



Student Guide to the Y10 Exams - Mandarin

Speaking		10 mins (+ 12 minutes' preparation time)	60 marks	25% of overall grade
Section	Marks	Length	What you have to do	
Preparation Time	N/A	12 mins	Before you start the exam, you will be given a Role Play and a Photo Card to prepare . You will not be allowed to use a dictionary or any other resources. You will have 12 minutes to write a script , which you will take into the exam and read aloud in order to answer <u>four</u> of the five Role Play tasks and the <u>three</u> Photo Card questions (Describe the photo /past tense question / future tense question) . Make sure you bring a pen (and a spare).	
Role Play	15	2 mins	<p>In the Role Play you will have to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read aloud three messages (-) that you wrote in your preparation time - read a question (?) that you wrote in your preparation time - answer one surprise question (!), which you did not prepare. <p>The role play can be on any topic you have covered in KS3 or KS4 – it is usually straight forward and a topic which is easily accessible. Answer in a <u>short simple and correct</u> sentence, do not over expand your answers!</p>	
Photo Card	15	3 mins	<p>In the Photo Card you will have to, in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read aloud the description of the photo that you wrote in the prep time - read aloud <u>two</u> more answers that you wrote in your preparation time - you will also be asked <u>two</u> further surprise questions <p>ENSURE THAT YOU EXPAND FULLY AND YOU ARE SPEAKING FOR THE <u>FULL 3 MINS</u> USING A RANGE OF TENSES, STRUCTURES AND TOPIC VOCAB!</p> <p>The topics for the photo card will be a random choice of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me, my Family and Friends • Technology in everyday life • Free-time activities • Life at school • Travel and tourism 	
General Conversation - two topics covered	30	5 mins	<p>You will be asked questions on two of the topics you have studied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Me, my Family and Friends • Technology in everyday life • Free-time activities • Life at school • Travel and tourism <p>The questions that you prepared this time can be used in the Y11 GCSE speaking exam.</p> <p>The first lesson after half term you will choose the <u>Topic</u> that you would like to be questioned on in the first part of the exam. If you are not able to choose by the first lesson back, your teacher will choose for you randomly.</p> <p>YOU MUST ASK ONE QUESTION IN MANDARIN TO THE TEACHER</p> <p>You will be assessed on communication, accuracy, pronunciation and fluency.</p>	

Photocard and General Conversation will not be on the same topic, so choose your General Conversation topic strategically

Listening		5 minutes' reading time 45 minutes' exam time	In class	25% of overall grade
Section	Questions	What you have to do		
Preparation Time	N/A	Before the CD is played, you will have five minutes to read through the paper. You should make notes during this time. Mark <u>Pinyin</u> for the <u>key words</u> in English in the questions, so you know what information you are listening for. Read everything in the paper very carefully.		
A	English	Answer questions non-verbally (e.g. multiple choice questions) or in English. Leave no answers blank.		
Reading		60 mins	In class	25% of overall grade
Section	Questions	What you have to do		
A	English	Answer questions non-verbally (e.g. multiple choice questions) or in English. Leave no answers blank.		
B	Translation (around 50 words) from Mandarin into English.	As you write this translation you should cross off the words on the question paper as you translate them, so that you are sure you don't miss anything. Think carefully about tenses and accuracy, underline tenses before you begin. Make sure it sounds like real English.		
Writing		45 mins	In class: 28 marks	25% of overall grade
Question	What you have to do:		How long you should spend	Marks
Structured Writing	There are three essay questions in this section. You must choose one to answer. To write the essay you answer four bullet points. In total, you should write 120 words , so that's about 40 words for each bullet point. -Attempt all four bullets points -Include opinions and justifications -Write in ALL three time frames – Past, present and future -Use the formula/writing frame that your teacher has advised -Do not repeat or waffle		Around 20 minutes (5 minutes per bullet point)	32
	Translation			
		You must write a translation from English into Mandarin (around 50 words). As you write this translation you should cross off the words on the question paper as you translate them, so that you are sure you don't miss anything. Think about your tenses and accuracy, underline tenses before you start.		

How to revise:

Make sure you draft your answers for all the speaking questions and learnt by heart.

You should also revise by reviewing Quizlet and classwork.

You should also do the Steps to Success, key vocab and photocards structures on your speaking booklet.