Formative Assessment Criteria: Cycle 1

Teachers may use the following criteria in their day-to-day assessment of pupils' work, for setting targets for progress and for the periodic moderation of work, to ensure a consistent standard within and between Anglophone sections.

S1-2 AO 1: SPEAKING AND LISTENING

AF1	Talk in purposeful and imaginative ways to explore ideas and feeling,
	using non-verbal features for clarity and effect
10	Comments arranged effectively to create impact; important features emphasised in a memorable way; lively and dramatic use of voice and facial expression; establishes relationship with group or audience
9	Comments arranged for effect and impact; voice varied and lively – maintains interest; good use of eye contact
8	Comments are interesting; links to help audience follow; voice – varies pitch and pace; sustained eye contact
7	Comments are clear and well put together; ideas in logical order; important features distinguished; voice is audible and controlled; some eye contact
6	Comments are clear and relevant; uses key words to help put idea in order; little or no variation in pace & pitch; hesitant eye contact
5	Comments are brief and basic; voice partially or only sometimes audible; monotone
AF2	Listen and respond to others, identify main ideas, implicit meanings
	and viewpoints and how these are presented
10	Listens actively; responses seek to develop, explore or challenge elements of topic; picks up on implicit meaning and unstated viewpoints
9	Listens attentively; responses show full engagement with topic and seek to develop topic; grasps implicit meanings
8	Listens attentively; responses show interest in or engagement with topic; identifies main ideas and implicit meanings
7	Maintains attention when listening; mostly responds appropriately; confidently identifies mains ideas; recognises implicit meaning after prompting
6	Responds appropriately on most occasions; recognises main points or stages
5	Listens inattentively or attention wavers; responses are short; identifies some points and can recall some information
AF3	Adapt and vary structure and vocabulary according to content,
	purpose and listeners; select and use features of spoken standard English
9–10	Selects from a wide and interesting vocabulary to match purpose and audience; varies complexity of language; uses a wide range of registers for effect (inc. humour); makes effective links between visual and spoken elements
8	Effective use of vocabulary and register to suit purpose or convey shifts in formality; varies complexity of language when talking to different audiences; makes links between visual and spoken elements; conscious attempt to persuade
7	Vocabulary choices adapted to different purposes; language choices generally appropriate; register generally appropriate; makes some links between visual and spoken parts

6	Vocabulary choices show awareness of different purposes; language choices generally appropriate, possibly some lapses in register
5	Makes limited changes to language according to situation and speaking partners
AF4	Make a range of contributions when working in groups, shaping meanings through suggestions, comments and questions and drawing ideas together
10	Contributions make a significant impact on the work of group; encourages others to contribute; supports and builds on suggestions; focus drives group's progress
9	Contributions make a significant impact on the work of group; brings together others' suggestions to co-ordinate work; encourages others to contribute; focus supports groups' progress
8	Contributes suggestions and comments which help the group to complete the task; listens and builds on the suggestions of others; remains focused on task
7	Makes some contributions; acknowledges others suggestions; fulfils allocated role or tasks satisfactorily
6	Receives and carries out suggestions and allocated role or task; sometimes supports others' contributions or suggestions
5	Fulfils allocated role or task adequately; mostly passive in group interaction
AF5	Create and sustain different roles, adapting techniques in a range of dramatic activities to explore texts, ideas and issues
9–10	Inventive use of language; voice, gesture and movement create convincing characterisation; enthusiastic exploration of the possibilities offered by a text or situation; tries to draw on the strengths and talent of others
8	Adapts language, voice, gesture and movement to fill out a role; encourages others to develop roles and scenario; interprets characters and situation
7	Straightforward adaptation of language combined with voice, gesture or movement to create a role; interacts generally appropriately with others in role to sustain various scenarios; shows good understanding of characters and situation
6	Uses some adaptation of everyday speech, gesture and movement to create roles; some appropriate in-role response to help sustain a scenario; shows basic understanding of characters and situation
5	May show some simple understanding of character but finds it difficult to sustain a role or interprets a role inappropriately (tries to make the class laugh); reliant on written script or prompting from others
AF6	Identify varieties and uses of spoken language, comment on the meaning and impact and draw on these when talking to others
9–10	Identifies and comments on different ways of expressing meaning; shows increasing and extended use of knowledge of different styles of speaking with simple comment; consciously uses appropriate language when in role and a variety of other situations
7–8	Comments on how contexts influence speakers' choices of language (noticing different forms of address between home and school or adults and children); applies some knowledge about styles of speaking in different contexts

