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# English Assessment Planner

Level 6.1

Grade 9 General

Term 1

2024 – 2025

# Overview

In this assessment planner, you will find all of the tools and information you need to plan and implement Term 1 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 1 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 1 grammatical points and functional language will be released to provide support for all Term 1 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 1 Assessments

In Term 1 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 School-Based 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 9 General (BtS Book 9) Grade 9 Applied (BtS Book 9)	6.1	Level 4	4	B1 – B1+	1000L - 1370L	47 - 50	EmSAT 975 - 1050

## Curriculum Frameworks Assessed:

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

# Coverage

Topic(s): Animals, environment, people.			
ECFE Grammar	Prerequisite	GSE Grammar	Functional Language
Verb forms: verb + to + infinitive / verb + infinitive / verb + ing	Can use 'like/hate/love' with the '-ing' forms of verbs. (30)	Can form and use phrases with prepositions + verbs (+'-ing'). (47)  Can use 'by' with verbs and verb phrases to express the means or way of doing something. (48)	
Reported speech: reported statements	Can make affirmative statements using common irregular past simple forms. (30)	Can report current and future plans and intentions. (42)	Expressing agreement and disagreement
Adverbs: comparatives	Can make comparisons with regular shorter adjectives + '-er'. (38)	Can make comparisons with 'more' + longer adverbs. (47)	Comparing and contrasting
Present time: present perfect	Can use common forms of 'have' in the present tense. (25)	Can distinguish between present perfect simple and continuous. (47)	Expressing opinion
Passives: present simple passive	Can make affirmative statements using the present simple without time reference. (26)	Can use the present simple passive. (48)	

# Core Lexis

Animals	Environment	People
hunting	energy	skill
giraffe	waste	effort
scared	crops	essential
nervous	rubbish	duties
shake	recycle	communicate
attention	ocean	opportunity
protect	(water) cycle	solve

# Term 1 Assessments

Assessment	Weighting	
	Term	Year
School-Based Assessment	40%	15%
Reading and Writing Summative Assessment	60%	20%

Assessment	Description
School-Based Assessment	In Term 1, school-based assessment is written by teachers based on the individual needs of their students. A school-based assessment guide and materials are available on the English assessment SharePoint and on LMS. Teachers are encouraged to develop their own school-based 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	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 two at-level texts, one narrative and one informative. This assessment will constitute 60% of the summative assessment marks for this term.

# School-Based Assessment

Suggested School-Based Assessment for Term 1. 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.	<p>Students are given an activity in groups. Suggested tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designing and making a game, including rules.</li> <li>Writing and performing a play.</li> <li>Researching and writing a newsletter article.</li> <li>Participating in a debate about a topic students have researched.</li> <li>Identifying and providing solutions for an issue (at school or in the wider world).</li> </ul> <p>Potential for peer assessment.</p> <p>Potential for post-task reflection activities to assess higher-order thinking skills.</p>
Quizzes	Dependent on quiz content.	<p>Quizzes could have a grammar focus and assess students' knowledge of grammar points either pre or post teaching.</p> <p>They could also have a lexical focus and assess students' vocabulary.</p> <p>Short texts can be presented to students with reading comprehension questions or recorded and used to assess listening.</p>
Reading journal	<p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.017 Read and understand the overall meaning of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.018 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.019 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.020 Read and identify the main points of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.022 Make connections when reading simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.</p> <p>LL4.R.P.2 Consider how information from extended texts can be used after reading or listening.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Portfolio evaluation	Dependent on task chosen. A wide range of outcomes can be assessed from each domain.	<p>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.</p> <p>Potential for peer assessment.</p>

# 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
Remember and Understand	1	Opinion	5%	Remember and Understand (c.25%)	5	Below-level MAZE	13.33%
Application and analysis		Plan	5%		6	At-level MAZE	13.33%
Higher-order thinking							
Remember and Understand	3	Essay	25%	Application and analysis (c.35%)	7	Below-level reading text questions	13.33%
Application and analysis					8	At-level reading text questions	2.5%
Higher-order thinking					9	At-level reading text questions	12%
Higher-order thinking (5%)	4	Inference question	2%		10	At-level reading text questions	5.5%
		Justification question	3%				

# Reading and Writing Summative Assessment Specifications

## Paper exam

ECFE Alignment: Level 6.1			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	ENG.06.4.3.XX.011 Use own and others' ideas to plan and develop writing.	5 marks, marked using a rubric	Remember and Understand Application and Analysis Higher-order thinking
	Free-response opinion question	ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing.	Students are asked to produce at least two sentences that contain their opinion about the topic of an essay prompt.	A: Foundational proficiency B: Grade-level mastery C: Advanced application  Phase 4  B1 – B1+
Part 2	Writing task	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	Remember and Understand Application and Analysis Higher-order thinking
	Free-response plan	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 asked to produce a plan to answer an essay prompt.	A: Foundational proficiency B: Grade-level mastery C: Advanced application  Phase 4  B1 – B1+

