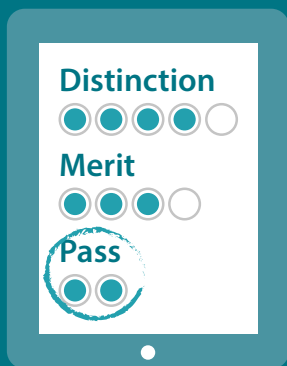


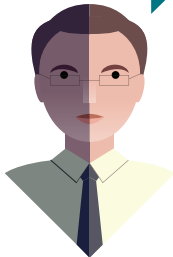
Spoken language in new GCSE English language



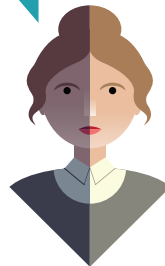
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The new GCSE in English language will be first awarded in 2017.

The assessment of speaking skills will not contribute towards a student's 9 to 1 grade. Spoken language performance will be reported as a separate result, at the level of either 'pass', 'merit', 'distinction' or 'not classified'.



Teachers will assess their students against criteria which are the same across all exam boards. A student must meet all of the criteria within a specific level to be awarded that classification.



Schools will have to confirm they have enabled their students to undertake the spoken language assessment. A sample of students from each school will be filmed to allow exam boards to monitor assessment.