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English Assessment Planner

Level 6.1

Grade 8 Advanced

Term 3

2023 – 2024

Overview

In this assessment planner, you will find all of the tools and information you need to plan and implement Term 3 assessments. While every effort has been made to provide complete and accurate information in this document, there is a possibility that elements of the assessment plan will be updated as the term progresses. If the need arises, updates will be communicated as soon as the assessment team is aware of the change.

Level Alignments

Level alignments allow you to access and understand targeted learning outcomes and assessment goals for your students. Level alignments include the English Language Curriculum Framework for Excellence (ECFE) Level, the Literacy Level, the CEFR Level, the Lexile Range, the Global Scale of English level, a list of National and International Assessments, and a list of assessed curriculum frameworks.

Coverage, Prerequisite Grammar and Core Lexis

Coverage details are of particular importance in planning instruction for the term. In order to ensure that students are fully prepared for assessments, ensure frequent exposure to Term 3 assessment topics, lexis, grammar and functional language found in **this** document. Coverage may differ from what is featured in the course books. In order to support learning, the grammar points that will be assessed in the at-level texts in the GSE grammar column have been augmented with the prerequisite grammar points – the language points that the student needs to understand before they can access the assessed grammar point. A teaching resource with examples of Term 3 grammatical points and functional language will be released to provide support for all Term 3 assessments. A list of some of the core lexis that will be included in the at-level texts and questions is provided in this document. We recommend using the information in the coverage details and core lexis to develop your own resources to provide additional exposure to assessed topics, language points and vocabulary throughout the term.

Term 3 Assessments

In Term 3 Assessments, you will find a list of all assessments for the term including the assessment type, weights for the term and the academic year, potential Continuous Assessment tasks, and a brief description of each End of Term assessment.

Specifications and Guidance

Guidance will be provided ahead of implementation and all specifications are included in the document. The specifications and guidance are similar to the documents released by the assessment team in previous years, with some updates to formatting and content for cohesion and to reflect changes to the assessment plan for the current academic year. Specifications and guidance are provided for the Reading and Writing Summative Assessments.

Level Alignments

Curriculum	ECFE Level	Literacy Level	Phase	CEFR Level	Lexile Range	GSE Level	National and International Assessment
Grade 8 Advanced (8 Advanced)	6.1	Level 4	4	B1 – B1+	1000L - 1370L	47 - 50	EmSAT Advantage – Grade 8 EmSAT 975 - 1050

Curriculum Frameworks Assessed:

- English Language Curriculum Framework for Excellence
- Literacy and Communication Framework
- English Language Learning Continuum

Coverage

Topic(s): Food and drink, entertainment, looking back.			
ECFE Grammar	Prerequisite Grammar	GSE Grammar	Functional Language
Past time: past perfect	Can make affirmative statements using common regular past simple forms. (30)	Can use the past perfect in a range of common situations. (54)	Expressing opinion Expressing agreement and disagreement Speculating and making deductions
Conditionals: I wish/if only	Can describe hypothetical (counterfactual) results of a current action or situation using the second conditional. (48)	Can use 'I wish/if only' to express wishes related to the present or future. (54)	
Conditionals: first / second conditional	Can describe possible future outcomes of a present action or situation using the first conditional. (46)	Can describe present or future outcomes of a hypothetical situation using 'even if'. (54)	
Passives	Can use the present simple passive. (48)	Can use 'get' with the passive in informal speech to express unexpected or dramatic change. (54)	
Modals: past modals (deduction)	Can use 'must' to express obligation and necessity in the present and near future. (37)	Can use 'must have ...' to express inferences and assumptions about the past. (53)	

Core Lexis

Food and drink	Entertainment	Looking back
ingredients	documentary	traditional
produce	director	trade
unhealthy	studio	cultural
quantity	location	divers
education	shoot (a film)	coast
spices	incredible	increase
		tourism

Term 3 Assessments

Assessment	Weighting	
	Term	Year
Continuous Assessment	30%	10%
Reading and Writing Summative Assessment	70%	25%

