

GCSE Grade Descriptors: Speaking

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A

Students initiate and develop conversations and discussions and narrate events. They express and justify ideas and points of view and produce longer sequences of speech, using a variety of vocabulary, structures and tenses. They speak confidently, with good pronunciation and intonation. They adapt language to deal with unprepared situations. The message is clear, although there may still be some errors, especially when students use more complex structures.

B

Students initiate and develop conversations and discuss matters of personal or topical interest. They improvise and paraphrase. Their pronunciation and intonation are good and their language is usually accurate.

C

Students develop conversations and simple discussions which include past, present and future events, involving the use of different tenses. They express personal opinions and show an ability to deal with some predictable elements. Although there may be some errors, they convey a clear message and their pronunciation and intonation are generally accurate.

D

Students take part in short conversations, conveying information and opinions in simple terms. They refer to everyday activities and interests as well as recent experiences or future plans. There may be some errors, but pupils can be understood with little or no difficulty.

E

Students take part in simple, structured conversations. They use their knowledge of grammar to adapt and substitute single words and phrases. Their pronunciation is generally accurate and their intonation is generally consistent.

F

Students take part in simple conversations showing some ability to substitute words and phrases. Their pronunciation is generally accurate. There may be grammatical inaccuracies, but the main points are communicated.

G

Students give short, simple responses to what they see and hear. They are able to use set phrases. Their pronunciation may be approximate and their delivery hesitant, but their meaning is generally clear.