

ESB Pre-Entry Level Award in Speech



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The ESB Pre-Entry Level Award in Speech promotes oracy and is designed to develop learners' speaking, reading, listening and responding skills. In particular, the qualification can build learners' confidence and allow them to:

- Plan and give a 2-minute talk.
- Recite a short poem from memory.
- Read aloud a chosen passage from a favourite story.
- Listen attentively and respond to questions briefly.
- Ask questions and join in a discussion.

The qualification is predominantly aimed at Key Stage 1. The target learner group is Year 2 pupils (indicative age 6-7 years old) but it is not prescriptive: the assessment may be taken by younger and older learners.

Qualification Information	
Accreditation Information	SQA Title: ESB Examination in Speech: Introductory SQA Start Date: 31/07/2014 Code: R573 04
Qualification Aim	The overall aim of the qualification is to promote clear, effective, confident oral communication and responses within a participating group of at least 6 learners.
Assessment Method	This qualification is assessed via an external assessment. It is quality assured by English Speaking Board (International) Ltd.
Total Individual Assessment Time	10 minutes
Total Qualification Time (hours)	N/A
Guided Learning Hours	N/A
Credit	N/A
Grading	Learners can achieve one of the following grades: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unsuccessful• Pass• Good Pass (Endorsed)• Merit• Merit Plus (Endorsed)• Distinction.

Assessment Overview

The assessment is divided into four sections:

Section 1 (40% of assessment): Talk – Something Special, 2 minutes.

Learners should bring in and show listeners a favourite toy or item and tell them about it. For example, they may talk about a favourite toy or possession, something they have made or a souvenir from a holiday.

Learners should begin by saying the title of their chosen poem and the poet's name. They should then recite their poem, sharing the content to the assessor and the group.

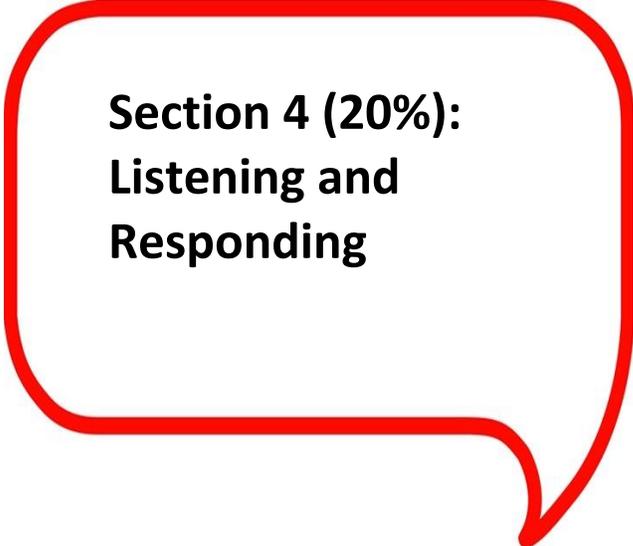
Section 2 (20%): Speaking by Heart (not self-composition), 1 minute.

Section 3 (20%): Reading Aloud, 1 minute.

Learners should begin by saying the title of their chosen book and the author's name. They should then read a prepared passage of approximately 100 words from this story.

Learners should answer questions from the assessor and group after their talk.

They should also participate in a group discussion, joining in with comments and questions.