6	Notes how speakers' use of language changes in different contexts (vocabulary choices, tone of voice); makes some use of individual words and phrases heard in other contexts to enlarge own repertoire
5	Shows attentiveness to a few feature of language (asks questions about word meanings, makes remarks about how people talk)

S1-2 AO2: READING

AF1	Understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas
	from texts. Use quotations or references to texts
10	Identifies most relevant points throughout a text; distinguishes different or contrasting meanings when selecting information from texts or from different places in the text; chooses short quotations and close references with precision to support main ideas or argument
9	Selects relevant and detailed information from different places in the text; makes strong points using short quotations and close references, is aware that there may be more than one meaning/interpretation; uses short quotations or close reference to details in the text
8	Refers to relevant parts of the text; finds and refers to specific information and events; makes general comments showing some awareness of implicit meaning; supports comments with relevant references or longer (less focused) quotations
7	Identifies several relevant points (usually explicit) parts of the text where they are found
6	Identifies obvious or straightforward information and indicates parts of text where they are found
5	Identifies obvious or basic information but may misinterpret or misread elements of the text
AF2	Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts
10	Comments are closely tied to evidence in the text; identifies shades of meaning and offers explanation for them; comments on how details contribute to the overall meaning of the text
9	Comments on less obvious inferences in a text; bases inference on evidence from different parts of a text; shows an awareness of complex or contradictory motivations and feelings at specific points in a text
8	Comment develops explanation of inferred meanings with convincing evidence from the text
7	Correctly interprets specific things that are said and done in a text; identifies clues in a text and can explain how a conclusion was reached
6	Gives conclusions which are generally correct but not tied to the text; identifies relevant parts of text but retells rather than interprets
5	Makes obvious inferences or deductions but does not pick up on implied thoughts, feelings or ideas
AF3	Identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, grammatical and presentational features at text level
10	Shows how the organisation of a text adds to the writer's theme and purpose; comments on how the organisation of events, ideas and presentational features are used to create effects
9	Precisely identifies and explains the organisation of a text at different levels; comments on the writer's structural choices within sections

8	Identifies the main and secondary features of organisation in a text (features within paragraphs); comments on the structure of the whole text (how beginning relates to ending)
7	Identifies the main features of organisation in a text; comments on the order of ideas or events within a text
6	Identifies the obvious ways in which a text is organised, e.g. bullet points, paragraphs, images
5	Shows some awareness of simple text features, e.g. font style, labels, titles
AF4	Explain and comment on use of language, including grammatical, lexical and literary features at word, sentence and whole text level
10	Is aware of multiple meanings in writer's use of language; comments precisely on the impact of selected words or phrases; comments on how the writer's choice words and style throughout the text affects the reader
9	Explores writer's use of language and literary features using appropriate terminology; comments on and compares varying effects created by writer's use of language at different points in the text
8	Identifies a variety of language features and gives a full explanation of their purpose or effect; makes focused comments on the writer's choice of words and supports them with evidence
7	Identifies more obvious language features and gives some explanation; makes generally correct comments on the effect of parts of a text without specific evidence
6	Identifies some features of the writer's use of language (e.g. rhyme, significant or unusual words); comments on obvious or general impression of a text (makes you feel sad) but lacks detail and focus
5	Can give a general impression of text, may make broad or vague comment on language which has some validity (it's old-fashioned, it makes it sound boring)
AF5	Identify and comment on the writers' purpose and viewpoint and their effect on the reader
10	Gives precise evidence (words/phrases throughout a text) for identifying purpose; viewpoint is clearly explained with close references to the text; identifies and explains the techniques used in a text to influence the reader
9	Gives precise evidence (words/phrases throughout a text) for identifying purpose; viewpoint explained with reference to the text; comments on intended effect on reader
8	Clearly identifies and the purpose of the text; Gives a sound explanation of the writer's viewpoint; Comments on and explains the effect of the text on the reader at various points
7	Identifies and explains the main purpose of the text; identifies and explains the writer's viewpoint; explains own responses to the text
6	Identifies the main purpose of a text; can say what the gist of the writer's viewpoint is; gives a simple response to the text
5	Can say what the subject of a text is and identify purpose in more straightforward texts, but has only hazy understanding of viewpoint (<i>It's about kids skipping school and that's not a good idea</i> .)