Assessment	Description
Continuous Assessment	In Term 3, continuous assessment is written by teachers based on the individual needs of their students. A continuous assessment guide and materials are available on the English assessment SharePoint and on LMS. Teachers are encouraged to develop their own continuous assessment program tailored to the gaps identified by the diagnostic and summative assessments and also formative assessment conducted during usual classroom practice. A bank of teacher-created resources is available on the English assessment SharePoint.
Paper Summative Assessment	As the culmination of the term's work, students are asked to demonstrate their accomplishments in reading and writing. Students will be asked to respond to an informative writing prompt with three bullet points that corresponds to the topics in the assessment coverage. They will first be asked for their opinion about the essay topic. They will then produce a plan for how they will answer the essay prompt. Both the initial opinion response and plan will be marked by the teacher using holistic rubrics. Students will then produce an extended response, the expected length of which is detailed in the specifications below. The extended response will be marked against an emerging, developing and mastery rubric to generate useful data that can be used formatively. They will then be presented with an extended text and will answer a free-response reading question by inferring information that is not explicitly mentioned in the text. They will justify their answer to that question by drawing on relevant evidence from the text in their explanations. The free-response questions will be marked using rubrics. The writing assessment and inference section will constitute 40% of the summative assessment marks for this term.
SwiftAssess Summative Assessment (on paper for 9 Advanced and 9 Elite)	In the first part, students will be presented with a MAZE text with five gaps that will assess the prerequisite language needed to access the level. They will select the option that represents the correct grammatical, functional language or vocabulary point to fill the gaps. The next part is a MAZE with ten gaps that will assess the level's coverage. Students will then answer multiple-choice questions about a below-level reading text that will assess prerequisite reading comprehension skills. Next, students will answer multiple-choice reading comprehension questions about an at-level text. This assessment will constitute 60% of the summative assessment marks for this term.

Continuous Assessment

Suggested Continuous Assessment for Term 3. These are not mandatory. Select tasks appropriate to your students' needs.

Task	Outcomes assessed	Task description
Process writing	ENG.06.4.3.XX.011 Use own and others' ideas to plan and develop writing. ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing. ENG.06.4.3.XX.010 Write simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics. ENG.06.4.3.XX.012 Write structured paragraphs that contain a topic sentence and supporting details.	Students are given an academic essay topic related to the coverage topics. They produce a plan before writing the essay. Potential for peer review and further drafts produced based on teacher / peer comments. Potential to reinforce learning of language structures or vocabulary by requiring their inclusion in the essay.
Project presentation	ENG.06.2.3.XX.018 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.019 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.022 Make connections when reading simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics. ENG.06.4.3.XX.011 Use own and others' ideas to plan and develop writing. ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing. ENG.06.4.3.XX.010 Write simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.	Students are given a topic that aligns with the coverage topics. They research and write a presentation on the topic, either individually, in pairs or as a group. They present to the class. Potential to reinforce learning of language structures by requiring their inclusion in the presentation. Potential to assess speaking and listening outcomes if a question and answer session forms part of the presentation to the class. Potential for peer assessment.

Task-based activity	Dependent on task chosen. A wide range of outcomes can be assessed from each domain.	Students are given an activity in groups. Suggested tasks include: Designing and making a game, including rules. Writing and performing a play. Researching and writing a newsletter article. Participating in a debate about a topic students have researched. Identifying and providing solutions for an issue (at school or in the wider world). Potential for peer assessment. Potential for post-task reflection activities to assess higher-order thinking skills.
Quizzes	Dependent on quiz content.	Quizzes could have a grammar focus and assess students' knowledge of grammar points either pre or post teaching. They could also have a lexical focus and assess students' vocabulary. Short texts can be presented to students with reading comprehension questions or recorded and used to assess listening.
Reading journal	ENG.06.2.3.XX.017 Read and understand the overall meaning of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.018 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.019 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.020 Read and identify the main points of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.022 Make connections when reading simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics. LL4.R.P.2 Consider how information from extended texts can be used after reading or listening.	Students are either set a text to read or are directed to choose a text or book to read. This could be linked to Literature Lessons from the coursebook, if available. Students either produce a general report on what they have read that summarises the main points (writing outcomes could also be assessed here). They could reflect in basic terms about what they have read. Alternatively, a series of questions could be posed that lead them to provide a detailed report. Questions could involve students describing characters, settings, events, or listing new vocabulary or language structures they have encountered by reading. Students could also present their reports to the class and discussions around the themes raised could provide opportunities to assess speaking outcomes.
Portfolio evaluation	Dependent on task chosen. A wide range of outcomes can be assessed from each domain.	Students select pieces of work they have completed for inclusion in their portfolio. Students complete a reflection task where they could explain why they have chosen the pieces of work, what they learned when doing them and what they could do to improve their work for next time. Potential for peer assessment.