Section 4 (20%): Listening and Responding

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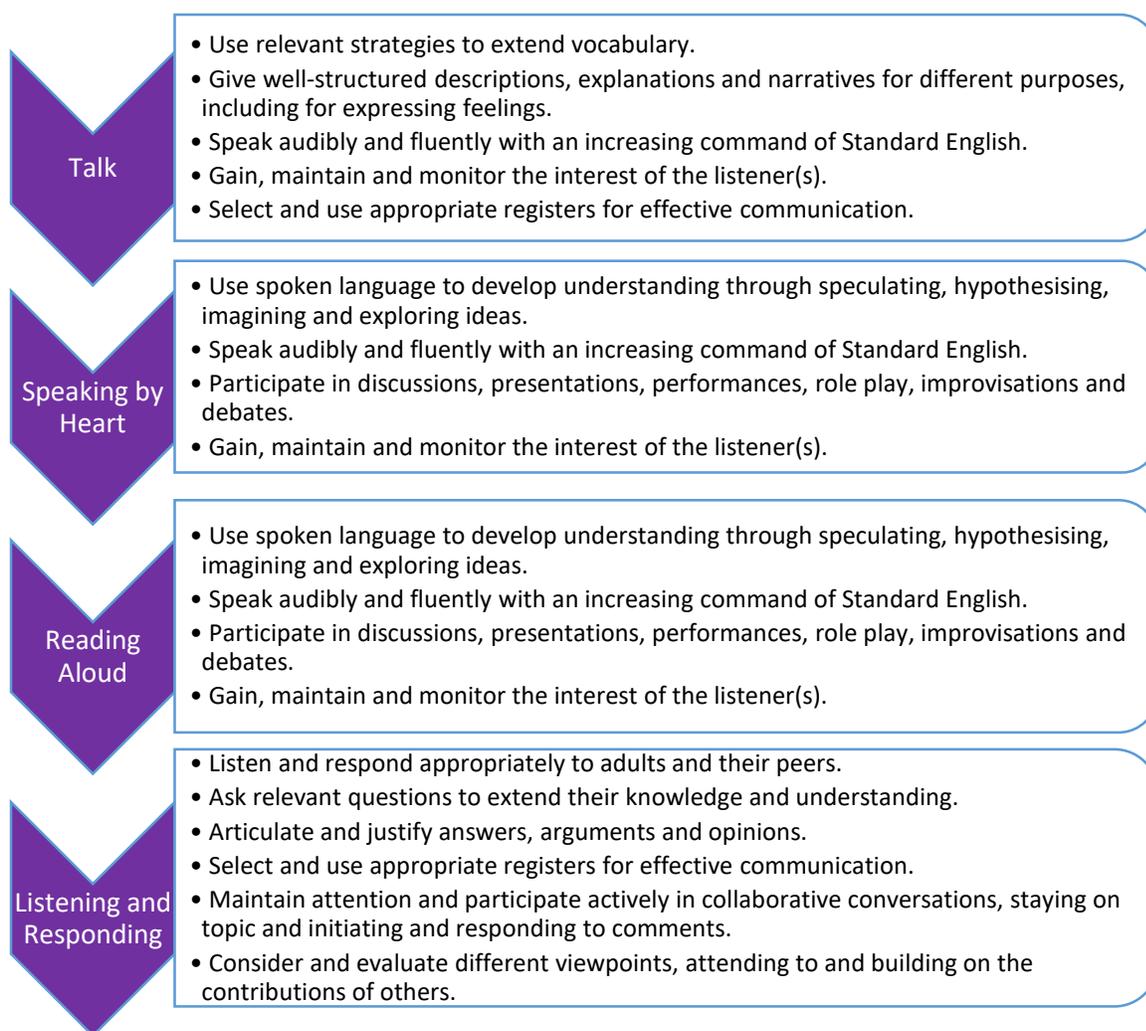
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National Curriculum Coverage

This qualification is mapped to the National Curriculum in England in relation to its requirements in [Spoken Language](#) at Key Stages 1 and 2. Furthermore, it can be flexibly taught; it can be embedded into the classroom teaching of a curriculum topic or delivered as a standalone activity. This qualification can also support the teaching of national curricula in English and Literacy in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

In addition, it can be used by teachers to help deliver Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and can contribute to learners' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development and the promotion of citizenship and British values, through the content used for talks, poetry and books.

The diagram below shows how each assessment section covers Key Stage 1 and 2 National Curriculum requirements in Spoken Language:



Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Learning outcomes set out the knowledge and skills a learner will be able to demonstrate as a result of the learning process. Assessment criteria set out what is required, in terms of actions, to meet a learning outcome.