Part 3	<p>Writing Task</p> <hr/> <p>Extended response</p>	<p>ENG.06.4.2.XX.017 Use simple and some complex language structures in writing.</p> <p>ENG.06.4.3.XX.010 Write simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.4.3.XX.012 Write structured paragraphs that contain a topic sentence and supporting details.</p>	<p>25 marks, marked using a rubric</p> <p>Students are asked to produce an extended text in response to a prompt and three bullet points.</p>	<p>Remember and Understand</p> <p>Application and Analysis</p> <p>Higher-order thinking</p> <p>A: Foundational proficiency B: Grade-level mastery C: Advanced application</p> <p>Topics: Animals, environment, people.</p> <p>Expected text length: 100 words</p>
Part 4	<p>Free-response question</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer the question. Use full sentences.</p>	<p>LL5.R.In.1 Infer complex information needed for comprehension when it is not directly stated in complex, extended texts.</p> <p>LL5.R.P.2 Consider how information from complex, extended texts can be used after reading or listening.</p>	<p>Inference - 2 marks, marked using a rubric</p> <p>A free-response inference question that tests deep understanding of the text.</p> <p>Justification – 3 marks, marked using a rubric</p> <p>A free-response justification of the student's answer to the inference question.</p>	<p>Higher-order thinking</p> <p>C: Advanced application</p> <p>Phase 5</p> <p>B2 - B2+</p> <p>Text: - extended - concrete and abstract topics - narrative</p> <p>Text length: 350 words</p>

## SwiftAssess exam

ECFE Alignment: Level 6.1			Term Weighting: 60%	Domain: Reading
Sections	Question Type and Instruction	Outcomes Assessed	Number of Questions and Question Description	Constructs
Part 5	<p>MAZE task multiple-choice questions</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer a, b or c.</p>	ENG.05.2.2.XX.012 Recognise key features of text organisation and structure.	<p>4 questions</p> <p>Gap-fill sentences within a MAZE text that test students' awareness of basic grammar and sentence phrasing.</p>	<p>Remember and Understand</p> <p>A: Foundational proficiency</p> <p>Phase 4</p> <p>A2+ - B1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- simple, extended</li> <li>- familiar and concrete topics</li> <li>- informative</li> </ul> <p>Text length: 80 words</p>
Part 6	<p>MAZE task multiple-choice questions</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer a, b or c.</p>	ENG.06.2.2.XX.014 Identify a wide range of features of text organisation and structure.	<p>8 questions</p> <p>Gap-fill sentences within a MAZE text that test students' awareness of at-level grammar and sentence phrasing.</p>	<p>Remember and Understand</p> <p>B: Grade-level mastery</p> <p>Phase 4</p> <p>B1 – B1+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Text:</li> <li>- simple, extended</li> <li>- familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics</li> <li>- informative</li> </ul> <p>Text length: 190 words</p>

Part 7	<p>Multiple-choice questions</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer a, b or c.</p>	<p>ENG.05.2.3.XX.012 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.05.2.3.XX.013 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.</p>	<p>5 questions</p> <p>Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills.</p> <p>Answers explicitly stated.</p>	<p>Application and Analysis</p> <p>A: Foundational proficiency</p> <p>Phase 4</p> <p>A2+ - B1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- simple, extended</li> <li>- familiar and concrete topics</li> <li>- informative</li> </ul> <p>Text length: 200 words</p>
Part 8	<p>Multiple-choice questions</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer a, b or c.</p>	<p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.017 Read and understand the overall meaning of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.022 Make connections when reading simple, extended texts on familiar and concrete topics.</p>	<p>2 questions</p> <p>Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills.</p> <p>Answers explicitly and implicitly stated.</p>	<p>Application and Analysis</p> <p>B: Grade-level mastery</p> <p>Phase 4</p> <p>B1 – B1+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Text:</li> <li>- simple, extended</li> <li>- familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics</li> <li>- narrative</li> </ul> <p>Text length: 230 words</p>

Part 9	<p>Multiple choice questions</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer a, b or c.</p>	<p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.018 Read and identify specific information in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p> <p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.019 Read and understand details in simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p>	<p>8 questions</p> <p>Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills.</p> <p>Answers explicitly and implicitly stated.</p>	<p>Application and Analysis</p> <p>B: Grade-level mastery</p> <p>Phase 4</p> <p>B1 – B1+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- simple, extended</li> <li>- familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics</li> <li>- informative</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Text length: 300 words</p>
Part 10	<p>Multiple choice questions</p> <hr/> <p>Read the text and answer a, b or c.</p>	<p>ENG.06.2.3.XX.020 Read and identify the main points of simple, extended texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics.</p>	<p>3 questions</p> <p>Multiple-choice reading comprehension questions that demonstrate application of reading skills.</p> <p>Answers implicitly stated.</p>	<p>Application and Analysis</p> <p>B: Grade-level mastery</p> <p>Phase 4</p> <p>B1 – B1+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- simple, extended</li> <li>- familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics</li> <li>- informative</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Text length: 300 words</p>