

OxfordAQA

International GCSE

English as a second language (9280)

Summary of changes (Specification)

4.4 Content

Paper: Speaking

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The specification now reads as below. The text highlighted in italic has been added.

The first part of the test is based on a stimulus Photocard, to be studied by the student immediately before the test in the supervised preparation time. The Photocard selected for the student will be based on any one of the themes. A sequencing grid will be provided in the Teacher notes to guide you in allocating a Photocard to each student. Students will discuss one Photocard (3–4 minutes). Teachers will ask three prescribed questions printed on the student's Photocard. Additional prompts are printed in the Teacher's notes. These will help the teacher develop and extend the student's response to each question. These additional prompts are provided as an aid to teachers and are not a compulsory part of the test. ***Students will also be asked a further two questions that they will not have seen in advance. The teacher will have a list of 8 unseen questions to choose from and the student will not know which 2 of the 8 will be asked. The teacher will alternate the choice of unseen questions asked to each candidate.*** The student's responses to the questions are assessed for communication and for knowledge and use of language.