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Unit 3: Speaking

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Assessment Criteria – GCSE Speaking (non-controlled assessment)

	Communication	Range of Language	Accuracy	Interaction and Fluency	Total
Presentation & Discussion	8	4	4	4	20
Conversation	8	4	4	4	20
Total	16	8	8	8	40

Marks	Communication (Presentation & Discussion and Conversation)
7-8	A good range of information and points of view are conveyed. Responses are developed/explained with confidence. Can narrate events.
4-6	A fair amount of information and points of view conveyed. Responses are regularly developed beyond the minimum.
1-3	Some simple information and opinions conveyed. Some responses rarely developed beyond the minimum.
0	No relevant information conveyed

Marks	Range of Language (Presentation & Discussion and Conversation)
4	A wide range of vocabulary, complex structures and a variety of verb tenses.
3	A range of vocabulary; some complex structures.
2	Limited vocabulary; sentences short and simple.
1	Very limited vocabulary – just isolated words and occasional phrases.
0	No recognisable words.

Marks	Accuracy (Presentation & Discussion and Conversation)
4	All messages are clear and errors usually appear only in more complex structures. Accent and intonation consistently good.
3	Messages are clear in spite of some errors. Accent and intonation generally good but some inconsistency.
2	Most messages are communicated though errors are quite frequent. Accent and intonation sometimes delay communication.
1	Some messages are communicated but errors are very frequent. Accent and intonation make comprehension difficult.
0	No messages are communicated.

Marks	Interaction and Fluency (Presentation & Discussion and Conversation)
4	Responds readily and shows initiative. Conversation sustained at a reasonable speed, language expressed fluently.
3	Ready responses; some evidence of an ability to sustain a conversation; may sometimes take the initiative.
2	Some reaction. Sometimes hesitant, little natural flow of language.
1	Little reaction. Very hesitant and disjointed.
0	No language produced is worthy of credit.

- The marks awarded for Range of Language, Accuracy, Interaction and Fluency must not be more than one mark higher than the mark awarded for Communication.
- A mark of zero for Communication will automatically result in a zero mark for the task as a whole.

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