The Pre-Entry Level Award in Speech has the following learning outcomes and assessment criteria:

Learning outcomes <i>The learner will:</i>		Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>
1	Plan a talk of up to two minutes' duration.	1.1 Show evidence of planning. 1.2 Link detail to own experience. 1.3 Present chosen object without notes. 1.4 Share content to the group.
2	Speak in front of a small group and an assessor.	2.1 Share a favourite toy or other special item with a listening group. 2.2 Tell listeners about it and explain why the item is special.
3	Recite a short poem (not a self-composition) from memory.	3.1 Make a personally apt choice. 3.2 Introduce the poem. 3.3 Commit the words to memory. 3.4 Share the poem.
4	Read aloud a chosen passage from a favourite story.	4.1 Make a choice appropriate to reading ability. 4.2 Introduce the reading with required detail. 4.3 Share the content.
5.	Speak clearly enough for the listeners to hear.	5.1 Speak using variation of pitch. 5.2 Speak using variation of pace. 5.3 Speak using variation of tone. 5.4 Speak using an audible voice.
6	Answer questions briefly.	6.1 Respond in a clearway. 6.2 Offer responses and related ideas.
7	Listen quietly to the presentations of others.	7.1 Sit still. 7.2 Look at other speakers. 7.3 Behave positively and courteously throughout.
8	Ask factual questions or make relevant comments at appropriate times.	8.1 Find questions to ask when the opportunity presents itself.

Grading Criteria

During an assessment, an ESB assessor will review a learner's performance in each of the four sections. In the process, an assessor will mark a learner against a set of grading criteria for each section. The set of criteria for each section are mapped to the qualification learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

For a specific section, an ESB assessor will review a learner's performance in relation to each criterion (for example, Visual Aids in the Talk') and allocate a grade of either:

- Unsuccessful
- Pass
- Good Pass
- Merit
- Merit Plus
- Distinction.

Each criterion in a section is reviewed by the assessor in order to determine a learner's overall performance. In Section 1, some criteria within the section are weighted more heavily than others. Ranked from highest to lowest, the weightings are distributed as follows:

- Content
- Structure, Style, Communication
- Voice and Speech
- Visual Aids

As a result, a learner's performance in a higher weighted section will have a greater impact on determining their overall grade. In the other sections, the criteria are weighted equally within each section.

Our assessments aim to promote clear, effective and confident oral communication amongst all learners, and subsequently, they have been designed to encourage learners to reach a minimum 'Pass' standard in speaking, listening and responding.

Section 1: Talk Time: 2 minutes	Pass	Good Pass (Endorsed)	Merit	Merit Plus (Endorsed)	Distinction
Structure	Evidence of structure, with a beginning or ending.	Evidence of structure with clear beginning or ending.	Talk structured, with clear beginning and ending.	Clearly structured with some originality in beginning and/or ending.	Clearly structured with originality in beginning, body and ending.
Style	Shows personal interest in topic. Heavily reliant on notes or memorised information.	Shows personal interest in topic. Mostly reliant on notes or memorised information.	Natural delivery in places.	Mostly spontaneous.	Fluent speech, spontaneous delivery throughout.
Voice and Speech	Audible voice.	Audible voice. Clarity is developing.	Clear, audible voice.	Clear and audible voice with some variation of pitch, pace or tone.	Voice has vitality.
Content	General information.	General information with some elements of clear detail.	Mostly clear detail.	Clearly detailed but with little or no reference to personal experience.	Detail linked to own experience.
Visual Aids	Brings chosen object.	Shows chosen object and refers to it at least once.	Shows chosen object and refers to it more than once.	Talk is built around chosen object and it is presented confidently.	Talk is built around chosen object and it is presented confidently and competently.
Communication	Looks up at beginning or end.	Looks up at beginning and end.	Looks up at beginning and end and at frequent intervals during the talk.	Shares content with assessor and/or some but not all the group.	Shares content enthusiastically and competently with the assessor and whole group.

