Your notes

GCSE English Language: revision notes

Spoken language

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The Spoken Language endorsement

- It is a separate part of GCSE English Language, assessed by your teacher and graded Pass, Merit or Distinction (or Not Classified).
- It doesn't count towards your 9 to 1 grade, but it is reported on your certificate.
- You give a prepared, formal **presentation**, then respond to questions and feedback from your **audience**. You must use **Standard English**.

Planning

- Choose a topic you know about and care about, and research it. Plan a clear structure: an introduction, your main points and a conclusion.
- Use **cue cards** with short prompts rather than reading a full script.

Delivery

- Make eye contact, speak clearly, control your pace, and pause for emphasis. Use confident body language.
- Engage your **audience** with techniques such as rhetorical questions and anecdotes. Visual aids are optional.

Answering questions

- Listen carefully, take a moment to think, and answer fully and thoughtfully in **Standard English**.

Key terms

Spoken Language endorsement	The separately graded speaking part of GCSE English Language.
Standard English	The widely accepted, formal form of English.

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Presentation	A prepared, formal talk given to an audience.
Cue card	A small card with short prompts to remind a speaker of their points.
Delivery	How a speech is spoken, including voice, pace and body language.
Audience	The people listening to a presentation.

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. How is the Spoken Language endorsement graded?
2. Does the Spoken Language endorsement count towards your 9 to 1 grade?
3. What must you use in your presentation?
4. What happens after your presentation?
5. What are cue cards for?
6. Which of these helps to engage an audience?
7. What is Standard English?
8. Why pause during a speech?

Answers

1. Pass, Merit or Distinction
2. No, it is reported separately
3. Standard English
4. You answer questions from the audience
5. Short prompts to remind you of your points
6. Eye contact and a clear, confident voice
7. The widely accepted, formal form of English
8. To emphasise a point and let it sink in

What to do next

Practise 12 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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