work of a comparable level, and upload a covering note to your moderator on the LWT.

Word counts, titles, quotations, bibliographies, AI, font style and size, line spacing, page numbers, and information to include

Word counts

4EA1

Assignment A: 1200 words

Assignment B: 700 words

4ET1

Assignment A and B: 650–800 words each

Please note the word count for each assignment on the coursework.

Titles, bibliographies and footnotes (that are references rather than content) are not included in word counts. Quotations are included. **Word counts are advisory and there is no penalty for exceeding them.**

Coursework title

Ensure the specific title of the coursework assignment appears on the first page. This should not be 'Macbeth coursework'.

Quotations

Are included in word counts.

Bibliographies

Neither the coursework for 4EA1 nor 4ET1 requires the use of secondary sources. If a student has used any, including websites or study guides, these must be properly referenced in the body of the text with full details provided in a bibliography.

AI

Students can't be rewarded for any aspect of their coursework which is the output of AI use (planning, structuring, quote searching, critical views or stylistic improvement).

Font style and size

Coursework should be in an easy-to-read font such as Arial, no larger than pt 12.

Line spacing

Please use double-spacing.

Page numbers

Please use these.

Information to include

The first page should contain the student's full name, but it is not necessary to use a header.

English Language specification A & B: Optional Spoken Language Endorsement (SLE)

The SLE is optional on 4EA1 and 4EB1. If you have students entered for the SLE, you must submit both grades and a sample of video-recordings of the assessments. You should complete the assessment record sheet and upload those for the selected sample to the LWT.

Where is the mark scheme and the key guidance for the optional SLE?

In the specifications. English [Language A](#): p. 25. [English Language B](#): p. 11. [standardising materials](#) (video clips requiring an Edexcel Online login).

SLE authentication sheets

[Spoken Language Endorsement Assessment Record Sheet 4EA1, 4EB1 and 4XEA1 including AI declaration](#)

You should complete these whilst assessing candidates. Upload the authentication sheets for the 30 candidates in your video sample to the 'administration materials' section of the LWT. Retain the other sheets in centre. Monitors are grateful if you also upload your list of grades from Edexcel Online to give them an overview of all your grades.

Informing candidates of their centre assessed marks prior to submission

As with the coursework marks (see above) candidates must be told the grade given by their centre for the SLE prior to submission. If a candidate is unhappy with their grade, they can be given the opportunity to carry out the SLE again.

Do I need to carry out internal standardisation?

Yes, you should use the [standardising materials](#) (Edexcel Online login required) to standardise all teachers assessing the SLE.

How do I submit my grades?

Your grades should be submitted online via Edexcel Online. **You must save a copy of the grades for your own records and check that no errors have occurred at the time of entry.**

How do I submit my video-recordings of the SLE?

These are uploaded to the LWT.

- The names of the candidates in the sample are selected by the centre (not by Pearson).
- You must add the students that you have selected using the 'manage learners' button in the LWT.
- The names will thereafter show in your sample list.
- Centres with 30 or more candidates submit 10 distinctions, 10 merits and 10 passes from across teaching groups. If you have 10 passes in your cohort, for example, you must select 10 pass video samples, even if this requires backfilling recordings. For this reason, it's advisable to record more than 10 of each grade across your cohort.
- Centres with fewer than 30 candidates submit all video-recordings.

[Use the LWT guide for help.](#)

Summary of what to do if you have students with SLE entries:

- Assess all students with SLE entries.
- Make 30 video-recordings of a sample of students across teaching groups (10 passes, 10 merits and 10 distinctions).
- Inform students of the grade they have achieved prior to submission.
- Submit SLE grades for all students entered on Edexcel Online as soon as you have made entries.
- Upload the assessment record sheets for the students you have selected for the sample (ideally as a single pdf) to the 'Administration Material' section of the LWT and retain the remaining assessment record sheets in centre.
- Submit a sample of 30 video-recordings of assessments from across teaching groups to the LWT.

Making up the sample

No. of students at centre	No. of students whose presentations must be recorded	Minimum no. of students at each grade (D, M, P)+
30 or fewer	All students	10 ⁺⁺
Over 30	30	10 ⁺⁺⁺

The sample should be representative of the teaching groups within the centre.

+ All students at a grade if the centre has fewer than the stated minimum. Students assessed as Not Classified should not be included.

++ For example, if a centre has 15 D students, 11 M students and 3 P students, all of these students will be in the sample.

+++ For example:

(a) if a centre has 21 D students, 14 M students and 3 P students, the sample will consist of 10 of the D students, 10 of the M students and all of the P students, with 7 additional students (from D and/or M) to make the overall sample up to 30.

(b) if a centre has no D students, 7 M students and 60 P students, the sample will consist of all of the M students and 23 of the P students.