

Reading

Guidelines for overseas learners

Overseas learners taking exams at a centre outside the British Isles may, if they wish, substitute the prose selection in each grade for an appropriate author from their own culture. (For Grade 8 learners this will apply to both the own choice selections.)

TWO copies of each piece must be brought to the examination, one set for the use of the examiner.

The learner's copies must include:

- the book for the prose selection
- a suitably presented copy of the poetry selection

General Objectives

This Reading Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Read and perform for pleasure
- Extend the breadth of literature and poetry read
- Develop artistic skills
- Develop fluency
- Project the enjoyment of the printed word to the listener
- Increase word recognition
- Increase confidence in prepared reading - Increase confidence in sight reading
- Instil an interest in reading and poetry

Entry Level

Preparatory Grade (10 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a short poem of their own choice.
2. Read a short passage from any story from one of the following
 - The Isadora Moon series by Harriet Muncaster
 - The Adventures of Pug series by Laura James
(Time limit 2 minutes)

Introductory Grade (10 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a short poem by one of the following
 - Richard Edwards
 - Mary Ann Hoberman
2. Read a passage from any story from one of the following
 - The Unicorn Academy series by Julie Sykes
 - The Dirty Bertie series by Alan MacDonald
(Time limit 2 minutes)

Preliminary Grade (10 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a short poem by one of the following:
 - Peter Dixon
 - Tony Mitton
2. Read a passage from any story by one of the following:
 - Jeremy Strong
 - Holly Webb
(Time limit 2 minutes)

Transition Grade (10 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Eleanor Farjeon
 - James Carter
2. Read a passage from any story from one of the following:
 - Tom McCaughlin
 - The Amelia Fang Series by Laura Ellen Anderson
(Time limit 2 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of prose.

Marks
Awarded

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Level 1 - Foundation

Grade 1 (10 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Allan Ahlberg or
 - James Reeves
2. Read a passage from any story from:
 - The Worst Witch Series by Jill Murphy or
 - Roald Dahl
(Time limit 2 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. Read at sight a passage of prose.

Grade 2 (10 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Gareth Owen or
 - Lindsay MacRae
2. Read a passage from any novel by:
 - Sophie Cleverly or
 - Eoin Colfer
(Time limit 2 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. Read at sight a passage of prose.

Grade 3 - Foundation Medal (15 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Gervase Phinn or
 - Vernon Scannell
2. Read a passage from any novel by:
 - Robin Stevens or
 - Michelle Paver
(Time limit 2 minutes)
3. To read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. To read at sight a passage of prose.

Marks
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Level 2 - Intermediate

Grade 4 (15 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Elizabeth Jennings or
 - G. K.Chesterton
2. Read a passage from the works of:
 - Gerald Durrell or
 - Louis Sachar
(Time limit 3 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. Read at sight a passage of prose.

Grade 5 (15 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Wendy Cope or
 - Roger McGough
2. Read a passage from the travel works of:
 - Bill Bryson or
 - Dervla Murphy
(Time limit 3 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. Read at sight a passage of prose.

Marks
Awarded

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Level 3 - Advanced

Grade 6 - Bronze Medal (20 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Seamus Heaney or
 - Jackie Kay
2. Read a passage from the works of:
 - Karen McManus or
 - Philip Pullman(Time limit 4 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. Read at sight a passage of prose.
5. Discuss with the examiner
 - your choice of poetry and prose

Grade 7 - Silver Medal (20 Minutes)

Learners should:

1. Read a poem by either:
 - Imtiaz Dharker or
 - William Wordsworth
2. Read a passage from the works of:
 - George Eliot or
 - Colm Toibin(Time limit 4 minutes)
3. Read at sight a passage of poetry.
4. Read at sight a passage of prose.
5. Discuss with the examiner
 - your choice of poetry and prose

Marks
Awarded

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Level 3 - Advanced (Continued)

Grade 8 - Gold Medal (25 Minutes)

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Learners should:

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| 1. Read a poem of their own choice written AFTER 1970. | 20 |
| 2. Read a sonnet by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Elizabeth Daryush or▪ Robert Frost | 20 |
| 3. Read a passage selected from an autobiography or biography of their own choice.
(Time limit 4 minutes) | 20 |
| 4. Read at sight a passage of poetry. | 15 |
| 5. Read at sight a passage of prose. | 15 |
| 6. Discuss with the examiner <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ your choice of poetry and prose | 10 |