Summative Assessment Weighting

Paper exam: 40% of summative assessment term grade				SwiftAssess exam: 60% of summative assessment term grade				
Bloom's	Part	Activity	Weighting	Bloom's	Part	Activity	Weighting	
Understand and recall	1	Opinion	5%	Understand and recall (c.25%)	5	Below-level MAZE	13.33%	
Application and analysis	2	Plan	5%		6	At-level MAZE	13.33%	
Higher-order thinking				Application and analysis (c.35%)				
Understand and recall	3	Essay	25%		7	Below-level reading text questions	13.33%	
Application and analysis					8	At-level reading text questions	14.64%	
Higher-order thinking					9	At-level reading text questions	5.36%	
Higher-order thinking (5%)	4	Inference question	2%					
		Justification question	3%					

Reading and Writing Summative Assessment Specifications

Paper exam

ECFE Alignment: Level 6.2			Term Weighting: 40%	Domain: Reading and Writing
Sections	Question Type and Instruction	Outcomes Assessed	Number of Questions and Question Description	Constructs
Part 1	Writing task Free-response opinion question	ENG.06.4.3.XX.011 Use own and others' ideas to plan and develop writing. ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing.	5 marks, marked using a rubric Students are asked to produce at least two sentences that contain their opinion about the topic of an essay prompt.	Remember and Understand Application and Analysis Higher-order thinking A: Foundational proficiency B: Grade-level mastery C: Advanced application Phase 4 B1 – B1+
Part 2	Writing task Free-response plan	ENG.06.4.3.XX.011 Use own and others' ideas to plan and develop writing. ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing. ENG.06.4.3.XX.010 Write simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics. ENG.06.4.3.XX.012 Write structured paragraphs that contain a topic sentence and supporting details.	5 marks, marked using a rubric Students are asked to produce a plan to answer an essay prompt.	Remember and Understand Application and Analysis Higher-order thinking A: Foundational proficiency B: Grade-level mastery C: Advanced application Phase 4 B1 – B1+

Part 3	Writing Task Extended response	ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing. ENG.06.4.3.XX.010 Write simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics. ENG.06.4.3.XX.012 Write structured paragraphs that contain a topic sentence and supporting details.	25 marks, marked using a rubric Students are asked to produce an extended text in response to a prompt and three bullet points.	Remember and Understand Application and Analysis Higher-order thinking A: Foundational proficiency B: Grade-level mastery C: Advanced application Topics: Food and drink, entertainment, looking back. Expected text length: 120 words
Part 4	Free-response question Read the text and answer the question. Use full sentences.	LL5.R.In.1 Infer complex information needed for comprehension when it is not directly stated in complex, extended texts. LL5.R.P.2 Consider how information from complex, extended texts can be used after reading or listening.	Inference - 2 marks, marked using a rubric A free-response inference question that tests deep understanding of the text. Justification – 3 marks, marked using a rubric A free-response justification of the student's answer to the inference question.	Higher-order thinking C: Advanced application Phase 5 B2 - B2+ Text: - extended - concrete and abstract topics - narrative Text length: 360 words

SwiftAssess exam

ECFE Alignment: Level 6.2			Term Weighting: 60%	Domain: Reading
Sections	Question Type and Instruction	Outcomes Assessed	Number of Questions and Question Description	Constructs
Part 5	MAZE task multiple-choice questions Read the text and answer a, b or c.	ENG.05.2.2.XX.012 Recognise key features of text organisation and structure.	5 questions Gap-fill sentences within a MAZE text that test students' awareness of basic grammar and sentence phrasing.	Remember and Understand A: Foundational proficiency Phase 4 A2+ - B1 - simple, extended - familiar and concrete topics - informative Text length: 80 words
Part 6	MAZE task multiple-choice questions Read the text and answer a, b or c.	ENG.06.2.2.XX.014 Identify a wide range of features of text organisation and structure.	10 questions Gap-fill sentences within a MAZE text that test students' awareness of at-level grammar and sentence phrasing.	Remember and Understand B: Grade-level mastery Phase 5 B1+ – B2 - extended - familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics - informative Text length: 180 words

Part 7	Multiple-choice questions Read the text and answer a, b or c.	ENG.05.2.3.XX.012 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics. ENG.05.2.3.XX.013 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.	6 questions Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills. Answers explicitly stated.	Application and Analysis A: Foundational proficiency Phase 4 A2+ - B1 - simple, extended - familiar and concrete topics - narrative Text length: 280 words
Part 8	Multiple choice questions Read the text and answer a, b or c.	ENG.06.2.3.XX.017 Read and understand the overall meaning of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.018 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.019 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics. ENG.06.2.3.XX.022 Make connections when reading simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.	10 questions Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills. Answers explicitly and implicitly stated.	Application and Analysis B: Grade-level mastery Phase 4 B1 – B1+ - Text: - simple, extended - familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics - narrative Text length: 320 words
Part 9	Multiple choice questions Read the text and answer a, b or c.	ENG.06.2.3.XX.020 Read and identify the main points of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.	4 questions Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills. Answers implicitly stated.	Application and Analysis B: Grade-level mastery Phase 4 B1 – B1+ - Text: - simple, extended - familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics - narrative Text length: 320 words