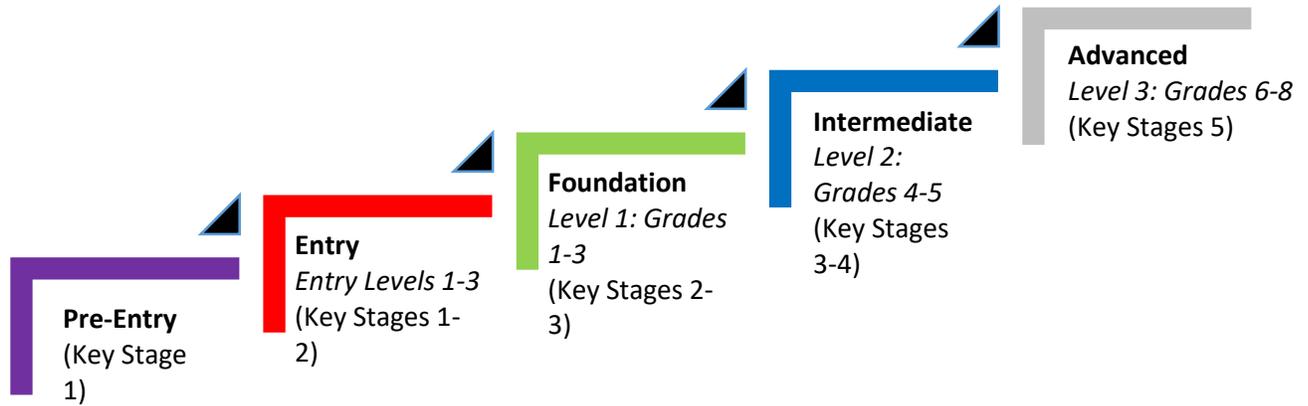
Section 2: Speaking by Heart Time: 1 minute	Pass	Good Pass (Endorsed)	Merit	Merit Plus (Endorsed)	Distinction
Introduction	Gives title.	Gives title clearly.	Gives title and poet.	Gives title and poet clearly.	Gives title and poet with some additional detail.
Memory	Needs occasional prompts.	Needs one prompt.	Words generally secure, no prompts required, but some hesitation.	Words mainly secure, no prompts required. There is little hesitation.	Words totally secure, no prompts required. There is no hesitation.
Voice /delivery	Audible voice.	Audible voice. Clarity is developing.	Clear, audible voice.	Clear and audible voice with some variation of pitch, pace or tone.	Voice has vitality and candidate uses facial expression.
Choice and Interpretation	Choice allows candidate to concentrate on the rhythm or structure.	Choice allows candidate to begin to convey the mood.	Choice allows candidate to capture the mood of the piece mostly.	Choice allows candidate to convey mood with understanding.	Choice allows candidate to share the poem with understanding and enthusiasm.

Section 3: Reading Aloud Time: 1 minute	Pass	Good Pass (Endorsed)	Merit	Merit Plus (Endorsed)	Distinction
Choice of book and passage/pages	An appropriate choice of the right length.	A choice of suitable length with some opportunity for variety.	A choice with regular opportunity for variety.	A piece with variety which offers some challenges for the reader.	A challenging choice appropriate for your reading ability.
Introduction	Gives title.	Gives title clearly.	Gives title and author.	Gives title and author clearly.	Gives title and author with some additional detail and enthusiasm.
Style	Fluency is still developing.	Mainly fluent, some hesitation.	Fluent with minor hesitations.	Fluent throughout.	Lively reading.
Voice / Delivery	Audible voice.	Audible voice. Clarity is developing.	Clear, audible voice.	Clear and audible with some variation of pitch, pace or tone.	Voice has vitality.
Communication	Some audience awareness.	Looks up at beginning and end.	Glances up from time to time.	Regular eye contact with the audience.	Shares content enthusiastically.

