

# Language and literature assessment criteria: Year 1

## Criterion A: Analysing

### Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify and comment upon significant aspects of texts
- ii. identify and comment upon the creator's choices
- iii. justify opinions and ideas, using examples, explanations and terminology
- iv. identify similarities and differences in features within and between texts.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. provides <b>minimal</b> identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts</li> <li>ii. provides <b>minimal</b> identification and comment upon the creator's choices</li> <li>iii. <b>rarely</b> justifies opinions and ideas with examples or explanations; uses <b>little or no</b> terminology</li> <li>iv. <b>identifies few</b> similarities and differences in features <b>within and between texts</b>.</li> </ol>
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. provides <b>adequate</b> identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts</li> <li>ii. provides <b>adequate</b> identification and comment upon the creator's choices</li> <li>iii. justifies opinions and ideas with <b>some</b> examples and explanations, though this may not be consistent; uses <b>some</b> terminology</li> <li>iv. <b>identifies some</b> similarities and differences in features <b>within and between texts</b>.</li> </ol>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. provides <b>substantial</b> identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts</li> <li>ii. provides <b>substantial</b> identification and comment upon the creator's choices</li> <li>iii. <b>sufficiently</b> justifies opinions and ideas with examples and explanations; uses accurate terminology</li> <li>iv. <b>describes some</b> similarities and differences in features <b>within and between texts</b>.</li> </ul>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. provides <b>perceptive</b> identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts</li> <li>ii. provides <b>perceptive</b> identification and comment upon the creator's choices</li> <li>iii. gives <b>detailed justification</b> of opinions and ideas with a range of examples, and thorough explanations; uses <b>accurate</b> terminology</li> <li>iv. <b>compares and contrasts</b> features <b>within and between texts</b>.</li> </ul>

## Criterion B: Organizing

### Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. employ organizational structures that serve the context and intention
- ii. organize opinions and ideas in a logical manner
- iii. use referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. makes <b>minimal</b> use of organizational structures, though these may not always serve the context and intention</li> <li>ii. organizes opinions and ideas with a <b>minimal degree of logic</b></li> <li>iii. makes <b>minimal</b> use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style that may not always be suitable to the context and intention.</li> </ol>
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. makes <b>adequate</b> use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention</li> <li>ii. organizes opinions and ideas with <b>some degree of logic</b></li> <li>iii. makes <b>adequate</b> use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.</li> </ol>
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. makes <b>competent</b> use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention</li> <li>ii. organizes opinions and ideas in a <b>logical</b> manner, with ideas building on each other</li> <li>iii. makes <b>competent</b> use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.</li> </ol>
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. makes <b>sophisticated</b> use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention <b>effectively</b></li> <li>ii. <b>effectively</b> organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner with ideas building on each other in a <b>sophisticated</b> way</li> <li>iii. makes <b>excellent</b> use of referencing and formatting tools to create an <b>effective</b> presentation style.</li> </ol>

## Criterion C: Producing text

### Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. produce texts that demonstrate thought and imagination while exploring new perspectives and ideas arising from personal engagement with the creative process
- ii. make stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating awareness of impact on an audience
- iii. select relevant details and examples to support ideas.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. produces texts that demonstrate <b>limited</b> personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a <b>limited</b> degree of thought or imagination and <b>minimal</b> exploration of new perspectives and ideas</li> <li>ii. makes <b>minimal</b> stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating <b>limited</b> awareness of impact on an audience</li> <li>iii. selects <b>few</b> relevant details and examples to support ideas.</li> </ol>
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. produces texts that demonstrate <b>adequate</b> personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates <b>some</b> thought or imagination and <b>some</b> exploration of new perspectives and ideas</li> <li>ii. makes <b>some</b> stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating <b>some</b> awareness of impact on an audience</li> <li>iii. selects <b>some</b> relevant details and examples to support ideas.</li> </ol>
5–6	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. produces texts that demonstrate <b>considerable</b> personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates <b>considerable</b> thought or imagination and <b>substantial</b> exploration of new perspectives and ideas</li> <li>ii. makes <b>thoughtful</b> stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating <b>good</b> awareness of impact on an audience</li> <li>iii. selects <b>sufficient</b> relevant details and examples to support ideas.</li> </ol>
7–8	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. produces texts that demonstrate a <b>high degree</b> of personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a <b>high degree</b> of thought or imagination and <b>perceptive</b> exploration of new perspectives and ideas</li> <li>ii. makes <b>perceptive</b> stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating <b>clear</b> awareness of impact on an audience</li> <li>iii. selects <b>extensive</b> relevant details and examples to support ideas.</li> </ol>

## Criterion D: Using language

**Maximum: 8**

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. use appropriate and varied vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression
- ii. write and speak in an appropriate register and style
- iii. use correct grammar, syntax and punctuation
- iv. spell (alphabetic languages), write (character languages) and pronounce with accuracy
- v. use appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>limited</b> range of appropriate vocabulary and forms of expression</li> <li>ii. writes and speaks in an <b>inappropriate</b> register and style that <b>do not</b> serve the context and intention</li> <li>iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with <b>limited</b> accuracy; errors <b>often hinder</b> communication</li> <li>iv. spells/writes and pronounces with <b>limited</b> accuracy; errors <b>often hinder</b> communication</li> <li>v. makes <b>limited and/or inappropriate</b> use of non-verbal communication techniques.</li> </ol>
3–4	The student: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses an <b>adequate</b> range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression</li> <li>ii. <b>sometimes</b> writes and speaks in a register and style that serve the context and intention</li> <li>iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with <b>some degree</b> of accuracy; errors <b>sometimes hinder</b> communication</li> <li>iv. spells/writes and pronounces with <b>some degree</b> of accuracy; errors <b>sometimes hinder</b> communication</li> <li>v. makes <b>some</b> use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.</li> </ol>

Achievement level	Level descriptor
5–6	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>varied range</b> of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression <b>competently</b></li> <li>ii. writes and speaks <b>competently</b> in a register and style that serve the context and intention</li> <li>iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a <b>considerable degree</b> of accuracy; errors <b>do not hinder</b> effective communication</li> <li>iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a <b>considerable degree</b> of accuracy; errors <b>do not hinder</b> effective communication</li> <li>v. makes <b>sufficient</b> use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.</li> </ul>
7–8	<p>The student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>effectively</b> uses a range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression</li> <li>ii. writes and speaks in a <b>consistently appropriate</b> register and style that serve the context and intention</li> <li>iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a <b>high degree</b> of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is <b>effective</b></li> <li>iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a <b>high degree</b> of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is <b>effective</b></li> <li>v. makes <b>effective</b> use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.</li> </ul>