

FAQs 4: International GCSE in English (2nd language)

How do I access speaking tasks for the International GCSE English (Second language) optional speaking papers?

If your centre has entered candidates for the speaking unit on time, the Paper 3 speaking cards will be sent out to centres in time for the orals to be conducted in the oral window (15 April–10 June 2015). Despatch of the cards can be delayed if centres have made late entries. Teachers can access these materials **no more than three working days** before the chosen date of the examination.

If you're looking for tasks that you can use for classroom practice, please visit the [International GCSE in English \(2nd language\) qualification homepage](#) and download previous Paper 3 question papers from the 'Question papers' category. There are also other examples in the [specification and sample assessment materials](#) document.

Can we conduct our Edexcel International GCSE English (2nd language) orals over two days for large cohorts?

It is possible to conduct the orals over more than one day if there is a large cohort. 'A large cohort' relates to a number of students that would prove impossible to accommodate in one day of examining. A typical maximum norm would be 15 candidates per teacher per day. If extending the examination period beyond one day, the orals would need to be done on *consecutive* days (they should not, therefore, be set on a Friday and Monday).