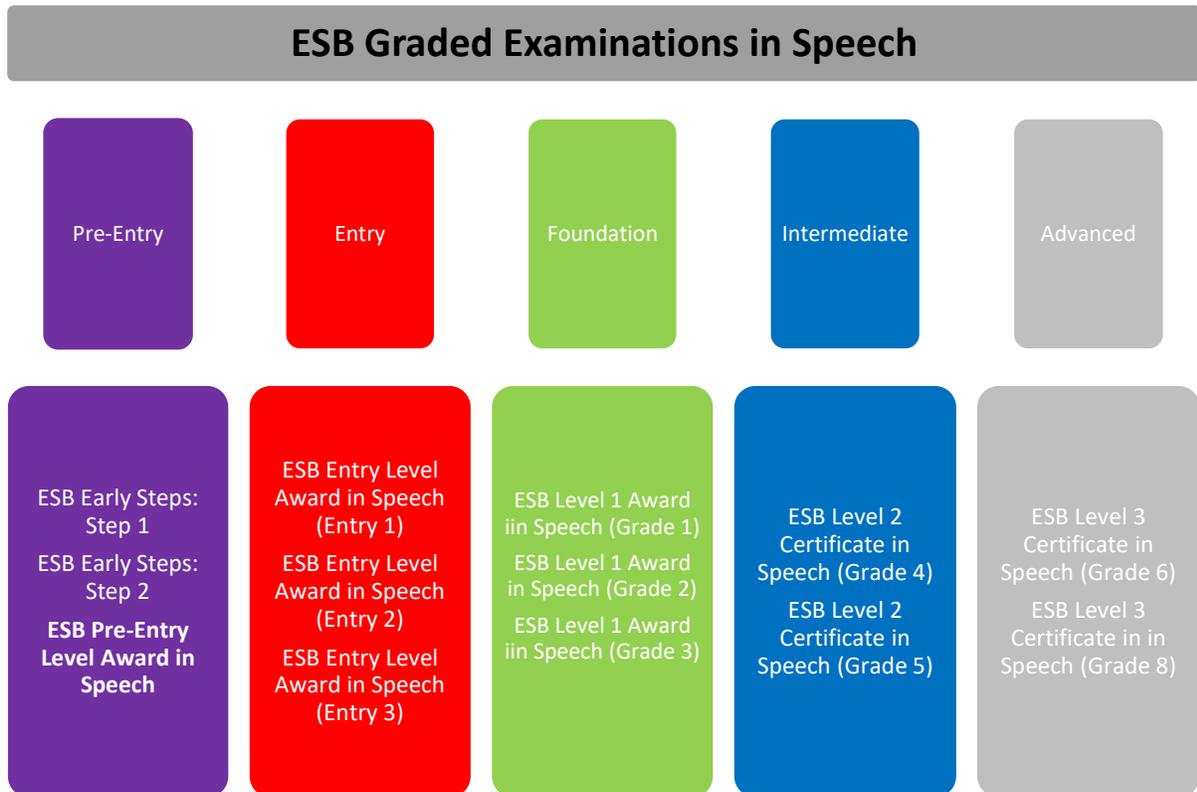
Section 4: Listening and Responding	Pass	Good Pass (Endorsed)	Merit	Merit Plus (Endorsed)	Distinction
Listening Skills	Listens and understands some questions.	Listens and understands most questions.	Listens and understands all questions.	Listens and understands all questions fully.	Listens and understands all questions fully and listens in an encouraging manner.
Responding to Questions	Brief responses.	Developing fuller answers.	Fuller answers.	Some lively responses.	Lively responses and related ideas.
Asking Questions	Asks one or two simple questions.	Asks several simple questions.	Questions seek new information.	Thoughtful and more complex questions.	Thoughtful and more complex questions and relevant comments.
Taking part in the group	Brief contributions when reminded.	Brief contributions without being reminded.	Takes part mostly appropriately.	More extensive contributions.	Always ready to take part supportively.
General	Quietly receptive member of the group.	Engagement with the assessor and some of the group.	Engagement with the assessor and all of the group.	Engagement with the assessor and all of the group, displaying a positive attitude.	Engagement with the assessor and all of the group, displaying a positive, helpful and courteous attitude.

Qualification Progression

Graded Examinations in Speech of ESB are available at five different levels. These levels are shown below:



Below is our qualification portfolio and the relevant qualification highlighted in bold:



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