AF 6	Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical traditions
9 - 10	Identifies the features of a text which place it in a particular era; relates the writer's attitudes and responses to events within a social/historical context; makes some comment on how attitudes expressed relate to context; makes comparisons between texts from different periods or cultures
7 - 8	Can place a text within a broad historical era (e.g. Shakespearian, Victorian, C20, Contemporary) or cultural setting using obvious clues; makes a basic comment on the cultural origin/setting of a text.
6	Distinguishes contemporary from older texts; recognises the cultural origin/setting of a text; recognises a connection between text and social context This <i>poem was written about the 1st World War.</i>
5	May suggest that a text is "old-fashioned" and refers to identifying feature in a very general way

S1-2 AO3: WRITING

AF1	Write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts which are appropriate to task, reader and purpose.
10	Shows control of form and style; ideas are imaginatively developed; imagery has impact; sympathetic portrayal of characters; viewpoints elaborated with reasons and examples; thoughtful and original ideas expressed clearly, uses humour or irony
9	Uses conventions of form and style accurately and confidently; convincing portrayal of character; imagery used to good effect; thoughtful and original ideas expressed clearly; viewpoints developed and supported
8	Uses appropriate style and some conventions of the form; consistent portrayal of character; touches of style and interest; sustained viewpoint with some justification
7	Form and style are generally appropriate; consistent portrayal of character; viewpoints established with straightforward explanation
6	Some features of form and style are present; some indication of character's thoughts and feelings; viewpoints stated with some relevant explanation
5	Information may be relevant but shows little grasp of form or style; some basic idea of character; viewpoints are limited and development replaced by repetitions
AF2	Organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information, ideas and events.
10	Care is taken to show links and development of ideas throughout the text; sense of wholeness and completeness; surprises or twists in endings
9	Links and connections go through the whole piece of writing, ideas or information successfully arranged for effect; endings are conclusive or satisfying
8	Ideas are organised to show how they belong together or develop; time sequences are used with thought; some thought given to arranging ideas or information for effect
7	Text is organised with clear opening, development & closing; structures are logical and clear but may be obvious or lack impact
6	Ideas are usually in a logical order with no gaps or jumps which cause confusion
5	Ideas are relevant but lack order in the way they are presented

AF3	Paragraphs and whole text structure
9–10	Topics are clear in paragraphs; ideas fully developed within paragraphs; paragraphs arranged logical or sequential order; paragraphing used to help the flow of ideas through a text
8	Paragraphs used as organisational tools; e.g. main idea (topic sentence) supported and explained; connections and pronouns used within paragraphs; usually shows links between paragraphs
7	Similar ideas grouped together in paragraphs; beginning to use connectives and pronouns within paragraphs; usually shows links between paragraphs
6	Paragraphs are indicated but content may be erratic; text divided into sections but not always thematic
5	Paragraphs or sections are not indicated; ideas and information are grouped randomly
AF4	Accuracy of syntax and punctuation in phrases, clauses &
	sentences. Vary sentences for clarity, purpose and effect.
10	A variety of sentence lengths, structures and subjects used to express complex ideas; sentences constructed with a sense of style; generally accurate punctuation of direct speech
9	Accurate punctuation of a range of sentences; connectives used to link or contrast ideas within and between sentences; varies word order to convey meaning or for effect;
8	Competent use of a range of sentence styles and punctuation; controls sentences length and structure; connective used within sentences and to show links between sentences; partially accurate punctuation of direct speech
7	Simple sentences are accurately punctuated and straightforward mid-sentence punctuation is correct; some complex or compound sentences; capitalisation consistently correct
6	Meaning and sense mostly clear but sentence structure and punctuation faulty (e.g. run on sentences); or punctuation generally correct but relies on simple sentences; some errors of capitalisation
5	Capitalisation faulty; meaning and sense sometimes compromised because writing is unpunctuated or wrongly punctuated
AF5	Select appropriate and effective vocabulary and use correct spelling .
9–10	Selects interesting and varied vocabulary to achieve effects; varies register and language style to suit task; virtually all spelling is correct
8	Well considered vocabulary choices adapted to task and purpose; some modification of register to suit task; most spelling is correct
7	Uses and spells correctly straightforward vocabulary that is appropriate to task and purpose
6	Use simple or basic vocabulary that is adequate to the task; some evidence of selecting vocabulary to suit purpose; some common spelling errors
5	Vocabulary limited and repetitive or not sufficiently wide to support a full engagement with the task