

SPOKEN ENGLISH

2026

THE TASK

- 3-5 minutes
- Topic of your choice
- Focus on Spoken English
- NO PowerPoints
- A few visual aids

EXAMPLE TOPICS

- Werewolves
- My annoying sister
- If I ruled the world
- Thinking outside the box
- Social media
- Hidden messages in logos
- Body Image
- Equality

HEATS AND THE FINAL

- Heats in front of your class from 16th November
- Final on 4th December



JUDGING

1. Content and Structure (5 marks)



How well is the speech planned and developed?

- Topic is suitable and interesting for the audience.
- Ideas are clear and well organised.
- Includes relevant facts, examples, experiences or evidence.
- Has a clear introduction, development and conclusion.

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2. Delivery and Voice (5 marks)



How effectively does the speaker use their voice?

- Speaks clearly and confidently.
- Uses an appropriate volume throughout.
- Varies tone, pace and expression to maintain interest.

Pronounces words accurately and effectively

3. Audience Engagement (5 marks)

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How successfully does the speaker engage the audience?

- Maintains eye contact.
- Shows enthusiasm and confidence.
- Uses effective body language and gestures.
- Holds the audience's attention throughout.



4. Impact and Originality (5 marks)

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How memorable and effective is the overall presentation?



- Uses techniques such as storytelling, humour, rhetorical questions, quotations or surprising facts.
- Presents ideas in an interesting and creative way.
- Encourages the audience to think, learn or feel something.
- Finishes with a strong and memorable ending.

How to Make Cue Cards

- Have 1 main heading or idea per card
- Clearly write using large font (so you can easily read them)
- Have plenty of white space around each word or phrase to help them stand out
- Use bullet points or numbers to put your ideas in order



TIPS

- Pick a topic you're interested in
- Write the whole thing out
- Turn it into cue cards
- Practice
- Practice some more
- Think about your body/ hands/eye contact
- Practice
- Don't over-use pictures (or at all)

GOOD LUCK!

